

## Emily Deach

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Honorable Mayor, Assembly Members and Finance Committee,

I want to take a moment to thank you for all the hard work that you are doing for our community during these trying times.

I would like to comment on Resolution 20-22R.

As with all federal funds there is generally a rigorous set of standard's that goes along with it. When it comes to the Cares Act this does not seem to be the case. So I do not envy your position in having to come up with the criteria to do so.

The first thing that I would suggest is to remove the section about the Alaska PFD being part of the qualifications. The 2020 formula is based upon how many days you decided to spend in the state last year. The Alaskan PFD does not define if you are an Alaskan resident. Many in Skagway new and old residents do not get the PFD. Some chose not to and some just don't qualify yet.

Second, Instead of just giving 1000.00 to each person I would think that a model based upon loss of household income or business loss of projected income. Some in the community have not lost their jobs, and the premise behind the cares act funding was to go to those business and lives have been most affected.

Im hoping that you can come up with a way to use this money that best helps the community. Hopefully in a way that leaves you money left over as no one knows what the 2021 season will bring.

Respectfully

Spencer R Morgan