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YOUR FULL NAME: Daniel Sullivan Circle one: Support ☐ **Opposed** ☒

REPRESENTING (ORGANIZATION OR SELF): Self

BILL #: SJR 9 Subject: Proposed Constitutional amendment

COMMITTEE NAME: Senate Finance HEARING DATE: 2-3-14

I'd like to speak against SJR 9. I have been in the teaching profession since 1998. In those 16 some years, I've taught in charter schools, private schools and parochial schools, in 3 states and two countries.

The Governor and legislature has seen fit to flat fund and defund education to the point where failure will be inevitable. The lax effort we see in Anchorage and Fairbanks and Juneau will certainly make it difficult to maintain the quality of education students there now receive. My district, with high achievement but declining enrollment, may soon be in the same situation. Allowing public money for private and religious schools will further dilute the scarce resources available for public education. I encourage you to reject this proposal and instead focus on providing adequate funding now and in the future for Alaska public schools.

Thank you for submitting my written comments to the record.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Sullivan

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