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Dear Mayor McConnell, Mark and Jay:

On behalf of the Sitka Historical Society Board, we are writing to let you know how much our organization values the proposed *HCH Project Additive Alternate 2 Expand the Museum Addition 12' x It's Width*. We see this space as essential for the Society's ability to provide exceptional historical programming and exhibits which highlight Sitka's history.

We understand C & B staff are reviewing bids and exploring potential adjustments to the HCH Project that may include adding or reducing the scope of elements within the project, including additive alternates. As well, we understand there is a finite budget available for this project. SHS places high value on the additional 12 feet of expanded museum space as proposed in the additive alternate, for it allows us more exhibit options and increased collections storage. Consequently, SHS is willing to contribute funds to the HCH project, so the *HCH Project Additive Alternate 2 Expand the Museum Addition 12' x It's Width*, as proposed, will be included in the final bid award.

Finally, allow us to extend to you and other C & B representatives our Board and Staff's gratitude as we recognize and appreciate the leadership and concerted efforts the City has put into making the HCH project an outstanding source of civic pride and beautiful venue for public events for years to come.

Thank you for considering our request.

Hal Spackman, Executive Director

Ernestine Massey, Board President