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Dear Ms. Collins,

My name is Richard C. McGahan, Sr. I am now 80 years old.

When i was 18 years old my Dad asked me if I wanted to work for him in Alaska. I said, "Yes." So we took 21 days to get to Nikiski, Alaska, with my Mom and my Dad, nine children, a car, and two dump trucks (one pulling a trailer), over gravel roads all the way. We went to the very end of the road in Nikiski. My Dad borrowed a front end loader from my uncle, Mac McGahan, and pushed the road 3 miles farther to where we homesteaded. I have lived here, either on the homestead, or on the adjoining property, ever since. I helped start the volunteer fire department. I have worked on almost every road in Alaska and most of the powerlines. I started commercial fishing in 1955 and have continued to fish as a drifter, and currently still commercial fish on a beach site on Salamatof Beach in Nikiski. I have worked putting in telephone lines and fiber optic cable and still live in Nikiski with my wife, children and seventeen grandchildren.

I have seen many changes from the wilderness of Nikiski where we homesteaded to the vibrant community of Nikiski that we have now. I can see that now is the time for the community of Nikiski to incorporation. We need to be able to strike our own direction.

I ask the Local Boundary Commission to approve whatever is necessary so that the citizens of Nikiski may have the ability to vote on this issue.

Thank you,  
Richard C. McGahan, Sr.  
62 year resident of Nikiski, Alaska