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To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for taking to time to receive public comment regarding the tourism industry in Juneau. I will be unable to attend tomorrow night's meeting and will be providing my testimony in writing.

My name is Abby Query and I am a lifelong Juneau resident. I'm deeply concerned about the impact of the cruise industry on our local environment and the daily life of us year-round residents. Over my 32 years in Juneau the cruise industry has grown astronomically and I ask our city leaders to start putting people and place before profits. Tourism in Juneau has become an extractive industry. I'm particularly concerned with cruise ships polluting our waters using open-loop scrubbers, tour buses and Jeep rentals filling the highway, helicopter traffic in the skies, and whale watching boats swarming the waters. Cruise tourists fill the local hospital, and cruise ships use our finite landfill to dispose of their waste. I believe that if the tourism industry continues to take so much from Juneau it should be giving back even more. Yet our city budget is in crisis. I encourage the city tourism management to recognize and uphold the value and worth of Juneau.

I am also deeply concerned about the development of the Goldbelt Cruise docks. I live on North Douglas and have for the majority of my life. Our neighborhood already hosts kayak, bike, Segway, zipline, dogsled, jeep, and whale watch tours and is steadily facing increased pressure from the cruise industry. The Goldbelt dock would completely transform our neighborhood for the worse, increasing highway, marine, and air traffic. North Douglas Highway doesn't feel safe to run or bike along in the summer with the current level of traffic, which would undoubtedly increase with the port. They also plan to install a fuel dock and wastewater treatment plant, both of which place valuable marine harvest and recreation sites at risk of contamination, in addition to the pollution directly from the cruise ship. Finally, Goldbelt has admitted to not subscribing to the 5 ship per day agreement, so their development will further burden Juneau's oversaturated tourism industry.

In light of these concerns I ask the city to take steps to secure sustainable tourism limits to keep Juneau an enjoyable place to live in the summertime.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Abigail (Abby) Query