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In spite of their protected status as an endangered species by Washington state, the U.S., and Canada, the Southern Resident orca population has fallen. It has declined from 98 in 1995 to only 75 as of February 2021. Even with the birth of two calves, this group's numbers remain dangerously low. To protect the remaining pod members the cruise ship industry must be held accountable through best practices for protecting this Orca pod. I boycott the cruise industry because of their irresponsible, environmental violations.