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Mr. John MacKinnon, Commissioner State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Officer of the Commissioner 312 Channel Drive P.O. Box 112500 Juneau, AK 99811-2500

Dear Commissioner John MacKinnon,

This letter is in response to your April 1, 2019 letter requesting an extension to U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) requirement to provide armed law enforcement coverage in Prince Rupert. After careful consideration of the facts stated in your letter, I have decided to grant your request.

Please be advised that, if arrangements have not been completed to begin a continues law enforcement presence in Prince Rupert by September 30, 2019, CBP will take immediate action to cease operations in Prince Rupert on October 1, 2019 and no further extensions will be considered.

Also, to ensure the public is properly advised, CBP is requesting that public messaging is prepared and ready to be circulated if in fact the Prince Rupert ferry run fails to continue after September 30, 2019.

While we understand the challenge that the Alaska Marine Highway System is having with fulfilling our requirement for armed law enforcement presence, CBP must always consider the safety of our officers and the traveling public first.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Humphrey

Director, Field Operations

San Francisco/Portland Field Office