

Senator Joe Thomas
State Capitol – Rm. 510
Juneau, AK. 99801

Dear Senator Thomas,

My name is Daniel David and I live and work here in Fairbanks Alaska. I am currently the Visitor Services Manager for the UA Museum of the North. I want to thank you and all of the state representatives and senators that fight so hard for what matters to us working Alaskans. One of the most important economic drivers for our state and her citizens is our tourism industry and the millions of dollars tourism in Alaska bring to our doorstep.

I have personally worked in the tourism industry since I was in 10th grade high school back in Sitka. From there I moved to Skagway and spent the next 11 years managing a local store during the busy summer season. I met and worked along side my best friend in that store for five years before we were married.

Alaska tourism allowed my wife and I to meet and marry. Alaska tourism has supported Jamie and I since the summer of 2000. Three months ago, Alaska tourism allowed us to purchase our first home right here in Fairbanks during the worst economic recession in generations. And with your continued support of the states marketing programs, Alaska tourism will allow us to raise our family in this great state.

Alaska is a land filled with incredible people, wilderness and culture. We are a destination that many people, both domestically and internationally, only dream of visiting in their life time. With the continued support of our Alaska tourism marketing programs – those dreams can be achieved. Those visitors are the life blood of so many hard working Alaskans, Alaskans like Jamie and I. This industry has supported us for over a decade. We are young people who have big dreams. With your continued support of our Alaska tourism marketing programs, you have the power to help us make those dreams come true.

I love Alaska. I love the people, the wilderness and the rich culture of this great state. Within the UA Museum of the North, my department employees 25 Alaskans during the busy summer months. We continue to employ a group of 12 (primarily students) during the winter season. Alaska tourism supports those 12-25 students and those of us who dream of family life in the near future. Through the tourism industry, we are helping to educate and empower young Alaskans who will move on in their own time to make this state a better place to live. I see this happen every year and I know that Alaska tourism is responsible for making those students better people.

Please help us to continue teaching these young people about Alaska. Please help us to continue educating our domestic and international visitors about this incredible place we call home. Please continue to support the Alaska Tourism marketing programs that enable us to reach our dreams.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

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