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State of Alaska
Department of Commerce
Division of Community and Regional Affairs
Local Boundary Commission

Re: Proposed Xunaa Borough Incorporation

Chairman Wood and Fellow Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the proposed Xunaa Borough. Specifically, the inclusion of Horse, Colt, Funter Bay, and the northernmost point of the Mansfield peninsula.

My wife and I have owned property on Colt Island for over 30 years. We recognize that it is unusual to have areas in a State that are not organized either by city, county, or borough. We also recognize that it is the desire of the State, over time, to eliminate these blank areas.

In addition to our recreational property on Colt Island, we are also property owners in Juneau. Part of the properties we own are on the road system. We pay for services rendered through both property and sales tax. We also own island property in the borough that is not on the road system. That property is also subject to property taxes at a reduced rate. Despite paying property taxes, we do not receive any services from the Juneau Borough. We are paying something for nothing.

I read with interest the statement provided by the Juneau Borough in opposition to the inclusion of the above areas. It might leave the commission with the illusion that these areas do not pay their way. The reality is that if a person from any outlying area touches land in Juneau there is a charge. Whether by water or air there is always an expense involved that benefits the Juneau Borough.

In closing, our reasoning for supporting the annexation by the proposed Xunaa Borough is simple. It is the different cultural philosophy and lifestyle. Juneau is an urban environment and will govern its constituents based on that philosophy. The Xunaa Borough tends to represent a more rural lifestyle and will better represent the interests of its residents.

We respectfully request the Commission approve the inclusion of Horse, Colt, Funter Bay, and the

northernmost point of the Mansfield peninsula in the annexation request.

That commonality is why we strongly support being included in the proposed Xunaa Borough.

Sincerely,

Steve and Karla Allwine
Area 1 Lots 10 & 11 Area 2 Lot 11
Colt Island, AK