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SENATOR JOHN TORGERSON

- Chair, Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
- Chair, Senate Resources Committee
- Chair, Joint Committee on Natural Gas Pipelines

DATE: April 6, 2001

TO: Tam Cook, Legal

FROM: Mary Jackson

RE: Local Boundary Commission – Constitutional Standing

Senator Torgerson has received a letter from a group of citizens in Homer regarding the current process for annexation. They have posed several remedies but we are uncertain as to the viability of those suggestions because of the constitutional standing of the LBC. I would appreciate your providing a legal opinion in response to the below comments.

Legislative Review. The best way to change this would be to amend the Constitution to remove the Legislative Review method entirely. Another, less drastic, solution would be to put into statute that no petition could be submitted to the LBC until it had been voted on by the affected citizens. The Legislature could also veto any petition sent to them that does not have the consent of the people.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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