

To: Local Boundary Commission 550 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1640 Anchorage, AK 99501

My name is Donald Boston, I have two commercial properties in Ridgeway Alaska. I'm part of the Annexation boundary. The Soldotna petition to annex is not legal! We did not have access to public hearings, the hearings that we had were for a major expansion of the city. The petition submitted to Boundary Commission is one tenth of the original petition. It looks nothing like the original. I demand our rights to public hearings before this is passed. Forced annexation is unconstitutional and has been voted on in 35 states, Alaska hasn't gotten around to vote on it yet. The city of Soldotna wants to take the community of Ridgeway's businesses and exclude the residents tens of thousands of dollars a month will go to Soldotna and NOT ONE CENT goes to our community. The city mayor said he would veto it without a vote from the people. They shoved this down our throats the day he died, his blood wasn't even cold. They voted on it two days before an election or they wouldn't have the votes to pass. It was voted down by the people then they took away our right to vote so they could literally take the money from Ridgeway and send it to Soldotna. There is no way that they could give us city water and sewer, there is not one thing they could give us that we want. Politicians in another city do not have the right to come into our community and take all the business taxes, spend it, and we get none of it! City of Soldotna cannot reasonably and efficiently be extended to the annexed territory. This cannot be passed until our community has our rights to due process one more time, the original proposal that we had hearings on looks absolutely NOTHING like what was voted on. If this goes through it will last FOREVER. If it's not a money grab then what's the hurry? Let us have our hearings! My business is my retirement, if this annexation goes through I will lose 25% of my business because nobody wants to buy a business in the city limits because of the extra tax burden. That is a shitty thing to do to me and all our other businesses in the community so that six elected officials in the city get to spend our money.

Thank you for your time, Don Boston.