



Dear Juneau Economic Stabilization Task Force Members:

First, I want to thank you for your leadership and time commitment to help ensure the safe return to normalcy for our community and businesses related to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

Local businesses working in the visitor industry have been an important contributor to our economy for many years contributing millions of dollars in the form of taxes which has allowed our community to prosper and the city to build up a significant reserve.

Today, our businesses face an uncertain future. Visitor traffic is canceled through June and could be for the entire season. As a seasonal business, we incur a significant amount of debt preparing for the upcoming year. Many of these costs cannot be used for future years.

Alaska Coach Tours, is an employee owned company with most of its owners living in the Juneau/Douglas area. We've been operating since 2005 with our headquarters in Juneau. We operate tours for several cruise lines including Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Viking, Regent and Oceania. We also provide turnaround services for small ship operators such as UnCruise, Lindblad, and American Cruise Line. Our business also services the fishing industry providing transport to guests and fish between the dock and airport.

I am requesting the task force consider options to recommend to the city of Juneau that will assist local businesses so that they can recover from significant losses during this challenging time. Tax relief and loan programs should be considered.

In closing, together we can make it through this challenging time and return to a strong economy for our local community. But it will require some assistance to ensure a continued sustainable future for many of our businesses.

Thank You,

Dennis McDonnell
President