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RE: Emergency Funding and Economic Stimulus Package- Cares Act and CPV Funding

Dear Finance Committee, Mayor Cremata and Skagway Assembly,

I appreciate how hard Skagway Municipal employees have been working on figuring out this funding so that our beautiful little town can survive the summer and winter..... however, I would highly discourage the Finance Committee from making the proposed edits to Resolution 20-22R.

My husband and I are fortunate enough to have full time jobs right now but that doesn't mean that we have any extra money. We are a household of 6 and it is very expensive to feed and clothe 4 children in Skagway. Because ALL 4 of our children do not have jobs (yes even the 10yr old works normally in the summer being a newsie and babysitting) we are going above and beyond to pay for things that they would normally pay for. If we had extra money we would use it to boost our local economy and keep Skagway alive.

Many people work upwards of 80 hours a week in a normal summer to be able to make it through the winter and if you are omitting anyone who works more than 20hours a week from getting that money that is a HUGE mistake.

The bottom line is NO person who lives in Skagway is NOT affected by the cruise ships not coming and to say people who are working full time but supporting children, grandparents etc should not get the money is absolutely ridiculous.

If these proposed edits to Resolution 20-22R happen you are going to see families and individuals leave Skagway. That will cause a drop in the student count at the school and in turn, less funding. It will be a domino effect after that.

This is called a CARES act because the money is intended to be used to CARE for small communities such as ours. Please, please do not pass these proposed edits and leave the resolution as is and keep Skagway alive.

Sincerely,

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