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To whom it may concern,

I have spent my childhood in the pristine wilderness that Juneau is well known for. However, in my lifetime of 17 years, I have seen a dramatic shift in the way the nature of Alaska has been exploited for temporary financial gain in the tourism industry. The trails I used to walk with my family are now congested and paved over, the tranquility of our waters have been stifled by whale-watching boat traffic.

Eaglecrest is the next piece of natural beauty to be taken away from the locals who have used the land for decades. I am very concerned that the development of Eaglecrest into a tourist destination will have lasting negative repercussions on the area and the ability for locals to utilize it.

Balancing the economic benefits of tourism with the detrimental effects is an impossible task but I hope there are ways for us to work together to find solutions that can preserve our way of life and add to the community of Juneau for both locals and tourists.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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