

House Bill 4 Senate Testimony: April 3, 2013

Honorable members of the Resource Committee, the City of Valdez truly appreciates your willingness to objectively explore the potential consequences of this bill.

The original sponsors have done an excellent job convincing everyone that this bill will now, **FINALLY**, after decades of false starts, get Alaska's gas to Alaskans. And they're right, it very likely will.

It also makes sure that we serve Alaskans first, not the global energy markets.

It ensures that all future state revenue needs, will only ever come from oil production, and that our natural gas resources would be preserved for only in-state use.

No question... This legislation definitely moves us closer to realizing these goals.

And if you truly believe, that that's all that's really required of our vast gas reserves in order to secure a bright future for our grandkids; then by all means, pass this thing out of committee right now and just git-er-dun!

BUT, if you believe, that just having gas isn't good enough, that that gas also needs to be affordable;

Or, if you believe, that Alaska's gas might belong to all Alaskans, not just those in the pipeline corridor;

Or, if you believe, that over the next several decades, future state expenditures are likely going to exceed future state revenue from just the production of oil;

Then maybe you should seriously consider whether this is really the best gasoline option.

Just because this is the only option in front of you at the moment, doesn't mean that this is the one you have to settle for! The sponsors are dead wrong when they say that this is the only **REAL** project moving forward.

Someone really needs to show those sponsors the years of work that has already been done, and hundreds of millions of dollars that has already been spent under AGIA; as well as the February 15th letter from all three of the major North Slope producers, stating that they have **FINALLY** reached alignment on a large volume gasoline project, that would give us everything we'd hope to get under this piece of legislation, and so much more!

Please, Please... do not be bullied by the Speaker of the House or anyone else into compromising your judgment, on what will amount to be the most important decision this state has faced since the development of the oil pipeline.

It's your Legacy; and it's our Future

Please don't waste our **ONE** opportunity to build a gasoline on this dangerous gamble! For the sake of all our futures... Kill this bill... Or at the very least, take the time to fully evaluate the alternatives and don't rush this thing through. Thank you

John Hozey
Valdez City Manager

My name is Cindy Rymer. I am a 37 year resident of the State of Alaska.

The residents of Alaska voted in 2002 to approve a large volume gas line to tide water.

Had we followed through on that we would not have this bill in front of you today. BUT we are here and in an energy crisis and House Bill 4 does nothing to help ALL Alaskans. I am asking you to vote No on House Bill 4. Please put your efforts to SB23 for Fairbanks and sorry to say but import gas for the Anchorage and surrounding areas till more gas can be drilled in the Cook inlet.

I have two daughters that we encouraged to go to college in state, which both now live in Anchorage. They are on single incomes and cannot afford to pay for gas at any price just to get gas. House Bill 4 does nothing for most of the coastal communities outside of the rail belt leaving thousands Alaskans with high energy cost. I am asking you to get the right line moving forward, the right line has spur lines to get gas to communities, and export to tidewater to bring money to the State of Alaska. We have done a study that has a budget of 500 million dollars through AGIA process and where are the results of that?

The dwindling oil revenues are going to take their toll on Alaska in the coming years, so again please vote NO on House Bill 4 and put your efforts into a large diameter gas line with export that will produce revenue and benefits for ALL Alaskans

Please slow down, look at what's best for the State of Alaska. Vote No on house Bill 4 and then get the right line going that we voted for in 2002.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Rymer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madam Chair
April, 3 2013

Chairman Sen. Gietzel
And members of the Senate Energy Resources M

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

As a lifelong Alaskan who started school under territorial days, Graduated under Statehood and eventually retired from being an Alaskan History /government teacher. I urge you to support a bill that will in a direct way benefit all Alaskans.

Make certain that the resource is used to the benefit of Alaskans in Ketchikan, Dawson Creek, Pilot Station, Unalaska, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Eagle and even Tenakee Springs. *Unalaska, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Eagle, Tenakee Springs*

As a former Government teacher I read the original HB 4 and was very concerned

- with the secrecy and lack of oversight of the corporation
- exemption from normal procurement procedures.
- lack of the Export component to allow Alaskans to take advantage of lower rates.
- And the exemption of judicial review and superior court judgment.

I remember the expectation when the pipeline was built that we would have cheap gas and heating oil.

Please do not rush this bill just to do something.

Please make sure that this legislation benefits ALL Alaskans.

Please be Statesmen, regardless of your gender and not just Politician's as you consider this legislation.

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Resource Comm.
(committee name)

committee on HB4, dated 4/3/13
(bill # / subject)

This is my 3rd winter in Valdez, AK. The high cost of fuel & electricity is making it difficult to survive. Each month I struggle to pay the bills. Between mortgage & utility bills, there is nothing left. And, I know I am not alone. As elected officials, I urge you to find a solution. HB4 is not a solution for all Alaskans. It only serves communities that have access through the rail system. We need a solution for all Alaskans as a resident of Valdez. I implore you to consider the alternative: the maximum volume Pipeline, which equals more volume, more revenue, a steady stream of income for the state, AND most importantly Affordable Energy.

Signed:

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