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Good afternoon!

I am writing to encourage you, my neighbors, assembly members, and members of the Visitor Industry Task Force, to utilize marine passenger fee funds to electrify more of our downtown cruise ship docks.

Downtown Juneau is unique in its energy source: clean, sustainable hydroelectric. Allowing every cruise ship to hook up to shore power - provided through Juneau's hydroelectric plant - would mean a decrease in their carbon emissions and an increase in the quality of life for Juneauites. These pillars of black smoke mar our beautiful mountain views, decrease the quality of our air, and have a negative impact on our climate. Empowering visiting cruise ships to connect to an electrified dock would eliminate all of these issues, and be a welcome gesture of hospitality to our visitors. This use of marine passenger fee funds would also be directly aligned with Juneau's Renewable Energy Strategy, which was formally adopted in February of 2018.

Thank you for your hard work, and for your consideration of this matter.

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