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Dear Mr. Swope,

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Alrilft Northwest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

As the Director of Clinical Operations I would like to again request a portion of the Marine Passenger Fee Proceeds on behalf of Airlift Northwest. Airlift Northwest - Alaska, a non-profit air ambulance transport service, continues to serve Juneau and the Southeast Communities. The Juneau aircraft transported 20 cruise ship passengers or crew members from Juneau during the 2008 season. Reimbursement costs for health care continue to decrease while our operational costs remained high for the summer. Hopefully the lower fuel costs will help for next year.

I would like to petition for \$50,000.00 which would assist Airlift Northwest in their continued commitment to providing safe, efficient air ambulance transport service to the cruise ship passengers. At this time we have not recovered \$55,365.00 in billing costs from the transport of cruise ship passengers, which doesn't include contractual allowances we have built into our business model.

Thank you for your consideration for our request and the continued support. Please call or email me if you have any questions or I can provide you with additional information.

Cordially,

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