





December 21, 2018

Municipality Mayor/Manager Address City, AK Zip Code

Dear Mayor/Manager:

The Mayors and Managers of the City of Ketchikan, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, the Petersburg Borough and the City & Borough of Wrangell recently met to discuss the significant negative impacts to coastal communities due to the cost of barge transportation of goods and supplies. We recognize this is a statewide issue that reaches far beyond the Southeast region. We would like to hold a Shipping Summit to discuss proposed actions our respective municipalities and businesses can take to help counteract this problem. The City of Ketchikan has graciously offered to host the event, proposed for Thursday, January 24, 2019. This letter is designed to gage the interest of community and business leaders in attending the Summit. Share this information freely with local members of organizations and businesses.

If a sufficient number of respondents indicate interest and willingness to attend the event, details will be solidified and distributed in early January. The Wrangell Borough Clerk, Kim Lane, will be compiling responses. Please email clerk@wrangell.com the following information: Name, Organization/Business, Contact Phone, Email Address, along with the answer to one of the three listed options.

I am interested and can likely attend in person.
I am interested, but am unable to attend in person. Would like to participate remotely, if possible.
I am not interested. Please do not include me on further correspondence.

Questions and/or comments regarding the proposed Summit may also be sent to the email address listed above. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

David Landis, Mayor Kethikan Gateway Borough

Mark Jensen, Mayor Petersburg Borough Robert Sivertsen, Mayor City of Ketchikan

Steven Prysunka, Mayor City & Borough of Wrangell