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**Subject:** Comment for 12/12 Meeting

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Hi Alekka,

Please include the following letter in the supporting documents for the meeting on 12/12.

Thanks!

Mayor Morphet and Borough Assembly members,

As the Turnagain dock design has unfolded, the Haines opinion has been bisected into "it's this (mega) dock or no dock." However, (taxpayers rejoice!) MARAD has granted us the space to reconsider - there is a middle road. We must take action now.

This is a request to pass a motion to stop all work under Turnagain Marine's Phase 2 contract.

Supporting a Stop Work Order (SWO) does not mean keeping Haines from an adequate, functional dock. A SWO must happen if any amendments are to be made to Turnagain's current design. It is legally binding (it's time to keep things honest as we move forward - see the Porcupine bill we're now responsible for). If maintenance costs go over Turnagain's budgeted schedule, the costs are likely imparted as increased tarrifs on every good that travels over that new dock. We pay - at the pump, at the grocery, at the hardware store, in our taxes. The grant deadline is September 2024; real public process is essential in a project of this scale and there is ample time to hear the town's input. This needs to be a conversation that gets back to the fundamental needs and desires of Haines. Turnagain was prematurely contracted and costs have already accrued, and an in-depth and accurate review of financials has not yet been made available to the public. Again, I implore the actions of the assembly to ennoble public knowledge of costs incurred on our future selves.

Make a motion to pass a stop work order to allow Haines a responsible, safe, and informed decision on Lutak Dock.

Your present and future taxpayer,

Liz Landes