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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the petition for the Petersburg Borough. I am a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised in Petersburg. I raised my children here and now my granddaughter is the 4th generation of my family born in Alaska. I've co-owned a business here for 32 years. Our customers are throughout the borough area. Our business is over 50% outside the city of Petersburg with many customers in Juneau, Sitka, Haines and Yakutat. At one time we had a lot of customers in Hobart Bay. I served 12 years on the Petersburg Medical Center board and I'm beginning my third year on the Petersburg city council. I am looking forward to borough formation as a way to unite our community. We have friends and associates who live outside the current city limits who will be able to vote on issues that affect us all. They will be able to be part of the borough government; able to serve on boards and commissions.

Borough formation opponents have a Petersburg address. We see them at the Post Office, the banks, stores, library, pool and gym. They use our harbors, keep their cars in our parking lots and drive on our streets. They use our hospital, clinic, emergency services, airport, ferry terminal, etc. They are part of our community and that is a good thing. Borough formation will formalize that relationship.

We have many places special to residents of the borough area; Petersburg Creek, Thomas Bay, Farragut Bay, Holkham Bay, Swan Lake, Duncan Canal, Cape Fanshaw, to name a few. I have memories of summers at Whitney Island with my grandmother. Whale watching near Five Finger lighthouse is a favorite summer activity. These are places we hunt, fish, recreate and earn our livings. A borough government will help us protect and have a voice in any development of these areas.

I hope you will approve our petition for borough formation so that we all will have an opportunity to vote on the issue. We have waited a long time for this. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Flint