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To whom it may concern:

Today I was made aware of the fact that Hoonah (Xunaa) is attempting to create a borough, so I did a bit of reading and was quite surprised at their request. From outward appearances, it looks like they are grossly overreaching their actual size with the amount of land they want to include in their claim.

I want to point out that they don't even meet the requirement of having a population of 1,000 residents or more. The DCRA town database ([arcgis.com](https://arcgis.com)) says that Hoonah's population in 2022 was 917 people, which has shrunk from the 2020 population of 931 people. This attempt seems inappropriate, considering their population base is diminishing, rather than growing.

Other communities near or within this proposed borough will be affected, and from what I can gather from the city of Pelican's website, their community is adamantly against this proposal.

I would advocate for NOT allowing this proposal to move forward, as it does not meet the requirements for creating a borough, it grossly overreaches its logical boundaries, and it will negatively affect the surrounding communities of that part of Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

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