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**To:** [Alekka Fullerton](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: For Borough Assembly Members  
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Please also post both Mark Sogge's and my comments as public comments. We were not able to get them through to you any earlier.

Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Cecily Stern <cecily.stern@gmail.com>  
**Date:** December 11, 2023 at 8:31:23 PM GMT+1  
**To:** Alekka Fullerton <afullerton@haines.ak.us>  
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Alekka, the message below bounced back when I sent it to you. I understand the issue has been resolved so I'm trying again.

Thanks!  
Cecily

Hi Alekka, I hope you are doing well. I've been trying to send messages to assembly members and they bounce back as 'blocked.'

Could you please get this message to the assembly members for me?

Thank you!  
Cecily

Dear Borough Assembly member,

I am writing to ask you to please pass a motion to stop all work under Turnagain Marine's Phase 2 contract.

Since no grant agreement has been signed, we have until September 2024 to fully define the Lutak Dock project. The deadline to expend the grant funds isn't until 2029. There is time to take a closer look at this project and invite more public input, consider alternatives and choose an option that best serves the community.

Since no grant agreement has been signed, the Borough is required to receive approval from MARAD in writing before making expenditures related to the

project. Yet I have heard that the Borough entered into a contract with Turnagain Marine for \$25.6 million — the full cost of the project — without approval from MARAD. Please find out if this is the case. If it is, this violation puts both MARAD and Borough taxpayers at risk. How much money has the contractor spent?

1. A stop work order would allow time for a much needed independent audit of what's been spent to date on the Lutak Dock project.
2. A stop work order would prevent further costs from being incurred without authorization — costs that Borough taxpayers could ultimately be responsible for.
3. A stop work order would allow for more public hearings to discuss the various possibilities and would give the Borough time to consider a scaled down dock design that would not facilitate mineral transshipment. One alternative to consider is demolishing the old dock, reinforcing the fuel transfer manifold and installing three mooring dolphins. This avoids the possible contamination that is inherent in Turnagain's design. Though they call their vertical steel pilings "encapsulation" the soils are still water permeable, so any contaminants contained in the soils would leach out between the pilings with rainwater, groundwater, and tidewater. Turnagain's method would do nothing to contain any contaminants. We do not want contamination seeping into Lutak inlet and polluting our salmon.

For all these reasons, I request that you support a stop work order while we find out what has happened so far with this project and carefully consider how best to proceed.

Thank you,  
Cecily Stern