

SB

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February 4, 1998

Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

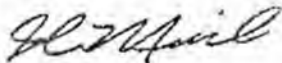
As you know, the City of Skagway is greatly interested in the prospect of operating the Malaspina as a day boat in the Lynn Canal. We see this as an opportunity to address a capacity bottleneck at this end of the system, provide consistent and convenient service to this highly utilized system component, and to free up other AMHS vessels for increased service to other southward ports.

We are also aware of the budgetary challenges facing the State as you consider the implementation of this service. To this end we have secured a commitment from our private dock owner, the White Pass Corporation, for free winter berthing of the Malaspina during lay-up. I am also willing to go to the City Council for additional incentives in utility services if necessary to make the retention of the Malaspina more economically viable.

We feel very strongly that the provision of dayboat service, using the Malaspina, is of sufficient impact to the City and the region that we make this offer in an attempt to overcome at least a portion of the fiscal impediments you face. I have spoken with Mr. Doll at AMHS about our offer, and am willing to speak with any legislative or administrative body to move this idea forward. Please let me know what else I can do to assist you in your efforts to secure the funding for this dayboat operation. You can contact me at 983-2250, or Bob Ward, our City Manager, at 983-2297.

I hope this gives you some ammunition as you enter into this battle.

Sincerely,



John Mielke
Mayor

cc: Governor Knowles
Representative Kookesh
Senate Transportation Committee
House Transportation Committee
Commissioner Perkins - DOTPF
Bob Doll, Alaska Marine Highway System

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January 21, 1998

Senator Jerry Ward
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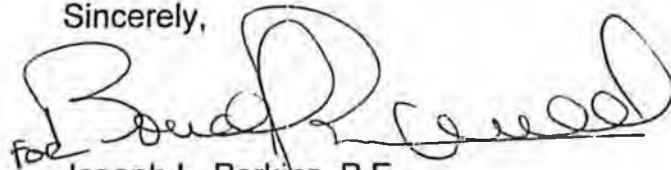
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my special assistant, Dennis Poshard.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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January 22, 1998

The Honorable Jerry Ward
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau AK 99801

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