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Members of the Visitor Industry Taskforce:

I strongly support the visitor industry in Juneau. It is an important economic asset to our community as well as the driver for many services and activities that would not be part of Juneau without their support.

My family has directly benefited from the visitor industry. My daughters, both of whom are currently Juneau residents, worked in the visitor industry to help pay their way through college. One daughter and husband were able to return to our community because of job opportunities in the visitor industry. My wife spent 14 years working in the visitor industry. Currently I am able to supplement retirement income through a job in visitor industry. All positive aspects of this important part of Juneau's economy.

We have services at the local hospital that the Juneau community could not support without the revenue provided by the visitors to Juneau during the tourist season. Many other businesses are able to survive because of revenues earned during the tourist season. Many of Juneau's small businesses need that revenue in order to provide year-round services to the Juneau community.

Eaglecrest ski area is investigating the possibilities of providing additional summer activities to absorb additional visitors. The side benefit will be added activities for the Juneau community and added revenue to Eaglecrest reducing its dependence on Juneau taxpayers.

Managing the visitors will always be a concern for the community. For a few, it will never be satisfactory, in spite of the benefits they and the community receive. TBMP has succeeded in managing the growth for the past many years. It is the model we should continue to use into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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