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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, and Congressman Young,

The Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) joins all of Alaska in thanking you for the urgent and tireless effort that you put into passing the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act (ATRA) through the Senate and House in recent weeks.

With its passage, and the subsequent cruise ship sailings that are back on the schedule to Alaskan ports starting in late July, relief is on the horizon for thousands of families that rely on travel and tourism for their livelihoods. We believe Alaska's economic recovery hinges on tourism as it is the sector that reaches the entire state. Your work on the ATRA will ignite that recovery.

ATIA and the more than 600 tourism business members and partners we represent have always appreciated the leadership and support you have provided to the tourism sector in Alaska over the years. Now more than ever, we welcome this opportunity to see commerce return to our state this summer.

Again, on behalf of ATIA and Alaska's travel and tourism industry, we offer you a profound thank you for your team effort.

Sincerely,

Sarah Leonard
ATIA President & CEO

Bill Pedlar, Knightly Tours
Chair, ATIA Board of Directors