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Dear Commission-Public-Records,

Please register me for public comment on 10/27 at noon.

I've attached a copy of my statement.

Thank you,

Jordan

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Good afternoon Commissioners and Executive Director Metruck. My name is Jordan Van Voast and a member of Seattle Cruise Control, which continues to oppose any further expansion of the cruise ship industry in Seattle.

First, I want to recognize the Port's symbolic act of goodwill by renaming several parks in honor of the Duwamish tribe and their cultural history. May it lead to more acts of reconciliation with the Duwamish, and deeper commitments to environmental sustainability, bringing the Port into alignment with the wisdom of Native people who understand how to live in connection with Mother Earth, without being consumed by the greed of industrial expansion.

I also empathize with your position as public servants who must grapple with the aftermath of COVID-19's devastating effects on our regional economy, doing your best to provide employment for people who are struggling to pay for housing and put food on the table, or keep small businesses open. But the winds of change are rising. This economy, built on fossil fuel intensive travel, cannot survive much longer, and meanwhile climate change continues ushering in its toll of suffering and death – with new fires in California, Hurricane Zeta to strike the Gulf Coast in days, and refugees worldwide fleeing drought stricken areas in the highest numbers since World War 2.

When a cruise ship leaves Seattle for Alaska, it is disingenuous to stop counting the emissions at the Canadian border. As Bill McKibben has said, physics doesn't lie, the atmosphere of the Earth is counting those CO2 molecules, even if we pretend not to see them. Thank you for listening.