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To the L.B.C. staff and Commissioners

I am writing this letter to state my support for the incorporation of the City of Nikiski Alaska.

There has been a lot of talk about the size of the proposed city of Nikiski, I do not propose to know all the legal and regulatory aspects of picking boundaries for a city. Other than the proposed boundaries that are in the petition for Incorporation, are boundaries that have been established by Ordinance for the Nikiski Fire Service Area. This was done by staff at the Borough to provide the economic base to operate the Service Area. The two communities on the West side of the Inlet are serviced by the Nikiski Fire Department, this is accomplished by Tyonek providing a building for a Fire Station and The Fire Department providing equipment, training, fuel, supplies, and an Ambulance.

Belugas Fire Station was built in cooperation with industry on the West side, the fire station was built with both industry and Fire Service area funds. Fire equipment, supplies, training, and an Ambulance are provided by the service area. This has been an established boundary for over thirty years, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on the West side to provide Fire and Medical service to these areas.

Self-determination is my primary motivation for Incorporation, the Borough has been doing disturbing things in my opinion. They have merged Service Areas, the primary example being the Road Service Areas. The result being very poor management and service to the roads in the Nikiski Area. These services were voted in by the people of the Service Areas, but were merged without a vote of the residents of those Service Areas.

They went from elected boards to appointed boards, which is just another step that disenfranchises the residents of Nikiski and the other Service Areas that were affected. It is my fear that this will continue to happen to the other services that we have voted in and tax ourselves for. Our Nikiski Service Areas have always been very successful, and serve our community well. We have over five thousand people in our area, and we want and need to keep our community identity. I truly believe that the only way to accomplish this, is to be able to govern ourselves and have the citizens of Nikiski decide our future.

Thank you for your attention:

Respectfully

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