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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm lucky to have grown up here in Juneau and I have resided out N. Douglas since 1991.

Over the past several years my frustration has grown as our cruise ship visitors have swelled. I used to spend time out at the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area (including east and west glacier trails), and on Mt. Roberts and Perseverance Trails - but not any more as the congestion is overwhelming. Occasionally I have to drive through S. Franklin - what a nightmare. Out on the water the numerous whale watch boats and their wakes are overpowering and dangerous. The charter fishing industry is swarming the best fishing areas in a 40 plus mile radius of Juneau. The waterfront is so choked with cruise ship docks the wall of steel blocks the view.

One suggestion I have heard is we need to spread the tourists out more. I completely disagree. The last thing I want is more tourists in areas I go to escape them - like Eaglecrest. Regardless of what the deep pocketed industrial cruise ship industry wants, it is imperative that we reduce the daily cruise ship visitors to numbers far less than that of 2019 and have at least one (sabbath) no cruise ship day each week. This is our home and we should control our turf.

It is time to take a leadership position and do what is right for Juneau which will ultimately be the right for tourism.

Thank you for your time,  
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