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Local Boundary Commission
Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
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Dear Sirs:

One reason I object to the formation of the proposed Petersburg Borough is that there will be added to us another layer of government in which we will have little or no meaningful input. Another reason is that we are already in a borough, a borough that allows us to individually govern ourselves. We individually provide for ourselves those services which one thinks of being provided by a municipal government; power, water, sewer, animal control, library (we liberally share books and other media), security, emergency medical, and fire response.

We tax ourselves through our sharing of labor and resources. We provide firewood for those who cannot provide it for themselves. We provide transportation for those who have none. We provide food storage for those who do not have reliable power. In short, we do not need a government to tax us to provide what we already have!

The proposed Petersburg Borough Charter in fact says it will not provide these municipal services to us. The only service they promise us is to tax us! We do not need that service. Weather and darkness will prevent us from reliably participating in any local government. Yet, that is one of the reasons given to form this borough. A government in which I have no voice is bad for me and mine. I believe this is being forced upon us so that a very small minority can impose their will upon us.

Please deny this petition. It does not meet the standards set out for a borough for many reasons, but my main concern is being taxed to support a government in which I will have no voice.

Thank you,



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