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Requesting the United States Customs Service to retain a permanent customs office in Wrangell, Alaska.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

WHEREAS Wrangell, Alaska, is a port of call for many fishing, tourist, and cargo vessels; and

WHEREAS the lumber trade with Japan alone requires the frequent use of a customs official at Wrangell; and

WHEREAS the United States Customs Service proposes to eliminate the full-time customs agent position in Wrangell in order to reduce the expenses of the agency; and

WHEREAS the absence of a customs agent would require the frequent importation of a customs agent from Ketchikan, weather permitting; and

WHEREAS frequent travel between Ketchikan and Wrangell as well as the continued maintenance of an office in the Wrangell Federal Building will not generate any substantial savings to the Customs Service; and

WHEREAS the lack of a customs agent in Wrangell on a full-time basis is both costly and time-consuming to those vessels that require customs checks; and

WHEREAS Wrangell desires to eliminate unnecessary delay and expense associated with the use of its port in order to promote the use of the port and the economy of the town;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Senate requests the United States Customs Service to retain a permanent customs agent in Wrangell.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to William T. Archey, Acting Chairman of the United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.