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Mr. Lynn Chrystal, Chairperson
Local Boundary Commission, State of Alaska
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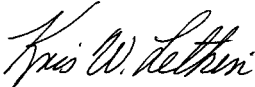
Dear Mr. Chrystal,

I am writing to you to thank you for putting my proposal on your agenda for the January meeting of the Boundary Commission and giving you a little of my history in Seldovia. I have lived in Seldovia since 1979 and came to Alaska in 1953. I was city manager during the Exxon Valdez oil spill and past president of the Chamber of Commerce. I created the Chamber web site. www.seldoviachamber.org . I also do business as Dancing Eagles Services with free computer and internet services to the community. We have been a divided community for many years, unfortunately that has worked to our disadvantage when it comes of our economic development. Native and non-Native issues need to end and I feel that bringing everyone into a common boundary will help to bring us back together. It will take time to settle things.

By having a boundary adjustment will also allow the younger folks who have moved out of town to participate in the political process of electing local officials from a greater population base. Our City of Seldovia community is aging rapidly and we need younger involvement in Seldovia affairs. Many of these in town seniors are exempt from paying any taxes which is another issue for Seldovia. I am not sure but I think five on the city council have exemptions. I feel the council's reluctance in taking up a petition to the boundary is they will lose their power base by having a larger electoral base brought into Seldovia plus all the personal relationships that exist here you will never know about.

Again, Thank you for putting my proposal on your agenda. I want Seldovia to thrive and attract folks who like our life style and want to grow our community. I will be traveling in January and hope to participate in your deliberations via phone. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Kris W. Lethin
Concerned Citizen and Frustrated Tax Payer

cc: Boundary Commission Members and Staff