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**Subject:** Do not pass HB 80 and SB 29 regarding the cruise ship industry

Dear members of the Senate Resources Committee:

I urge you not to support HB 80 and SB 29, bills that weaken the restrictions on the discharges from cruise ships. I do not oppose the cruise ship industry. But I also think they need to be responsible corporate citizens and reduce their harmful impacts to the marine environment. Other industries share the ocean like small scale tourism, fishing of all stripes and all the secondary businesses that rely on a clean marine environment. They need to be protected.

Cruise ships are cities without borders and produce all the waste of land based cities. Where and how they dump their waste is the crux of the issue. I support insisting that the cruise ship industry adopt clean best management practices. That means abandoning the flawed concept of mixing zones. Elevating the standards on the industry will not bankrupt them. They enjoy huge profits and can easily afford to retain and enhance their role of good, responsible corporate citizens.

Alaskans have demanded better industry behavior. In 2006, we passed an initiative to control pollution and insisted that the industry pay its fair share. Let's keep those safeguards in place.

With respect,

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