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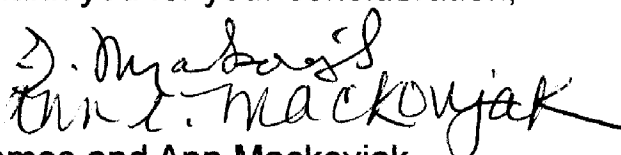
Dear Ms. Sponholz,

We have lived in Gustavus since the 1970s and raised three children here. We supported the Nature Conservancy's purchase of lands in our community and value highly the opportunities available on these lands. We also appreciate that they are being protected and provide habitat for wildlife, including moose, which are an important subsistence resource in Gustavus.

We are writing to express our strong objection regarding the proposed transfer of the Gustavus TNC lands to the Hoonah Indian Association.

The City of Gustavus supported TNC's purchase of these lands. We personally donated to local fundraising efforts to help with this purchase, as well, so that these lands would be protected from development and remain accessible to everyone in perpetuity. We hike on these lands often. The thought of these lands being transferred to the Hoonah Indian Association, which will not be held to keeping these lands preserved for all in their natural state, makes us feel betrayed.

Thank you for your consideration,


James and Ann Mackovjak