

6/29/22

Dear Skagway Borough Assembly and Mayor Cremata:

The June 23 rockslide occurred at approximately 6:30 a.m., just one hour before myself and four of my newsies were due on Railroad Dock. Aerial photos show I am not exaggerating when I say we would have been in the exact spot where the rockslide occurred.

The rocks were powerful enough to cause cosmetic damage to a heavily enforced metal ship. Cruise passengers on the 15th level reported chipped windows and rock shards. I don't want to think about what could have happened to Sam (age 13), Waylon (age 13), Marian (age 10) or Maty (age 9).

I keep hearing how lucky we are that the major Railroad Dock slides happen at non-peak times. We will not be lucky forever. One hour separated us from injured or dead children, longshoremen and passengers.

Parents have expressed concern about their children ever returning to Railroad Dock. This is an issue that requires long-term study and mitigation. I hope that White Pass and the municipality will do whatever it takes to ensure a safe dock.

Sincerely,

Melinda Munson