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To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>

Subject: ACL dock facility budget amendment

Dear Assembly,

A dedicated small cruise ship dock is a good idea. I think ACL is a good company and a good fit for our town. We seem to agree that small cruise ship tourism is valuable to Petersburg. But why does this value not find its way into Borough finances? Why do we need to take harbor reserve money generated by the fishing industry in order to partner with a cruise company?

If you can't come up with a plan to replace this reserve money, then I think you have to admit that this form of tourism is a drain on the Borough budget. Please do not use raw fish tax money to subsidize tourism.

I wish the harbor advisory board had been asked to weigh in on this significant allocation of harbor reserves. I'm sure it would have garnered useful input for the Assembly.

Bob Martin