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Local Boundary Commission
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Talkeetna, Ak
July 11, 2000

Re: Incorporation of Talkeetna.

To Whom it may concern:

Although I am not entirely against some form of incorporation for the village of Talkeetna, I am totally opposed to the Home Rule concept.

For five plus years, I participated in almost all of the meetings when we drafted the Talkeetna Comprehensive Plan. During those meetings, it was so obvious that the underlying goal strived for was to achieve zoning in its strongest form in the plan area. I feel the incorporation intent is to strengthen that attitude with Home Rule.

The incorporation petitioners have not really given any justification for incorporation other than to zoning powers. The Mat-Su Borough is capable of and does provide for the services the village and area requires.

I have been involved to some degree for almost 20 years out of the past 26 with some of the hands on daily problems in this area. I do not feel comfortable with the thought of local laymen being able to achieve and maintain some of the quality of knowledge that we are to get out of the Borough Engineer Pool if needed, even though I also sometimes disagree with them.

I feel the setting and collecting of taxes has not been explored enough. There appears to be some uncertainty about being able to handle the Road Service, the Water & Sewer and possibly some others that I may not be aware of.

I must say I am opposed to this incorporation and ask you to reject it in its entirety.

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Thank You,
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