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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall
House Committee on Natural Resources
2111 Rayburn HOB
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Re: H.R. 3560: *The Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act.*

Dear Representative Rahall:

We are residents of Hydaburg, Alaska, and we object to the inclusion of Nutkwa, Keete, *or* Mabel Bay in the Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act. These areas are important to the community of Hydaburg for hunting, fishing and trapping and have been utilized for many, many years. The devastation of deer and salmon habitat in our traditional lands over the past twenty-five years as a result of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) is reducing Hydaburg's opportunities for subsistence. ANCSA has left Hydaburg worse off than before its enactment.

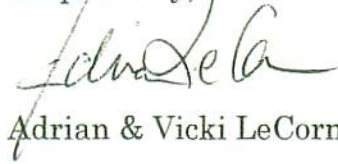
Sealaska Corporation is certainly entitled to more acreage, but that acreage should not once again come from the traditional lands of the Haida in Cordova Bay. We believe the Haida have sacrificed enough of their traditional lands to satisfy the needs of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act with little or no economic return to the community. Look at the maps of ANCSA corporation lands in southeast Alaska and it is easily seen that a good portion of the lands surrounding Hydaburg have been given to ANCSA corporations.

At some point, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act should enrich our community and improve the quality of the life of our people. Sealaska Corporation is like a large bureaucracy with many well paid executives and a highly compensated board of directors, but they have done very little to improve the quality of life in our community. Hydaburg should be offered assurances that this finalization of land entitlement will provide some positive benefits to the Native village of Hydaburg.

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Please include our letter in the record of the hearing on H.R. 3560 held on November 14th.

Respectfully,



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