December 31, 2009

Rod Swope, Manager City and Borough of Juneau 155 So. Seward Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Swope:

As you know, in 2007-2009 the CBJ allowed the Downtown Business Association to use \$56,350 in passenger proceeds money to begin a downtown ambassador program. We contracted with Goldbelt Security to have 2 uniformed officers patrolling on foot, with one officer on duty at a time, when there is at least one cruise ship in the harbor. The current contract will expires in June 2010.

Our feedback on this trial program has been quite positive. The personnel employed by Goldbelt were very professional and well received. They provided assistance to visitors and an improved sense of security to all by reducing some of the chronic problems we have with loitering, panhandling, public intoxication and other similar nuisances.

We would like to continue this program, and are requesting that the Passenger Proceeds Committee again set aside\$56,350 of funds to complete the 2010 season through July 1, 2011.

Thank you,

Larry Spericer, President

**Downtown Business Association**