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Dear Madam Mayor and the Haines Borough Assembly,

On behalf of the Haines Tourism Advisory Board, I would like to encourage the assembly to support the Haines Borough Police Department in their efforts to maintain a strong and safe presence in Haines, and the budget needed to do so.

During the visitor season in Haines, we always see an increased need of support; be it with 2000 people coming off of cruise ship or one of our many events that bring 1000-2000 people into town for a long weekend. During the summer season, the Tourism Director and Visitor Center are in close contact with dispatch and the Chief to deal with traffic issues (both pedestrian and vehicle), abused property, late night activities and safety concerns. Haines hosts three large events every year: The Brew Festival, Kluane Bike Race, and the SE Alaska State Fair. Every year we meet with the police department asking for additional support and a safety plan, both during these events and into the evening following. It is always amazing each year that they are able to pull off the amount of hours they do, for these events with a small force.

Please consider these long hours, resident and visitor safety, and extra need of enforcement that are required of our small police department when making budgetary decisions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Mulford,

Acting Chair, Tourism Advisory Board