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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Tourism Taskforce,

My name is Alan Corbett, I live in Douglas and recreate all around Juneau during the summer, fall and winter.

While in attendance of the public testimony I listened to strong opinions that claim tourists are ruining certain individual's experiences on Basin Road to access the Perseverance and Mount Roberts Trail because of heavy traffic. I would like to counter these claims with my own experiences.

Each summer I hike from the Mount Robert's trailhead on Basin Road to the tram between 5 to 6 days a week. Due to my work commitments the times of day I do this hike vary from early morning throughout the day into late evening. I consider it a fun easy and accessible hike. I can categorically say that there is not much tourist traffic on this trail throughout the day. Nor are there many tourists walking a long Basin Rd. Nor are many buses or taxis driving on Basin Road at any given time! However when driving to and from the trailhead, I encounter many locals walking their dogs along Basin Road, driving their cars to both the Mount Robert's trailhead (where sometimes the parking is difficult) and Perseverance trailhead. Typically noontime, early evening and weekends are bustling with members of our community and there is a strong presence of increased "traffic." It wouldn't occur to me to feel frustrated by this nor the light traffic I rarely encounter from visitors as I still have easy access to the trails and hope we can all enjoy the wondrous trails that surround our town.

I would also like to inform the Taskforce members that I have yet to meet any tourists on Observation Peak, Mount Jumbo, Mount Olds, Thunder Mountain, Mount Meek or Sheep Mountain. A few brave souls from the cruise ships venture up Mount Juneau and a few more make it to the peak of Mount Roberts. These visitors should be encouraged to experience the scenic vistas and rugged mountains surrounding Juneau. And while I agree such adventures are not for everyone and should not be undertaken lightly, they are not, and should not be, for exclusive enjoyment of locals.

Thank you for your time and continuing efforts to understand multiple perspectives of how tourism is apart of in our community.

Alan Corbett.