

Please ax the new tax

To the editor and Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly members:

Please ax the tax. Please do not pursue an ordinance on implementing a new tax on Lake and Peninsula Borough residents. We know the new borough is just starting to get off the ground and may never fly like an SST or a Boeing 747, but a Cherokee Six will do just fine.

I understand your predicament of having to pay more borough funds to run the schools than what the Department of Community and Regional Affairs misled most into believing prior to forming a borough.

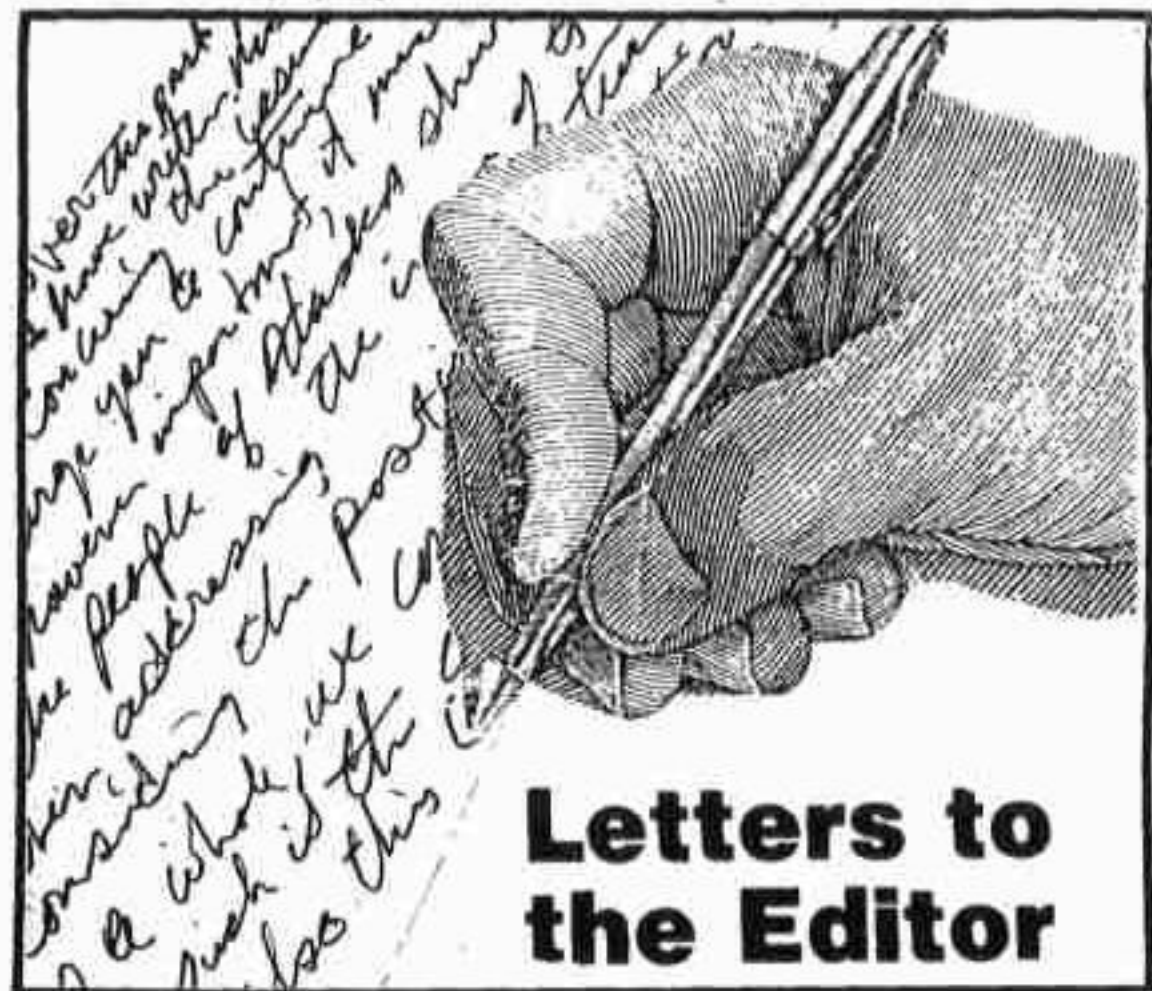
In fact, Community and Regional Affairs misled the voters in a big way! DCRA said that they did a thorough property value assessment on the proposed borough's property and placed it at \$32 million. Later when the actual real audit was done, the value was placed at \$102.

After much maneuvering, that

figure was lowered to \$60 million, decreasing the borough's required sharing of funding for schools. This figure is still almost 200 percent higher than the original DCRA figure. Either it was a very foggy day when the DCRA man flew over the region doing his property value assessment or someone had some funny motives. This is DCRA's mistake, not the borough's.

In fact, this was such a big mistake that state government has put a one-year moratorium on borough formations, annexations and city incorporations. Please, don't make the taxpayers pay for someone else's mistake by putting on a sales tax. Besides, the voters just voted down a sales tax in April.

There are a number of other reasons to ax the tax: One very good reason would be the 50 percent decline in the price of salmon received by the Bristol



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