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Local Boundary Commission
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Dear Local Boundary Commission Staff & Commissioners:

I support the City of Dillingham's petition to annex additional lands and adjacent waters of the Nushagak Fishing District to expand our municipal boundaries and increase sources of revenue.

I oppose the LBC staff's recommendation to deny both Dillingham and Manokotak's petition and force borough formation. Do not force borough formation upon us when there are many issues that need to be resolved and many parties that need to come together to agree upon what will work for our area. What is the point of having three boroughs in Bristol Bay? Would it not make sense to have one regional government? These questions remain and need time and organization to be resolved and should not be rushed into lightly.

In the meantime, the petitions need to move forward with approval. The City of Dillingham needs to expand it's boundaries and bring in new sources of revenue now! In these times of the State's fiscal crisis, our municipal governments have more and more bills to pay while our revenues are decreasing.

Please take the appropriate action now, by approving the City of Dillingham's annexation petition and allow us to obtain necessary revenue from the Nushagak Fishing District. As you know, the Nushagak is the only Bay in the Bristol Bay fishery that does not currently have a fish tax. Please don't sit back and let those funds swim past us while our community suffers a financial burden that could easily be resolved with your approval of this petition.

Sincerely,



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Dillingham Resident

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