



September 14, 2010

John Stone  
Port Director  
City and Borough of Juneau  
155 South Seward Street  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear John:

I understand the City and Borough Assembly will be deciding a course of action soon regarding the Juneau cruise ship dock. Please accept my comments on behalf of the nine member lines of the Alaska Cruise Association (ACA) that brought almost a million passengers to Juneau in 2009.

ACA continues to oppose the expansion of the Juneau dock and believes a much more responsible approach is to move forward with the necessary repairs to the existing dock structure. While we are hopeful that recent tax changes will help build back Alaska's passenger numbers, we are confident that current dock capacities are sufficient to meet our needs in the near and mid-term.

ACA recognizes the city's responsibility to determine the need and priority of local capital projects. If the Assembly decides to move forward with the dock expansion, ACA requests that the City and Borough of Juneau not act hastily to meet an arbitrary deadline. The industry has numerous concerns regarding the most recent dock expansion plan, including navigation and the safety of our passengers. ACA also requests that the Docks and Harbors Department work with the Assembly to ensure any final decision will accommodate the industry's critical needs and does not compromise any existing facility.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to continuing a productive dialogue regarding the infrastructure needs in Juneau.

Sincerely,

John Binkley  
President  
Alaska Cruise Association

CC: Mayor Bruce Botelho  
City & Borough of Juneau Assembly