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To: Assembly
Subject: Ocean Ranger Program

Greetings,

I am writing in support of Borough Resolution #2022-05 which opposes HB No. 303 and SB No. 180. The continuation of the Ocean Ranger program is essential to ensuring that Alaskan waters are protected from contamination from cruise ship pollution. It would be naïve to rely on the cruise ship industry to police themselves to ensure compliance with environmental protection regulations. In 2017, Carnival Cruise Lines was fined \$40 million for violation of these regulations and for falsifying their records of their discharges into state waters. The cost of the Ocean Ranger program is paid for by the cruise industry. The Alaska cruise industry was hurt by the pandemic, but it will recover soon. The beauty and pristine waters of Alaska will continue to make this a popular destination. It will not help the cruise industry to let them sully the attractions that draw their passengers, year after year.

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