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Subject: Johni, please forward this testimony to all Borough Assembly Members and Charlie Pierce

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My name is Darwin Waldsmith and I am a 51 year resident of Ninilchik. My residence is located at Mile 131 1/2 Sterling Highway, Ninilchik. I am unable to testify in person as I am currently out of the area.

My objections to being in the Homer Hospital Area is that the distance from my house to the Homer Hospital is longer than that from the Soldotna Hospital.

All my medical appointments are in the Kenai/Soldotna area. Plus, all our business dealings occur there, including accountants and insurance agents as examples. Also, we can call the Soldotna area toll-free, while calls to Homer are long distance. We have far more choices of doctors, pharmacies and physical therapists in the Soldotna/Kenai area. It is also an easier drive.

In case of serious illness that might require a medivac, the Soldotna Hospital is much closer to larger facilities in Anchorage. To go to the Homer Hospital first, we would be driving in the wrong direction.

I want my tax dollars to go to support the closest hospital area to me, and the one I use. In this case, it is the Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna. Moving the boundaries will put us into the area that serves us.

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