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To whom it may concern,

I am currently attending college in Minnesota but grew up here. Even though I am loving college, I can't wait for summer. The endless ridge adventures, fishing, and overall tranquility. What I am not looking forward to returning to, is the tourism, and now that I think about it, there isn't much tranquility. All the places I love to run: Perseverance trail, Mt. Roberts up to Gold Ridge, the Under Thunder trail to the glacier, and soon to be Eaglecrest will be overrun with hundreds of thousands of people over the course of the summer that take away from me being able to enjoy the place that I live. I love seeing the occasional tourist on these trails, enjoying the natural beauty of Juneau, but the industry here has grown too big. With well over a million people visiting our town over the summer, it is out of control and, for the people that care, which should be all of us, we don't have any say in how the cruise ship companies act here. These companies don't care about us, or anyone except for themselves. Us and everywhere else that these ships visit are just a means to an end---money. I am not saying no tourists, but that we need to reevaluate what a healthy limit is for Juneau and by we, I mean the people that live here, not the companies that use us.

Thank you for your time and thought on this difficult issue,
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