



Governor Mike Dunleavy
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Dan Sullivan
Representative Don Young

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Dear Governor, Senators and Representative;

We appeal to you for assistance.

We are gravely concerned that the cruise ship industry has been unable to obtain guidance from the Centers for Disease Control on allowing the restart of cruise ship tourism.

In short, redeploying the idled ships is a massive undertaking – a process that will take many months. We ask that you work towards getting CDC to prioritize strategic planning resources now, so that when the time is appropriate for the ships to re-enter the economy, they will be ready.

Cruise ship tourism is a very large piece of our economy and provides an opportunity for Americans to visit Alaska (about 70% of passengers are from our own country).

Assisting in planning now will ensure that economic impacts of COVID-19 are minimized to the extent feasible and will lessen the demand and need of our citizens and businesses for assistance from the State or Federal Governments. We'd prefer to get back to work rather than ask for help.

Thank you for your service!

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