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Letters to the Editor

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Cruise insights

Very few people in the city of Charleston have had more exposure to the cruise ship industry and its effect on the city of Charleston than me. Having been affiliated downtown at market hotels for over seven years, I can tell you the cruise ship industry is a great thing — not only for the city of Charleston, but for the region.

Many hotels see pre-disembarkation nights help fill hotels as people come to see our beautiful city before heading out to sea, but port-of-call visits are also important in that they help sell return trips to Charleston and fill our City Market aisles.

To elitists claiming all kinds of apocalyptic style ends to the beauty of our city because folk come in on cruise ships, I say 'hogwash.'

Recently one letter writer compared our city to a port of call situation in Key West, Fla. How can one even compare the two?

Charleston is a destination, and as such we should welcome all to our fair city, regardless of their price point or how they arrive. We can offer varying price points and welcome everyone.

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