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Dear Sirs or Madams,

I am writing to you in favor of The City of Dillingham's Annexation Petition. I also am in favor of Manokotak annexing the Igushik section of the Nushagak district. I am in favor of Clarks Point being able to levy a tax on fish caught by setnetters in the Clarks Point and the Queens Slough sub districts. I believe that Ekuk Village counsel should be able to levy a tax on the setnetters on their beach and subdistrict as well. I do not think that they should be able to tax Driftnetters. That should be the city of Dillingham's privilege in this annexation.

A raw fish tax being the end and incentive to annex the Nushagak Bay make sense to me and I urge you to allow this to happen. There are countless reasons for this. First is precedence. Most regions have the ability to tax the users of the natural resources around them. It was a similar principle that founded the CDQ program. Second is that it may be vital for the future of the municipality in the current budget climate. The proposed cuts to revenue sharing of oil taxes means that each area of Alaska needs to look at their local resources to sustain itself. The budget of Dillingham has very little room for many of the critically needed infrastructure projects. Third is that this annexation is wanted by residents. It passed by vote and it is the will of the people.

I do not think the annexation petition is perfect. I think it is workable and necessary. I do believe that the other communities in the bay have a right to the natural resource of fish as well as Dillingham. I am saddened and confused that the city has lost out on revenue because of lawsuits and a lengthy process that has been instigated by a village which doesn't have any year round residents. I know that the City also welcomes the idea of Borough formation which I am not sure if it is in the region's best interest but I look forward to seeing the conversations continue and what that would entail.

I urge you to grant the City of Dillingham's Annexation Petition. I am a commercial Fisherman and I am a resident of Dillingham.

Sincerely

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