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**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Hollis French

**Subject:** Alaska House (HB 80) and Senate (SB 29) Comments

Dear Senate Resource Committee,  
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RE:Alaska House ([HB 80](#)) and Senate ([SB](#)

Please consider the following comments and vote against HB80 & SB29:

1. In 2006 Alaskan voters passed a statewide ballot initiative requiring the reduction of pollution dumping in Alaskan waters (from the shoreline out to 3 miles)
2. Many Alaskans rely on our coastal waters for recreational and business, why then pollute what makes Alaska special.
3. Cruise are enormous floating cities and the technology exists to reduce cruise ship pollution.
4. With the massive profits made by cruise ships, they can afford not to use Alaskan waters as their dumping grounds.
5. If cruise ships should be allowed to discharge in Alaskan waters, there should at least be exclusion zones around critical habitat areas, shellfish farm and important fisheries.

Respectfully  
Cindy Birkhimer