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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a resident deeply concerned about the growing environmental and community impacts associated with large-scale cruise tourism in Southeast Alaska, particularly in and around Juneau.

Attached is a public letter outlining concerns related to cruise ship emissions, wastewater discharge, marine noise pollution, helicopter tourism pressure, infrastructure strain, and the long-term ecological health of the region. The document also includes proposed solutions involving shore-power requirements, passenger caps, environmental transparency measures, wildlife protections, and reinvestment into local conservation and infrastructure.

This letter is not intended as an attack on tourism or the people who work within that industry. Tourism has long played an important role in Southeast Alaska's economy. However, many residents are increasingly concerned that the current scale of industrial tourism is outpacing the region's environmental protections and long-term sustainability.

My hope is simply that these concerns are seriously considered before the ecological character and quality of life that define Southeast Alaska are permanently diminished.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
Josh Himmel