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To: Alaska State Dept. of Commerce, Local Boundary Commission

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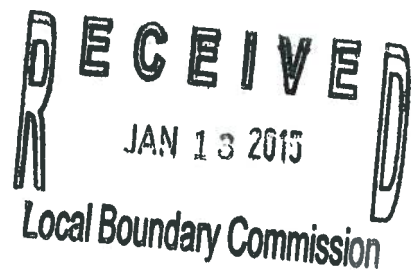
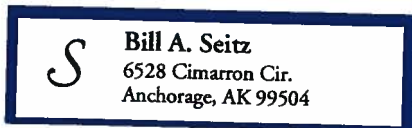
Greetings,

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With the continuing low oil prices, the State of Alaska is in a fiscal crisis. This will impact all people, all families, and all communities in Alaska for quite a while.

The responsible thing to do at this time is to put the City of Big Lake proposal on hold until the State's finances are in order.

Sincerely,
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Comments on the Preliminary Report to the Local Boundary Commission on the Houston Annexation Petition and the Big Lake City Incorporation Petition

January 15, 2015

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Honorable Members of the Local Boundary Commission:

The City of Houston is very appreciative of the high degree of dedication and professionalism demonstrated by the Local Boundary Commission Staff as they process our petition. Without reservation, we heartily agree with the LBC Staff recommendations contained in the Preliminary Report, dated December 16, 2014.

In closing, the City of Houston thanks the Local Boundary Commission for this opportunity to submit comments concerning our petition, and we hope to conclude action on our request at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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