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Greetings,

I hope we can take a lesson from the past and review prior results before we get too carried away trying to fix things.

The last time we were in this almost exact same situation was during the 1918 pandemic. It devastated the economy. Fortunately President Woodrow Wilson was too busy with international politics to try and help too much but try he did. The situation got worse. President Warren Harding came in and made the statement that government could not fix the problem but that they could help by tightening their belt . Only American businesses could fix the problem. He dramatically cut the cost of government, let private enterprise take the lead, and in two years the economy turned around.

The next time we had a crash like this was when the stock market collapsed and we had a multi year drought resulting in the great depression. Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt initiated many government programs which only prolonged the suffering. Many believe we would have never recovered if Roosevelt hadn't maneuvered us int WW 2

Governments job is to provide the services we individually feasibly can't. Water, sewer, roads etc. Having critical infrastructure and a lack of government intervention in private business is what stimulates the economy. In my mind, the single biggest impediment to Juneau returning to a vibrant economy is the lack of a road out of here, We are held hostage by a barging monopoly and dysfunctional ferry system. If we eliminated the ferry link to Skagway with a road all the way there the barge system would have to be able to compete with trucking. We could do a better job with our limited ferries serving the outlying communities and strengthening theirs and our economy.

Please consider putting the road to Skagway at the top of the list of what can be done to stimulate the economy. It is possibly the only thing that government could do that would lower the cost of doing business in Juneau and strengthen our position as a regional hub.

Respectfully yours,  
Dave Hanna