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Ivy Spohnholz, State Director  
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Hello Ivy,

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed transfer of the Gustavus TNC lands to the Hoonah Indian Association (HIA).

These lands, which are currently entrusted to The Nature Conservancy Alaska, were placed into a conservation easement for the purpose of protecting them from any future development and to ensure that current and future generations be able to access and enjoy the pristine open space these nearby areas afford for both residents and visitors. Gustavus residents had a major role in helping to raise the money from

multiple sources for this express purpose and in building and maintaining the Nagoonberry trail, which so many of us enjoy each season of the year.

I would strongly favor that TNC Alaska consider keeping the land in trust with the Nature Conservancy. If this isn't an option, then it's very important that the community of Gustavus be invited to be part of the conversation to help decide on the future management of these lands to ensure that they remain in the same state in perpetuity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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