

From: Deborah Rudis <[REDACTED]>
Date: February 17, 2021 at 14:44:38 AKST
To: "Sen. Jesse Kiehl" <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>
Subject: Cruise ship regulation comments

Hello Senator Kiel,

I know that you are trying to help Juneau and SEAK recover from an economic hardship created by the lack of cruise ships to our ports. However I must oppose the idea of letting these foreign-flagged passenger vessels have an exemption from the PSVA. In addition I believe that enforcement actions should be taken if any cruise ships violate this regulation.

These ships are known polluters of our air and water. In addition we may not be guaranteed that the passengers and crew are COVID-free. We do not need any risk of virus-contamination from passengers and crew of these ships.

We have had a season to reconsider cruise ships' industrial tourism. Let us not return to an over-crowded and basically uncontrolled number of ships and visitors. It's time that we took a stand against this Goliath of an industry and made them a responsible part of Juneau and all of SEAK's economy.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
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From: Mike or Kerry <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Cruise season

Sen Kiehl

I am very against Resolution 9 for a couple reasons.

First, those laws were put into place to protect American ship building and seaman. For Alaska to be given an exemption will open the doors for the rest of the US to use and build ships in other countries. A slippery slope. Why would we build ferries in Ketchikan if we can build them cheaper in another county?

Secondly, we need to take this pause and decide where this community wants to go with this industry. Will we have a ten percent increase in the cruise ship visitors every year. Year after year after year? Or decide a number that we can all live with and go forward. I personally think we have gone to far.

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From: Brian Gierard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>
Subject: cruiseships

I am adamantly against all cruise ships stopping in ketchikan, until we get all ketchikan residents vaccinated, with both vaccine shots. Its obvious with the trial runs that they have had didnt work. With the sacrifices we have all made so far i think its irresponsible to let tourist run all over town.

From: Valerie Brooks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce <Senate.Labor.And.Commerce@akleg.gov>
Subject: No cruise ships in Ketchikan

I urge the committee to consider the impacts of cruise ships visiting Alaskan ports in summer of 2021.

We have had lax and nonexistent protocols to control covid, and we continue to have active cases in Ketchikan and across the state and lower 48.

We are trying to keep our schools open, and keep students and staff safe-ish, teaching and learning. This could easily be negatively impacted by an influx of passengers, vaccinated or not, who can still bring the virus to our town.

The financial considerations of cruise ship visits should not be considered more important than the health and safety of Alaskan residents.

No cruise ships this summer.

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I acknowledge I am living and working on the ancestral land of Taant'a Kwa'an, home of the Sea Lion Tribe.

Education is freedom...education is transformation - Paulo Freire