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Re: Termination of Public Transportation: Prince Rupert, B.C.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I write in response to the questions posed in your email of August 21, 2019.

Recently, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) received its approved operating budget. The budget contains sufficient funding for ongoing public ferry service to and from Prince Rupert, British Columbia. Regrettably, however, we will be no longer able to service this route.

As you know, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has insisted that AMHS secure a Canadian law enforcement presence to protect its personnel at this outpost community while they perform their inspection tasks. In an effort to allay CBP's concerns, State officials attempted to contract for local law enforcement service at the ferry terminal. In so doing, we learned that the City of Prince Rupert does not maintain a municipal police force. Rather, it relies on the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

Our officials explored the possibility of contracting for RCMP services at the terminal. However, we ultimately discovered that this option is not possible.

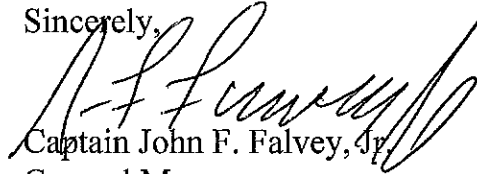
In short, neither the City of Prince Rupert nor the RCMP is able to furnish law enforcement services that satisfies CBP's mandate. Accordingly, since we cannot fulfill CBP's stated requirement, AMHS has no choice but to terminate public transportation into and out of Prince Rupert, B.C. effective October 1, 2019.

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Our last vessel arrival in Prince Rupert will be September 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Falvey, Jr.", written over the printed name.

Captain John F. Falvey, Jr.  
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