

HB

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Dear Mr. Gardiner:

I am writing this letter in reference to HB83 which may be before your Judiciary Committee now, and which is a very important piece of legislation for people in the Seward area.

You are probably somewhat aware of the recent attempts by the City of Seward to annex up to 56 square miles of state land in this area. The City did manage to annex an area of 10 square miles which had only 8 permanent residents, and has given notice that it intends to eventually annex the remaining areas contrary to the wishes of nearly everyone in those areas.

The people of the rural areas of Seward (approximately 1000) would benefit greatly by passage of this bill, because it would finally give them a voice concerning which direction their future takes. This voice has been denied them in the past due to totally unresponsive legislators (Specking & Kerttula) and to an insensitive City Administration. It should be duly noted that the citizens who reside within the present Seward City Limits also voted overwhelmingly not to annex the outlying areas.

I am hopeful that the House Judiciary Committee will look favorably upon House Bill 83, and pass it on with high recommendations. This is a sorely needed piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



Thomas Taggart