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I am writing to support our Assembly in choosing a Lutak Dock design that is:

- A. Functional for the diverse needs of Haines now and into the future
- B. Does not allow large industrial foreign mining interests to use our dock to export or store ore
- C. Will not use our tax dollars and deplete our treasury with potentially high maintenance costs. MARAD determined that we cannot use the RAISE grant for Turnagain's steel, therefore going with that design would require the steel to be paid for by our tax dollars. However, if we go with a different design we will be able to utilize the entire grant award.

Changing our dock design meets the needs of both sides of this dock argument. The previous dock design from R&M was approved by the assembly years ago. It would fix the current safety and capacity issues with our dock, and provide a new dock that is financially sustainable to maintain and is not exorbitantly expensive to build. I support our assembly to use this older version of the dock design that will meet our community needs and move this project along so that the people who work at our dock are safe, and our community members can utilize a functional dock with ease.

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