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Hello

My name is Burke Bohnsack and I am a commercial fisherman, harbor user, and year round resident of Juneau. Im writing to voice my concerns about the proposed 9% moorage increase. I feel that this increase puts an unfair burden on local residents and especially year round harbor users. According to the recent study, annual moorage in Juneau is already the highest rate in SE Alaska and these stats don't even include the recent CPI based rate increase on harbor users. Also looking at the docks and harbors unfunded expenses, the vast majority of those costs (USCG security measures/ insurance costs) are directly related with the cruise industry. In conclusion, it seems that docks and harbors wants local residents and year round harbor users to shoulder an unfair financial burden. Cruise ships haven't seen a rate increase since 2005! Cruise ships were the main reason for Covid related budget shortfalls and finally the majority of docks and harbors unfunded expenses are directly tied to the cruise industry. Local residents are a consistent revenue source for the harbor department and are unable to simply pass increased costs on to others as the cruise industry can easily do to their customers. Please reconsider the 9% moorage increase so residents aren't subsidizing the cruise industry.

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