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>> I am writing in response to the proposed changes in the use and dockage proposals for Rockland Harbor. In no way can this small harbor and community withstand the changes to our working waterfront that this proposal would thrust upon us. I am shocked that the proposal has succeeded in getting this far. People in our community have worked hard to create a wonderful, publicly accessible harbor walk and park for all to enjoy; not just the elite.

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>> One of my many concerns is that our one and only public access city beach and swimming area has not been marked on any of the submitted drawings to the DEP. This beach and swimming area lies within 50 -100 yards of the proposed 150 foot dock proposal. This beach, swimming and park area is invaluable to the health and well being of people in our community. Sandy Beach is easily accessible by walking for many residents of our waterfront city. How can this possibly be taken from us. With mega yachts docking and maneuvering, our beach area would be obliterated. This would be an unthinkable loss for the citizens of Rockland.

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>> The environmental impact that these mega yachts bring to our harbor are many. Water pollution, noise pollution, and light pollution. Also the effect of underwater vibration from these vessels has been scientifically documented to have a devastating effect on sea life.

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>> I am concerned that the City of Rockland, in attempting to honor the wishes of the voters, would fail in their efforts to limit the number of cruise ships in our harbor as the cruise lines would now have the ability to seek private dockage from Safe Harbor.

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>> Lastly, I bring up the access to our harbor that the local fisherman have had for generations. They are the backbone of our working waterfront and are, and have always been, a sustaining factor in our city's commerce. How can they be so blindly robbed of their historical livelihoods.

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>> Patricia Nutt

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