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Dear Local Boundary Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal by the City of Hoonah for the incorporation of the Xunaa Borough as a Home Rule Borough. The expansive territorial claim exceeds reasonable and acceptable limits. This overreach poses a significant threat to the ability of surrounding communities to support their schools and their economic and subsistence activity. The proposal seems to be centered around benefiting the direct Hoonah area while diverting taxes, government funding, and commercial income from Pelican and other neighboring communities, with limited or no support in return from the newly created Xunaa Borough.

Hoonah has numerous valuable resources it can exploit to increase its income without threatening the schools and economic activity of other communities. Dipping into its neighbor's pockets is neither a legitimate nor viable solution.

Thank you for your consideration,

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