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Local Boundary Commission Staff
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Dear Sirs:

This letter is in support of the Dillingham annexation petition currently being reviewed by the LBC.

I am a 12 year resident of Dillingham. I served on the city Planning Commission for nine years and currently serve on the City Council. I own a residence in Dillingham and have made it my retirement community.

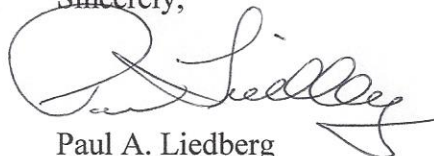
Continuing to maintain city services in most rural communities is a challenge and it is no different with Dillingham. It is critical that we seek ways to support the infrastructure that allows the community to continue serving as a hub community for the region, and as a base for the fishing industry. A significant part of that infrastructure is the harbor and other facilities that support the fishing industry in Nushagak Bay and beyond.

The city currently assesses a 6% sales tax and 13 mill property tax. The ability to generate additional revenue from these sources is limited. Annexing the proposed area would allow the collection of a fish tax which would provide additional financial support for services currently being provided by the city.

The need to seek additional sources of revenue for Dillingham is even more urgent today in light of the State fiscal position. Through the proposed annexation process, the community has the ability to become more fiscally independent in providing the services for the city and region.

I urge you to act favorably on the City of Dillingham annexation petition.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Liedberg