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**Cc:** Kathy O'Rear  
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Please accept the attached as my personal comments on Petersburg Borough formation.

Thank you.

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To: Local Boundary Commission, Anchorage, via email: [LBC@alaska.gov](mailto:LBC@alaska.gov)  
Fr: Kathy O'Rear, Petersburg Resident, PO Box 115, Petersburg, AK 99833  
Re: Support of Petersburg Borough Incorporation Petition

Please accept this correspondence as my personal support for borough formation and my encouragement to the LBC to rule favorably on the petition so as to allow the Petersburg area residents to determine their future.

I cannot add to the numerous factors of evidence that are already documented within the petition in support for borough formation. The petition more than demonstrates that the Petersburg Borough should be formed. I believe as the LBC staff and commissioners review the city's petition for borough incorporation, it will be readily evident that the "city" of Petersburg has been unofficially providing many base borough services and representing our area resident's interests in numerous state and federal issues for many, many years. Unfortunately, the area representation has been provided only at the expense of, and participation by, city residents. In addition, the area wide representation has, at times, gone largely ignored by state and federal agencies, as Petersburg is not an organized borough. It is time that our area be officially recognized so that we can better work together to preserve our identity, strengthen our voice, and provide and plan for future use and development of our region.

During review and consideration of the Petition, I encourage area residents, LBC staff and commissioners, to take extra time to examine and compare the proposed Petersburg Borough Charter to all other Alaska borough charters. (The Charter, not the petition, will be the base local law of the Petersburg Borough and is found beginning on page 99 of the petition). There is no other borough government within Alaska that guarantees or protects its residents' most basic freedoms than the proposed Petersburg Borough Charter. The Preamble to the Charter better expresses the intent and need for the Petersburg Borough more than any individual or group can.

**Petersburg Borough Charter – Preamble**

We, the people of the Petersburg Borough exercising the powers of home rule by the Constitution of the State of Alaska, in order to provide for efficient and responsive government, and to preserve maximum personal freedom and self-responsibility of the people within the borough, hereby establish this Home Rule Charter.

This Charter guarantees the right of enjoyment of private property, chosen lifestyles, traditions, and employment and recreational activities without unnecessarily restrictive or arbitrary laws or regulations. This Charter strives to provide for maximum public participation in borough decision making.

My personal thank-you goes to the nine individuals (five city residents; 4 non-city residents, all with real property or business interests outside the City of Petersburg, but within the Petersburg Borough boundary), who took considerable personal time and used life experiences to create a governing document that will preserve the Petersburg region and guide our community to a successful future.

Sincerely,

*K. O'REAR*