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I am very concerned about the proposed annexation of the waters surrounding Gustavus, Glacier Bay and Icy Strait. This would harm the businesses in Gustavus and the other affected communities. These businesses are critical to the local economy and subsistence lifestyle.

I have been a resident of Gustavus since 1996 and co-own a lodge. Our guests fish, kayak, whale watch and take the day boat into Glacier Bay. All these activities would be impacted by the annexation and taxing by Xunaa with zero benefit to Gustavus.

Looking ahead, the new Hoonah borough could annex Gustavus, Pelican, Tenakee Springs and Elfin Cove offering only taxation and oversight, and no benefit to these communities.

I believe the waters should not be annexed by anyone and especially if they are not contingent with the land already in the borough. This is just plain greed and would only benefit Xunaa.

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