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RE: Economic Support to Local Residents

05/29/20

Dear Special Finance Committee and Assembly Members,

First off, we are extremely grateful for the way the Municipality of Skagway is willing to help their residents. It is above and beyond what many other city or municipality can do.

However.

The proposed parameters of the support from the municipality do not go far enough with the stipulations suggested by the Finance Committee on 5/28/20.

I propose and support all Skagway residents to be eligible, and for families to cap dependents at 3. If this does not happen, individuals and families will not be able to support their livelihoods here, will possibly move away, leaving our already strained economy in an even more financial bind. Having fixed charges that were easily met on 2 incomes, creates a problem when this income is reduced or one or both disappear completely. This is the reality of many. Not just those who are retired or work less than 20 hours per week. We have children to support. Mortgages to pay.

With this possible new reality, it will put an additional constraint on our school; the drop in student enrollment will lower the state funding we currently receive, limiting our teachers and students to thrive.

Please reconsider the eligibility of these funds to your community members.

We are ALL affected, not just a select few.

Keep Skagway thriving. Support your local families & businesses. Together we CAN get through this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Cynthia Tronrud