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Mayor, Commissioners, County Clerk and County Attorney,

I am writing you today to express my deep concern over the proposal on next Tuesday's agenda regarding a new agreement with Pier B.

I am asking you to withdraw this agreement as it is out of alignment with the expressed wishes citizens of Key West in Monroe County who have clearly stated desire to reduce number and size of cruise ships that have access to ports in Key West.

City Clerk Cheri Smith please attach a copy of my correspondence to Tuesday's agenda.

The following are my and our concerns as citizens of Monroe County:

BIGGER CRUISE SHIPS: The agreement would authorize cruise ships up to 1,100 feet long and with a carrying capacity up to 3,700 passengers. These ships are bigger than any cruise ship that has ever called on Key West before and would violate Pier B's permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

MORE CRUISE SHIPS: The agreement would authorize cruise ships at Pier B 349 days per year. This is far more ships than Pier B has ever received before.

MORE OVERCROWDING: The agreement would allow up to 1.3 MILLION passengers per year. This is more passengers than Key West has ever seen in a single year and will create more overcrowding and congestion.

GIVEAWAY OF PROPERTY RIGHTS AT MALLORY SQUARE: The agreement would allow large cruise ships to tie off to City property at Mallory Square anytime they want. This would eliminate any chance of the City generating revenue from its own valuable waterfront property.

A CONTRACT IN PERPETUITY: The agreement would never end, permanently sentencing the City to a future of large cruise ships and giving away prime public waterfront property to be used by a private corporation.

The people of Key West voted for smaller and fewer ships. The City has repeatedly promised that it can control its own property, including Mallory Square.

Thank you all for your time working on this sensitive topic that is very important to the citizens.

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