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International Association of Masters, Mates & Pilots  
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Juneau, AK 99801

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
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Partners in Alaska;

The Petersburg Borough addresses this communication to our partners in Alaska that want the best for our communities and people. Like most of Southeast Alaska, we rely on the Alaska Marine Highway System for basic transportation of our visitors, citizens, and goods & services. Previous reductions in service by AMHS have had severe impact on our economy and quality of life of our residents. The Petersburg Borough encourages the parties involved in this dispute to take this into account as your negotiations continue.

From your own mission statement; "The mission of the Alaska Marine Highway System is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient transportation of people, goods, and vehicles among Alaska communities, Canada, and the "Lower 48," while providing opportunities to develop and maintain a reasonable standard of living and high quality of life, including social, education, and health needs".

As this states, the marine highway system is our connection to the rest of world. It is our interstate highway, our state highway, and our railroad all built into one package. Our communities in Southeast rely on its affordable service and we suggest that all parties involved realize this fact. Disruption in service to our communities has an impact far beyond the lost fares in the AMHS system.

We, of the Petersburg Borough, encourage a timely and equitable settlement of this dispute. In addition, we continue to suggest to AMHS, and their employee groups, that the continual reductions in service from AMHS is a disservice to all Alaskan's, and particularly to those of us living without the benefit of state and federal road system connections. Please keep all of us in mind as you continue your discussions.

Sincerely,

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