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My comments are as follows:

As a Rockland resident, I am discouraged to learn of the extensive proposal to develop Rockland's harbor set before you. My reasons for objecting are personal and on behalf of my fellow citizens.

In January of this year I sustained a spinal cord injury. My world has drastically changed and my ability to enjoy this wonderful town is very limited. The thought of not being able to gaze at the harbor from my wheelchair makes me beyond sad. As a volunteer to the amazing Heart and Soul project, I often documented testimony from Rockland residents who expressed how essential "walking the harbor" was to their connection to this town. Some of these folks did not have much disposal income to enjoy, but they had the boardwalk.

It is well known that mega yachts and cruise ships are self-contained with passengers having little need to come ashore except to visit the Farnsworth or be bussed to Camden. The impact to Rockland will have negative environmental impact without the benefit of economic growth.

The deep pockets of those investors aim to elbow their way into Rockland's harbor regardless of our community's well-being. My fervent hope is that you will not be part of their campaign.

Eileen Fitzgerald
Rockland resident