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Subject: Fwd: Use of head tax proceeds for general government
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Kim,

I sent this email on Tuesday morning but apparently it never actually left my computer. Thanks. John.

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From: John Binkley [mailto:john@akcruise.org]
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Good morning, Kim.

I hope you are doing well and are as excited as I am for the first cruise ships of the season to arrive in Juneau.

I just received a copy of the MPF final funding list. We have communicated in the past that we do not agree with the use of head taxes for the JCB general government. The following language continues to be used in justifying the expenditure and I believe it is misleading.

OPERATIONS

Identified Government Operations \$1,400,000

Project Description

On May 10, 2000, the Assembly Finance Committee approved a formula that reflects cruise ship passenger impacts on specific government services and is used to determine an amount of Marine Passenger Fee (MPF) proceeds to be used in support of identified government operations. In 2003, a full cost analysis, reviewed by the North West Cruise Ship Association and evaluated by Elgee, Rehfield and Mertz, LLC, determined this formula provided a fair and accurate assessment of costs. The formula has not been adjusted since its initial creation.

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This sentence seems to suggest that the expenditure is somehow sanctioned by the former Northwest Cruise ship Association. That was not the case in 2003 and I can assure you, since the Alaska Cruise Association was formed in 2007 (now Cruise Lines International Association Alaska; CLIA Alaska), we have consistently opposed it.

While I understand that the CBJ may have a different opinion, could you please remove that reference from any documents and make it clear in the report that we are opposed to the use of any head taxes, collected from our association passengers, for use in funding general government.

Thank you for your consideration, Kim and am hoping you have a great summer. John.

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