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Executive Director

January 24, 2022
Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: Letter of support from the Seward Chamber of Commerce for the Alaska Railroad Corporation's efforts to secure funding for the Seward passenger dock project

Dear Alaska Legislature,

On behalf of the myself, the Seward Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and our Board of Directors, I would like to express support for the Alaska Railroad Corporation's efforts to secure funding for the Seward passenger dock project through the issuance of bonds.

The existing passenger dock and passenger terminal were constructed in 1966 and have served cruise ships, passenger, and freight vessels over the course of the past 56 years. As the existing facilities the end of their useful life, we recognize the need to replace the existing structures with a new dock and terminal facilities capable of serving the ships that come to Seward.

Our Port is a significant aspect of our year-round economy, and the Alaska Railroad's role in maintaining these facilities is vital our community. The facility upgrades are essential to Seward since any lapse in service at the passenger dock or passenger terminal would jeopardize Seward's economic development and growth.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital infrastructure in Seward.

Sincerely,

Kat Sorensen