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Dear Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, and Staff,

As Pier B. Development Corp. previously indicated, please find attached Mr. William Precht's environmental report regarding Cruise Ship Turbidity and Benthic Resources in Key West as a follow up to his previous submissions to the Commission on April 5, 2022. Due to the short notice, Mr. Precht was unable to attend tonight's commission meeting as he is in the Caribbean doing coral restoration.

Attached is the summary that Mr. Precht has prepared, and accurately reflects his opinions, after two years research, establishing that cruise ship turbidity has no harmful effect on barrier reefs, patch reefs or coral and other benthic resources in the ship channel, Key West Harbor, at Pier B or other cruise ship docks.

Regards,

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