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Dear Visitor Industry Task Force,

Since several of us last testified to the VITF in June we have continued to be pummeled by constant noise and reverberations from the flightseeing helicopters. Thus, I am again writing to ask that you please do something to provide relief to the citizens of Juneau who have endured far too many interactions of these rude neighbors and their aerial leaf blowers.

From Fritz Cove to well north of the ferry terminal and everywhere in between, those of us who live in Auke Bay have been under continuous assault by the flightseeing helicopters all summer. Every single day and at all waking hours, when the helicopters are nearby (which is always): we can't hear the birds sing, we can't hear each other speak during backyard barbecues, our shelves shake, and we get no real peace during our very short summers. Are you attending a service on a Sunday morning? Want to enjoy your garden after a long day at work? Good luck!

Our city leaders have allowed this situation to continue to get worse for more than a quarter century. People have been discussing putting the helicopter operations beyond earshot of houses since at least 2001. When is something going to be done to reduce these impacts?

I am a big supporter of Juneau's tourism industry, but the impacts of flightseeing helicopters to and from the Mendenhall Glacier area is beyond intolerable. Juneau residents deserve far better than the current situation and we're not stopping until we get relief. The flightseeing helicopters in Auke Bay are too low, too loud, and far, far too frequent.

Thank you for doing something to help Auke Bay and the other areas of Juneau.

Best wishes,
Rich Brenner