

# JUNEAU CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

## American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations



APEA-AFT Supervisory Unit Local 4900  
Alaska State Employees Association/AFSCME Local 52  
Confidential Employees Assoc., APEA/AFT Local 6133  
General Teamsters Local 959, State of Alaska  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547  
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302  
International Union of Painters & Allied Trades Local 1959  
Juneau Career Fire Fighters Association Local 4304, IAFF

Juneau Education Support Staff, APEA/AFT Local 6096  
Laborers International Union of North America Local 942  
Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, District 1  
Masters, Mates & Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region  
Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local 1281  
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 262  
Public Employees Local 71  
Public Safety Employees Association/AFSCME Local 803

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### **To Whom It May Concern:**

The Juneau Central Labor Council (CLC) strongly opposes Ballot Initiative 2, which seeks to prohibit large cruise ships from docking in Juneau on Saturdays beginning in 2025. As a community organization elected by workers to represent their interests, we are dedicated to fostering job creation and economic growth for our community. Ballot Initiative 2 undermines these goals in several significant ways:

1. **Economic Impact:** If passed, this initiative could result in a loss of \$30 million in direct passenger spending. This reduction in spending would severely hinder job creation and economic growth within our community. Less spending means fewer jobs and reduced financial stability for Juneau’s residents.
2. **Impact on Union Jobs:** This measure would directly affect local union jobs by eliminating 5,000 man-hours per year, leading to a 15% loss in wages. Such a loss would have severe repercussions, including the potential disqualification of union workers from pension benefits and diminished retirement prospects, adversely impacting Juneau families.
3. **Sales Tax Revenue:** Cruise tourism generates nearly \$3.7 million annually in sales tax revenue, which funds crucial community services. A reduction in this revenue would decrease the funds available for essential services, and currently, there is no plan to replace the lost sales tax or head tax revenue.
4. **Downtown Congestion:** The initiative does not provide a long-term solution to effectively address downtown congestion, leaving this critical issue unresolved.

The Juneau CLC cannot support an initiative that will eliminate job opportunities, reduce tax revenue, and fail to provide a comprehensive plan to address these issues. We remain committed to supporting working families and believe that Juneau deserves economic growth and stability.

**Sincerely,**

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