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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