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To Whom It May Concern:

I learned to fly along the Alaska Peninsula in 1977 and became a professional pilot flying for PenAir in the early 80's.

In my almost 40 years of flying in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands I have flown into King Cove more times than I can count. It is one of the hardest places to fly into safely that I have ever encountered. The surrounding terrain make IFR approaches impossible which leaves you only able to make a visual approach in very difficult terrain. Any wind in excess of 20 knots unless it is straight up and down the runway produces extreme turbulence that can have deadly consequences and I would not attempt to go into the area without at least two miles visibility and a 700 foot ceiling. And never at night due to the sensation of flying into a black hole in which there is no visibility on a dark night.

Using those parameters PenAir had a completion rate of less than 50% of the time that we were able to complete a scheduled trip.

PenAir flew scheduled service from 1977 until 2012 and in my professional opinion there should not be an airstrip in that valley because no matter how well constructed the runway is, It does not make the actual flight into that valley any safer. The location, terrain and weather make that the most dangerous place we have ever operated in on a regular basis.

I would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Seybert
CEO

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