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Hello Boundary Commission

I am writing to ask that you deny Hoonah's current proposal to the Boundary Commission.

- 1. Hoonah has not acted in good faith to the surrounding communities affected by this proposal. Communication has been altogether absent on a subject matter that greatly affects numerous other small communities in the region.
- 2. Hoonah's proposed Borough boundaries isolates small communities into strangled economic islands with limited future options for their own economic survival. This includes the small towns of Gustavus, Pelican, Tenakee Springs.
- 3. Hoonah's proposed borough boundaries are unrealistic for governance. Hoonah has proposed large area of the outer coast, Glacier Bay National Park, and inland waters. I am not sure how Hoonah proposes to enhance these current areas with their governance, but I am cynically sure they hope to reap economic gain by swallowing these vast areas into their dominion.
- 4. Hoonah's proposal lauds their role in the region as an economic hub. This is a large fabrication as Juneau is the clear economic hub of the region. I am a small business owner and all the goods that are transported to my store pass through Juneau. Residents of small southeast towns that needs to shop, go to appointments etc are going to Juneau to meet these needs.

The entire proposal and process has been flawed. Please reject outright this proposal.

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