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Dear Assembly Members and Mayor~

We, like many residents, want our dock stabilized/repared to fit our freight and fuel needs, which a much smaller design encompassing the area of the Ro-Ro, a smaller dock face and mooring dolphins would serve.

We support the original R & M design with some modifications that was presented at the February 13th Borough Assembly meeting by LCC.

This alternative design will serve our community needs now and into the future without putting us into financial hardship regarding maintenance costs.  
And it will not accommodate the huge Handymax cargo ships for ore shipments and is a better guarantee then trying to pass an Ordinance and changing Haines Borough Code and Charter that could be changed again in the future.

We see in the Supporting Documents that Jason Davis of TurnAgain Marine has now found another use for his steel purchase which eliminates the Haines Borough concerns of being in violation of MARAD grant process and for us to pursue this alternative dock design.

This alternate design is also more environmentally responsible towards protecting the marine resources and their habitat of Lutak Inlet which is important to local subsistence as well as sport and commercial fishermen.

We also see in SupportingDocuments a comparison by Eben Sargent of the maintenance and replacement cost of the current TurnAgain Marine design and the R&M design which shows the lower costs of the design by R&M using Riprap over steel.

We encourage you to work with our local Native communities/governments to include their voices.

We encourage you to hold a proper Townhall meeting on this alternative Lutak Dock design and would support a special election on Lutak Dock design if deemed necessary.

The residents deserve transparency in this project which has the potential to burden not only the current but future generations, paying for infrastructure we don't need. I appreciate your efforts in transparency.

Please know that we and many other residents support you in leading our Community and trust your opinions. The recent election results overwhelmingly show this.

And remember that residents do want the dock repaired, but many feel we do not need the large proposed dock that has been pushed forward. Again, recent election results overwhelmingly reflect this.

Thank you for all your time and effort in making Haines a community we all love to call home.

Sincerely and in support  
~Patty and Kip Kermoian