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To: [City Clerk](#)
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a Juneau-transplant who has called Southeast, Alaska my home since 1992. I have been a property owner and resident of North Douglas since 2001. I am deeply concerned about increased tourism in downtown Juneau and in select areas of North Douglas such as Eaglecrest ski area and the North Douglas boat ramp. While I think that tourism is important to Juneau's long-term financial stability, it has to be done in a sustainable way. As we open ourselves to industry, we must carefully mind the health and well-being of the environment and our community - for us and the tourists who visit. If we don't handle things responsibly and with reasonable regulations (especially concerning the number of cruise ship passengers that travel our waterways and disembark into the greater Juneau community) we are going to irrevocably lose valuable green spots and overrun our delightful neighborhoods and recreational areas with busloads of people, toxic congestion and unnecessary pavement.

I am supportive of responsible development, of increasing the standard of living and income for Alaskans, and for sharing our Juneau hometown with people who have taken the time and energy to visit. I want people to come to Juneau to appreciate what I hold dear: the mountains, rainforest, glaciers, and wildlife that make this place so special as well as our charming neighborhoods and downtown area. I want Alaska to continue to be on the top of people's list of places to visit. I am afraid that if we continue to move in the direction of selling out and kowtowing to the cruise ship industry we are going to forever destroy the beauty, bounty and charisma of our special Southeast community.

Let's do all we can to protect and preserve the Juneau we love to call home and the Juneau we love to share. Let's reduce the number of cruise ship passengers to make sure that locals and tourists alike can continue to enjoy this beautiful place well into the future.

Thank you for your time,

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