



Governor Michael J. Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

May 31, 2019

The Honorable Patricia A. Seitz
Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse
400 North Miami Avenue, Room 11-4
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Judge Seitz:

The State of Alaska writes to provide information that may be of assistance to the Court when considering the proposal currently pending to resolve the petition for revocation of probation in the matter of *U.S. v Princess Cruise Lines, Ltd.*

You may be unaware that Carnival Corporation & plc, the owner of Princess Cruises and several other brands that trade in Alaskan waters, is the largest tour company in Alaska. Collectively, the Carnival companies bring over 700,000 visitors to tour our pristine and unmatched wilderness areas as well as our vibrant, historic communities. There are real and important economic benefits to Alaska and our local communities that are difficult to overstate.

Obviously, cruise passengers spend money in the local economies. In addition, the ships provision in Alaska, yielding benefits to local food growers and producers. Perhaps the least intuitive, but most direct, impact is in the form of employment opportunities for thousands of people, whether at company-owned hotels and touring companies or through third parties that provide services to the ships, crews, and guests. These employees live here, pay taxes here, send their children to Alaskan schools, donate their time to community activities, and are an integral part of the fabric of coastal Alaska.

We are aware that environmental compliance is at the core of the matter pending before this court. Alaska imposes very strict standards on all industries that do business here, including the cruise industry. We feel that our regulatory engagement is tough but fair. From that perspective, we can assure the court that the Carnival companies put forward a tremendous amount of effort to abide by both the spirit and the letter of our statutes and regulations.

We understand that the Carnival group of companies has made mistakes. We also understand that the leadership of this company is prepared to appear before the court to accept responsibility for those lapses and to propose a way to move forward. We are not here to evaluate the merits of that proposal. We only ask that the Court take into consideration the positive and direct impact of this industry, and particularly this company, to our State and local communities as part of your deliberations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "mjdunleavy".

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor