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From: Kay Gouwens <kaygouwens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Tax me, use PFD revenue, stop the oil company credits

Please! The time to act is now, not next year. We need to have a balanced and sustainable economic package that includes the already-passed budget cuts and an income tax, restructure d PF, and a discontinuation of the oil credits.

Respectfully,

Kay Gouwens

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Sent from my iPhone; enjoy any weird auto-corrections.

Doniece Gott

From: Shannan Guthrie <sguthrie@gci.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:02 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Urgent Request - Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 245

All

I urge you to make the right decision for the state of Alaska and please use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings as part of a budget solution!

Thank you

Shannan Guthrie

Doniece Gott

From: Gary Sanders <captainsnad99@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:00 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Do the job you are paid to do!

It is imperative that the legislature pass measures to come up with a long-term solution to the State's budget situation. If that solution involves new taxes, including re-enstating a state income tax, or using the earnings from the Permanent Fund, so be it. I believe that it would be very irresponsible for this legislature not to fix this problem and pass it on to the next legislative session. I will not vote for any current member of either chamber who does not take action to support solving the State's budget shortfall.

Sincerely,

Gary Sanders

Doniece Gott

From: terryg6@mosquitonet.com
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fund Alaska

To Finance Committee Members:

Yes, use the Permanent Dividend Fund to meet the needs of Alaskans and to close the 4 billion dollar budgetary gap. I also encourage you to re-instate the State income tax.

Teresa Glendinning
Fairbanks, Ak.

Doniece Gott

From: John Anderson <johnanderson.andy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Broad based plan

Committee members

This takes courage To do things that are not politically prudent, requires leadership

Do what's best for Alaska

John Anderson

Past chair. WACO. Willow area Community Org. Former Planning Commissioner Mat-Borough

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Steve Hill <Steve.Hill@Flyravn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 9:47 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Permanent Fund

As much as we don't like having to do it, we need to use the Permanent Fund to solve the Budget shortfall. Please act now!!!!!!

Thanks,

Steve Hill

Doniece Gott

From: Marlar, Jerry <jmarlar@ncmachinery.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 9:57 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Use of Permanent Fund Earnings

We need action now and using a portion of our Permanent Fund earnings must be part of any budget solution.

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Doniece Gott

From: Sean Christian <sean.christian@nrim.com>
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 128

To whom it may concern:

It is very clear to me that any solution for stabilizing Alaska's future must include using a portion of our Permanent Fund earnings and taxes. We have had a great ride over the past several decades, but it is not sustainable. We simply can't cut our way out of this one, although many cuts must also be made. I know that these decisions are tough, but please know that Alaskan's are smart and we understand basic math and the current numbers don't add up. Please muster up the courage to make the right decisions and have faith that the majority of Alaskan will support you in the end.

Thank you.

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From: Chris Gill <cgill@gci.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: ACT NOW!!!!

Please do not delay in making the hard decisions that need to be made this legislative session!!!

I urge you to use a combinations of budget cuts, the Permanent Fund Earnings, and an income tax to solve the current budget crisis.

Chris Gill – 4th Generation Life Long Alaskan & Voter

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Doniece Gott

From: Samuel Moore <moore.samuel.a@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:05 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 128

Dear Senate Finance Committee members,

I'm writing you today to urge action on SB 128.

Alaska needs a long-term, sustainable budget solution which includes continued right-sizing of government spending, a broad based tax, and restructuring of the Permanent Fund to be a quasi-endowment for state services. Please consider SB128 and pass it out of committee.

Thank you for your continued efforts in this budgetary crisis.

Regards,
Sam

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From: David Fox <dfox@gci.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Use of Permanent Fund Earnings

Dear Senators,

The single most important action for the Senate & House to take is to restructure the PFD. It was designed for just this purpose. If we do not act soon enough, with broad enough measures, it will be too late & next year our state will face even more dire circumstances.

Now is the time to strive for bipartisan agreement & for real leaders to emerge who are willing to do the right thing – even if it may be the un-popular thing to do. In his Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Profiles in Courage*, President John F. Kennedy wrote: "A man does what he must - in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of all human morality."

I would suggest his words ring true for those of you entrusted with our future.

My Best,

David Fox

Doniece Gott

From: Paul Norton <nortak329@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Use permanent fund

Please use the permanent fund for running the state. Do away with the dividend untill oil reaches \$75 per barrel.

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Timothy H <tpillyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: ACT NOW, Use Permanent Fund earnings to close the budget

I am a concerned lifelong Alaskan in Anchorage. I believe we must use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to help close our current budget gap. This does not have to be a permanent solution. Tell constituents that this is not a permanent change. Add language into the bill that states that if State Oil and Gas revenues increase to a sustainable level that using PF earnings will stop.

I would rather see all of the Permanent Fund Earnings be used to cover the budget gap (no PFD) than any additional taxes be added, although is not likely the best decision for Alaska's poor.

My suggestion, cap the PFD for 2017 at \$800 or \$1000 per person and use the rest to cover the budget.

Also, taxing Alcohol and Tabaco to the extent that we have the highest Alcohol and Tabaco taxes in the nation is unacceptable. These taxes hurt Alaska's poor the most. These taxes are also unlikely to decrease consumption of either. Poor Alaskan will just use more of their incomes to pay for Alcohol and Tabaco.

Sincerely,

Timothy Hillyer, 31
Alaskan

Doniece Gott

From: Justin Freeman <alaskajf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:11 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Permanent Fund Earnings

Senate Finance Committee Members,

The Permanent Fund was created for a time when oil revenue wasn't going to be enough to run our state. That time has finally come. This is the potential future for which they were planning. We are clearly the wealthiest state in the Union (per capita), yet we are acting like we are the poorest.

I think it is time to use earnings from the fund to help bridge our fiscal gap. The fund should continue to grow, but at a somewhat slower rate.

Thank you for your service,
Justin Freeman

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From: Patrick Cowan <birchridgegolf@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Oil & Gas Credits and earnings of the Permanent Fund

Honorable Senators, Please compromise on the Oil & Tax Credits and allow use of Permanent Fund Earnings and set a cap on the Dividend.

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From: Marcella Cresap <tmcresap@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Budget

Please, please take care of The Alaskan economy by, first, taking a bit of the PFD but Insure that there will be a small dividend in the future. Then impose an income tax. Alaskans are so spoiled with all the free money they receive from the state.

I am a 74-year-old senior and have learned that we all need to sacrifice to bette our state.

Marcella Cresap

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Levitation 49 <levitation49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:15 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Do the right thing!

Don't do what's politically expedient or easy.

Do the right thing for Alaska's future.

Yes on Permanent fund, income tax, tax on other industries and reduced subsidies to oil and gas.

As Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said:

"I've often heard the complaint from both Democrat and Republican voters alike that they hate the fact that politicians get into office and they - and they're fearful, they're fearful to make tough decisions because they think more about the next election than they do about the next generation."

You must realize this is one of those times that you must make tough decisions. Kicking this down the road will have far greater negative consequences to your chances for re-election than if you just make the tough decisions and do what's necessary to get Alaska's economy on a more reasonable and sustainable path.

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Doniece Gott

From: John Cooley <jscooley68@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:18 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee; House Finance
Subject: SB 128 and HB 245

Act now to fix the financial crisis. There is no free lunch, we need to pay for the services we use. We can't have all our eggs in the oil basket, that one sprung a permanent leak. Waiting makes it worse, we don't want a repeat of the 80's.

John Cooley

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From: Timothy H <tphillyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fix our budget problems NOW.

I am a concerned Alaskan.

Please do not procrastinate on closing the budget gap. Do not deplete the CBR any further. This is short sighted and irresponsible.

Use PF earnings to cover the budget gap.

Call the bill and emergency bill. Drastic times call for drastic measures. Just because we must use PF earnings this year does not mean that this has to happen every year.

To get more buy in from constituents, I suggest including in the bill a temporary 5% pay reduction in legislatures salaries as a sign of solidarity with Alaskans.

Stop finger pointing and champion the future of Alaska. Alaska is headed for a recession, it is up to the legislature to act now to reduced the severity of this recession. Cutting government spending so severely in one year will make the recession worse, FACT. Please make the hard decisions. Forget idealistic principals and embrace the reality of our fiscal situation.

Thank you,

Concerned Alaskan

Doniece Gott

From: Judy <jjonslow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Balance our budget.

Use the PFD And new taxes. Please do the job you were elected to do.

Judith Onslow
Sent from my iPhone
Judy

Doniece Gott

From: WILLIAM TATSUDA <WBTATSUDA@KPUNET.NET>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Use Permanent Fund Earnings and new taxes, eliminate oil credits to balance budget

Dear Finance Committee,

The State of Alaska Legislature should act responsibly and without delay to balance the State's budget. The Governor has proposed a workable plan using Permanent Fund Earnings, new taxes, and ending oil credits to prevent the State from going into a financial disaster. You are there to make tough decisions and you must act now in order to prevent more pain later. Pass the Governor's proposals before it is too late.

William Tatsuda, President

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Doniece Gott

From: Deb Luper <dcluper@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Use Permanent Fund Earnings to Balance State Budget - Reduce PFD

I support reducing or even eliminating the PFD in order to balance the state budget.

Please introduce legislation to use the Permanent Fund earnings to balance the budget this year and in future years.

Sincerely, Deb Luper

Doniece Gott

From: Barbara Bundy <bebundy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:29 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget Crisis - Please Act

Dear Finance Committee,

It appears that in the recently passed budget, the Legislature is planning to fund government out of the CBR again this year.

Surely that's not the final plan! I cannot think of a worse idea. The math is simple. Many people complain about new taxes or cuts or restructuring the permanent fund, but nobody actually disputes the numbers.

The fact that many voters don't like reality doesn't excuse the Legislature from their sworn obligation to deal with reality.

If you don't muster the political will now, we will all pay the price in the form of a major economic crash. That's not a Chicken Little prediction, it's very basic addition and subtraction.

My husband and I are successful professionals and homeowners with children in the public schools. We'd like to stay in Alaska, invest in our property and business interests, and do our part to help the state prosper. No way are we investing a red cent in anything unless the Legislature passes a real budget that doesn't just kick the can down the road. And there are many others like us. Please do the following:

- Raise revenues in the form of income tax, sales tax, or both. The free ride is OVER whether people like it or not. There is zero evidence to suggest that oil prices and production will recover enough to cover the gap in the next decade. Zero. I'm happy to pay for services that my community enjoys. I don't expect freebies.
- Restructure the Permanent Fund. "Saving" our dividends in their current form is not an option. You know as well as I do that they'll be gone after the 2017-18 budget anyway - the CBR will not pay for another year.
- Cut spending. There are still cuts to be made without abandoning law enforcement, infrastructure, and basic humanitarian function.

The reality is unpleasant, but if we miss this last-ditch opportunity to deal with it, it will be even more unpleasant. You've been elected to govern with knowledge, facts, and wisdom, not to do whatever is most popular at any given moment.

Please know that there are many of us who will fully support you to take an unpopular position that will save our state in the long term. I beg you to join the ranks of great statesmen, like Jay Hammond and Ted Stevens, who put Alaska's future first.

Thank you,
Barbara Bundy
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Doniece Gott

From: Charlotte Fox <cafox@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: don't leave Alaska hanging!

We elected you to lead Alaska to a new tomorrow – to help all of us craft a sustainable future. Please don't pass a budget without creating at least one new revenue stream through the PFD.

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