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To the Local Boundary Commission,

In response to the Hoonah Borough Petition:

We, the residents of Lot #2, Gull Cove Subdivision, Alaska, do not see any advantage or improvement to our well-being by being absorbed into the proposed Hoonah Borough. We are not an outport of Hoonah.

We do not receive any services or resources from Hoonah that support us in Gull Cove. We are self-sufficient and operate entirely off-grid. The occasional trips to Elfin Cove are to buy fuel and collect mail. Our internet and communication services are provided by HughesNet and we are not geographically able to utilize phone services provided by Hoonah.

Our self-guided fishing business, South Passage Outfitters LLC, is very small and we rely primarily on the services that only Juneau can provide which is lodging for ourselves and guests, transportation, supplies, and emergency services at Bartlett Hospital.

If absorption into the proposed Hoonah Borough were to occur, the proposed taxations would present a financial burden and vulnerability to our family and our small business. The tax revenue collected by the borough would not have any direct benefits to our micro community.

Sincerely,
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