PETITION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED PROPERTY OWNER, STATE THAT THE PURPOSE OF MY SIGNATURE ON THIS PETITION IS TO RESPECTFULLY INSIST THAT ALL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WORK TO PROTECT AND RESPECT MY RIGHTS AS PROPERTY OWNER AND WORK TO ELIMINATE THE CURRENT OVER-USE AND ABUSE OF INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION LAWS IN THE TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGES, AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THIS GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. IN VIEW OF THE PERSONAL HARDSHIP, EXPENSE, AND DISRUPTION ATTENDANT TO INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION, TANTAMOUNT TO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION, I HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUEST:

1: That NO Town, City, Village, or Municipality includes my property in any governmentally initiated involuntary annexation effort, including Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) efforts.

2: The State of North Carolina Legislature to ABOLISH ALL INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION LAWS and to create a process in line with other states' practices which give greater respect to the rights, interests, and voice of property owners. If abolishing involuntary annexation outright cannot be accomplished, I ask the Legislature to review and REVISE ALL ANNEXATION STATUTES to ensure property owner protections including but not limited to notice and an opportunity to be heard prior to initiating annexation; representation by elected local government; opt-in/opt-out and other choices; and procedural safeguards, such safeguards to include, without limitation, requiring a property owner's elected local representative to be involved in the annexation decision and requiring such representative's board, council or commission's authorization before any Town, City, Village, or Municipality may proceed with any involuntary annexation.

3: That NO Town, City, Village, or Municipality include my property in any governmentally-initiated annexation efforts until request #2 has been addressed by the North Carolina Legislature. This request includes any governmentally-initiated Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) efforts.

4: That any Town, City, Village, or Municipality that chooses to ignore the above requests and initiates action to annex my property against my will, should enact a rule to REQUIRE A ¾ MAJORITY VOTE OF SUPPORT for such action by the governing body making such decisions. I further request that the North Carolina Legislature enact a law requiring such a ¾ majority to be incorporated in all annexation statutes.

Owner (PLEASE PRINT)	#	Street	City	ST	ZIP	Phone	Signature & Date	Signature & Date
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