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Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senate  
Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senate  
Honorable Don Young, U.S. House of Representatives

**RE: State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds**

Dear Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Congressman Young

I want to thank you and your staff for your tireless efforts to procure and distribute much needed Federal stimulus funding for Alaska businesses, citizens, and organizations through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of the 1.53 Million Covid Relief funding the City and Borough of Yakutat received in 2020, we spent 99.9% by December 20, 2020. This money did not go to lost revenue from the pandemic but rather to businesses, police, and health expenditures related to Covid-19.

The currently proposed allocation formula, which uses population and a Community Development Block Grant calculator, generates 113K for Yakutat. This proposed aid level is about 13% percent of our lost revenue from bed tax, sales tax and tourism for the past 12 months. The City and Borough lost one million dollars in taxes during this period. Yakutat now faces a new year of potential losses. If this new formula proposed stands, I worry about our capacity to meet our school, emergency services and the economic consequences of less tourism from Covid-19 is in 2021.

Please consider addressing this shortfall of using this formula for Yakutat and the other small villages in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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