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I agree with the Borough Resolution Opposing House Bill No. 303 and Senate Bill No. 180 of the State of Alaska Thirty-Second Legislature.

The fact that the citizens need to ask our State government to keep this program in place is an embarrassment to our democracy. The Governor has gotten away with preventing this program from taking place for the last several years but enough is enough.

In 2006, Alaska voters passed Ballot Measure 2 creating an Ocean Ranger program in the Department of Environmental Conservation) which became law on December 17, 2006. Alaska is the first and only state to require U.S. Coast Guard licensed marine engineers on board vessels to act as independent observers monitoring State environmental and marine discharge requirements. Ocean Rangers also check that passengers and crew are protected from improper sanitation, health, and safety practices. This program is managed by the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program, which was created in 2001 to monitor cruise ships in Alaskan waters.

This program protects our resources and citizens who depend on them. I see this as nothing more than a ploy by our Governor to raise money for his re-election campaign. Please pass this resolution.

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