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Subject: Commission Proposal for 110% Bond

Dear Mr. VanBrakle:
The tone of the proposed Bond which must be secured by the major Cruise Lines appears to "protect" the interests of the Cruise Passangers.
This would seem appropriate for undercapitalized lines on the Brink of Banktrupcy as might be known by the Business establishhment, but most certainly this cannot apply to the major players in the industry.
With the protection of the Credit Card industry, the Travel insurance taken by the majority of cruise passangers and protection under the Federal Banktrupocy laws, this "Bond" can only serve to injure an industry where no more than 6% of the vacationing public cruise.
Forcing the exorbitant cost of the Bond on the Cruise lines will mean this expense will filter down to the passanger, additing to the cost of the cruise to "Mr. and Mrs. Public."
In addition, as the majority of the cruises are booked thru independant cruise Agencies, the additional cost to the public will mean less cruise travelers and thus less revenue to the already fragile independant travel industry (resulting from loss of Commission from the airlines.)
Perhaps the public should be made aware of both sides of the issue.
Your proposal , and how it most certainly will effect the travelers and employee of the Cruise industry must, and most assuridly will be published in the major newspapers.
This 'Bond" is an unnecessary thorn in the side of all concerned.
Additionally, where is the protection for the traveler utilizings air and rail where loss of revenue results from "equipment failure, equipment not arriving due to "weather delays", late arrival of fresh crews, misplaced luggage due to heightened security, etc. etc. etc.
I think other Federal agencies should be doing their homework concerning the other 94% of the traveling public.

Very truly yours,
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