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To whom it may concern,

Please reject the Ward Cove Group's plan to develop a cruise ship port in Ward Cove, Ketchikan, Alaska.
The Ward Cove development poses a environmental hazard and a pedestrian hazard.

I'm concerned that docking large ships in Ward Cove will strip the sand cap layer and devastate the local ecosystems.

I'm also concerned that dropping 4,000 passengers off in Ward Cove will lead to vehicle and pedestrians accidents along the highway. Some passengers will choose to walk to The Ward Lake Recreational Area along the highway and will either cross at the Revilla Road or the Ward Lake Road. Currently, there's no upland infrastructure to facilitate large pedestrian traffic.
I'm worried that people will be hit while attempting to across the highway. Especially, on the blind corners such as in the Ward Lake Road turn off or to the Ward Cove Market turn off.

Also, it's worth mentioning that local recreation areas like Ward Lake and Refuge Cove Beach will see an increase in use. Without proper infrastructure upgrades this will ruin the ecosystems in those areas.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Meadow Muench

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