

Konrad Jackson

From: Nancy Shaw <nancyshaw@ak.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 10:37 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rick Boyles
Subject: Minimum Wage Bill

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I oppose HB378. The ballot initiative proposes a sensible minimum wage and adjustments pegged to the cost of living so that the minimum wage holds steady in years to come. The voters are in the best position to decide whether workers deserve a better shot at supporting themselves and whether the proposed wage is affordable for the employers and for the consumers that will bear increased costs. Withdrawing this decision from the voters will give the impression that the legislature is poised to subvert the initiative, as it did a similar one in 2002. The legislature's integrity is barely recovering from the exposure of corruption in its ranks of a few years ago; going forward with the initiative process will spare the legislature the claim that it still doesn't play fair.

Nancy Shaw

Konrad Jackson

From: Frank Kelly <frank.ekelly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 10:36 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: vince@akaficio.org
Subject: Bill hub 384

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I oppose Bill HB384, In 2002 the legislature passed a min. Wage bill identical to the ballot initiative submitted with over 50,000 signatures by the AFL-CIO. Please do not make the same mistake that happened in 2002. Let the voters of alaska choose for them self , Thank you for your time ,,,, Frank Kelly Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: Philip Utley - NOAA Affiliate <philip.utley@noaa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 7:21 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: ewhitmer@akteamsters.com
Subject: Good Faith minimum wage

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Republican representatives appear to be committed to marginalizing the middle class by consistently reducing wages, either by not increasing them with inflation or denial of COLA provisions, while increasing the tax advantages to corporations and wealthy donors. Money can buy effective propaganda to dupe many people, and has a powerful corrupting influence, but the long-term stability of society requires a robust middle class. Without it we will not thrive as a nation, and allow our children to live in a better world. Policies that raise the living standard of the majority, raise the living standard of everyone. Corporations cannot survive without consumers that have income to spend on nonessentials, and society cannot survive a generation that lived their childhood in poverty.

Please increase the minimum wage and protect the Alaskan COLA.

Sincerely,

Philip Utley

Konrad Jackson

From: uncommoncents <uncommoncents@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: vince@akaficio.org
Subject: hb378

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please vote no on hb378 as alot of people remember the last time this min wage bill in 2002 happened.we should not fall for the same trick twice.have a clue! sincerely.gregory d allen

From: [Paul](#)
To: [Rep. Kurt Olson](#)
Cc: vince@akafcio.org
Date: Saturday, April 05, 2014 9:43:27 AM

Representative Olson I strongly oppose HB378. As you know in 2002, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase, just to keep it off the ballot, and then passed a new minimum wage bill gutting the previous year's increase. Don't allow history to repeat itself. Let the people vote on the ballot initiative. Don't undermine the process. And don't play games with elections.

Respectfully . . .

Paul Kroenung – ECBFC (Education Coordinator at the Bottom of the Food Chain)

Konrad Jackson

From: John Bennett <hydrojohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. Kurt Olson; Sen. Click Bishop
Subject: Re: Oppose HB378, CORRECTION OPPOSE S/B HB384

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I apologize for clogging your mail box with a confusing email

Please oppose **HB384** and let the ballot initiative process take its course. The Legislature had years to address this problem, and shirked its responsibility. Let's see where Alaskans stand on this, so that it won't be so easily overturned in the near future.

If you insist on voting on a minimum wage bill, please propose an amendment to raise it to a living wage of \$15.00/hr.

Please don't play politics with Alaskan's livelihoods.

Thank you for your time,

John D. Bennett

1479 Farmers Loop Road

Fairbanks

Konrad Jackson

From: Jackie <jackieadeszko@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 8:08 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: I oppose HB378

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Please just let the people vote. You know we (the workers of the US) want it (minimum wage) so leave it alone and let us vote. Legislation is simply an attempt by certain members of the legislature to control the issue.

We don't need HB 378 - we need a higher minimum wage and we'll get it with the vote.

Jacqueline T Endsley
18028 Sanctuary Dr.
Eagle River, AK. 99577

Change the way you look at things, and the things you look at will change.

Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: Yahoo - Susan.j907 <susan.j907@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 5:02 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB 378

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**Thank you,
Susan Johnson**

Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: Noah Sunflower <NoahS@union878.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:44 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Let the voters choose on minimum wage

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Dear Mr. Olson,

I am opposed to HB 378. I have lived in Alaska for the past six years. I vote in every election and I think it is very important that Alaskans get the chance at an up or down vote on the minimum wage. I understand what the plan is by proposing this bill you hope to undermine the initiative process and gut the language in the minimum wage referendum. If you don't think the referendum is a good idea I implore you and your republican colleagues to campaign against it but please don't subvert the democratic process with legislative tricks

Sincerely

Noah Sunflower

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Anchorage, AK 99501

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Konrad Jackson

From: Angelina Cinquegrani <Acinquegrani@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:39 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rick Boyles
Subject: HB378

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Dear Representative Olson:

My name is Angelina. I am a 24 year-old voter, and a lifelong Alaskan. I am writing today to inform you that I am one of the many Alaskan voters who oppose HB378.

Through local media coverage and by recounts from 'more-seasoned' Alaskan voters, I have been educated on the history of past wage initiatives like this one. In 2002, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase (which in my opinion was a way to *seemingly* satisfy voters), that was obviously only passed to be able to keep it off the ballot and out of the voters' power; then they turned around and passed a new minimum wage bill, gutting the previous year's increase, way after the fact. I do NOT want this process to repeat itself.

Don't undermine the voting process, and don't play games with this election by pushing HB378. We already know (based on the aforementioned history) that HB378 is NOT the same minimum wage initiative we want to see passed. So, in following your duties as a Representative to us, please help to ensure that everyone has the chance to vote on the minimum wage ballot initiative.

Sincerely,
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Konrad Jackson

From: Danny Esparza <dannye@union878.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:28 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: vince@akaficio.org
Subject: minimum wage

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Dear Representative Olson . I've live in Alaska for 40 years and a lot of my friend's are a minimum wage workers and I know how they struggle to make daily need to provide to they families so I OPPOSE HB378 , I remember that in 2002 the legislature passes a minimum wage increase that keep it the initiative off the ballot. Mr. Olson I vote on every election since 1985 and I feel very proud to exercise my right to vote for many reason's like give me the opportunity to choose what is good for my family and also for My Son that he is fighting in the Army for us to go to the polls and vote . Please don't allow history to repeat itself and give me the opportunity to decide for myself what is good for me and my family. Thank you

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Konrad Jackson

From: Kris Lira <Klira@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:20 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB378

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I oppose HB378. Isn't this the same thing that happened back in (2002)? There was a ballot initiative coming up for a vote regarding minimum wage increases but before it could be voted on, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase. So, we never got to vote on it. And then a new bill was passed the following year that took all the wind out of the previous year's increase!

Please just let us vote on it this time so that the legislature can't make changes later without the voters' input. Please join me in opposing HB378.

Kris Lira, Voter

Konrad Jackson

From: Eileen Whitmer <ewhitmer@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:18 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rick Boyles
Subject: HB378

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Representative Olsen,

I oppose HB378. Let the ballot initiative process run its course and allow the people to vote!

Thank you,

Eileen Whitmer

Fairbanks Business Manager

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Konrad Jackson

From: Rick Traini <Rtraini@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:17 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Minimum Wage

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Representative Olson,

I oppose HB378, and strongly encourage you to withdraw the bill from consideration. Similar efforts to undermine the ballot initiatives have not met with public approval, and are harmful to the integrity of the democratic process. We've gone down this road before. In 2002, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase thereby keeping it off the ballot. Shortly afterwards the legislature passed a new minimum wage bill gutting the previous year's increase. Don't allow history to repeat itself. Let the people vote on the ballot initiative.

Thank you for the reconsideration of your position.

Rick

Rick Traini

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Konrad Jackson

From: Philip Utley <qatfish@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 4:15 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Raise the wage!

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Dear Kurt,
Get serious about supporting the people you represent. Stand up for wage increases, for all our sakes.

Kathryn Utley
Sent from my iPad

Konrad Jackson

From: michael welsh <welshmichael@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 4:00 PM
To: Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. Kurt Olson; Sen. Click Bishop
Subject: RE: Oppose HB378, CORRECTION OPPOSE S/B HB384

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Dear Sir:

Please oppose **HB384** and allow the ballot initiative process take its course. The Legislature had years to address this problem, and shirked its responsibility. Let us see where Alaskans stand on this, so that it won't be so easily overturned in the near future.

If you insist on voting on a minimum wage bill, please propose an amendment to raise it to a living wage of \$15.00/hr.

Please don't play politics with Alaskan's livelihoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Welsh

Fairbanks

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From: Pat Falon <pljd@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 9:11 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB378

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Konrad Jackson

From: Anna Bell Stevens <astevens@ak.org>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 5:53 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: 'Vince Beltrami'
Attachments: Anna Bell Stevens.vcf

I oppose HB 384.

AnnaBell Stevens

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Konrad Jackson

From: Jeff Goldsmith <JGoldsmith@fnsb.us>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 7:47 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: vince@akaficio.org
Subject: HB384



Kurt,

I oppose HB384. Please don't do it to us again. Just like in 2002, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase, keeping it off the ballot, and then passed a new minimum wage bill gutting the previous year's increase. Don't allow history to repeat itself. Let the people vote on the ballot initiative. Don't undermine the process and don't play games with elections.

Jeff Goldsmith
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Sent from my DELL computer

Konrad Jackson

From: Terri Quinlan <tquinlan@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 8:00 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB 378

Hello Representative Olson,

I urge all our representatives to remember that you need to represent the people you are supposed to be to representing.

I oppose HB 378, Alaska is long overdue for a minimum wage increase, and latest poll shows 70%

of Alaska's citizens support an initiative to raise the minimum raise. Don't bring more "politics" into it with this bill. Let the citizens vote!

Sincerely,

Terri Quinlan/ 45 year Alaskan

Konrad Jackson

From: Dale Miller <Dmiller@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 8:28 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Minimum Wage

Representative Olson,

I am writing you to express my strong opposition to HB378. I, like a majority of Alaskans, favor the initiative to raise the minimum wage in Alaska.

However, I am strongly opposed to the Legislature acting on HB378. I was around in 2002 and signed the petition to put the minimum wage issue to the voters. The Legislature at that time decided to preempt that vote by introducing and passing similar language only to come back less than a year later and destroy the most compelling part of the law, the inflation proofing.

Don't let history repeat itself when you have the ability to listen to the people of Alaska and let them speak on this issue. I urge you to allow the Alaskan Voters the chance to decide on whether we once again become leaders of the country in supporting the workers of our State, or continue to show how little we value people's labor.

Thank you for your service to the State,

Dale Miller

Konrad Jackson

From: Tim Morgan <Tmorgan@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 8:29 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Minimum Wage Bill HB378

Dear Representative Olsen,

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Tim Morgan

Konrad Jackson

From: Dale Miller <Dmiller@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 8:50 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: FW: Minimum Wage

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Representative Olson,

I am sorry but I gave the wrong Bill number. It is actually HB384. Everything else is correct. Thank you,

Dale Miller

From: Dale Miller
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 8:28 AM
To: 'Representative.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov'
Subject: Minimum Wage

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Thank you for your service to the State,

Dale Miller

Konrad Jackson

From: Jackie Endsley <jendsley@Ibew1547.Org>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:03 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB 384

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I sent you a previous email opposing HB 378 – I meant HB384. The minimum wage bill. I oppose this bill. Let the voters decide.

Jackie Endsley

Community Relations Coordinator

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“When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”

~Wayne Dyer



Konrad Jackson

From: Terri Quinlan <tquinlan@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:17 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB 384

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Sincerely,

Terri Quinlan/ 45 year Alaskan

Konrad Jackson

From: Tim Morgan <Tmorgan@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:19 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB 384 Minimum Wage

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Dear Representative Olsen,

I oppose HB384. In 2002, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase, keeping it off the ballot, and then passed a new minimum wage bill gutting the previous year's increase. Don't allow history to repeat itself. Let the people vote on the ballot initiative. Don't undermine the process. Gathering 50,000 signatures is not an easy task to accomplish and Alaska needs to listen to the people, when the people spend their time gathering signatures and submitting them so they have a say in the vote. Please listen to what Alaskan's are saying. If the people are smart enough to vote the legislators into office, we're smart enough to vote on an issue such as the minimum wage. Thank you for your consideration in dropping HB384 and letting the people of Alaska decide how much they want to pay someone to work.

Tim Morgan

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From: Larry Mooney <lmooney@local341.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:35 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: FW: HB 384

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Dear Representative Olson.

I am writing you to express my opposition to House bill 384. The issue should put on the ballot just as the people who signed the petition wanted.

Thanks you

Laurence money

Konrad Jackson

From: Kris Lira <Klira@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:42 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB384 NOT HB378

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Representative Olson:

Last week I sent the email below opposing the **WRONG** House Bill. I'm sorry. I hope you could tell from the content of my message that I meant HB384, not HB378. Thank-you for taking the time to read this and I hope that you will join me in **opposing HB384!**

Kris Lira, Voter

From: Kris Lira
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:20 PM
To: 'Representative.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov'
Subject: HB378

I oppose HB378. Isn't this the same thing that happened back in (2002)? There was a ballot initiative coming up for a vote regarding minimum wage increases but before it could be voted on, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase. So, we never got to vote on it. And then a new bill was passed the following year that took all the wind out of the previous year's increase!

Please just let us vote on it this time so that the legislature can't make changes later without the voters' input. Please join me in opposing HB378.

Kris Lira, Voter

Konrad Jackson

From: Simeona Galletes-Fenumia'i <luiandmona@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:46 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson; vince@akaflcio.org
Subject: HB384

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I oppose HB384. Just like in 2002, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase, keeping it off the ballot, and then passed a new minimum wage bill gutting the previous year's increase. Don't allow history to repeat itself. Let the people vote on the ballot initiative. Don't undermine the process. And don't play games with elections.

--

Lui and Mona Fenumiai

"a strong woman versus a woman of strength"

Konrad Jackson

From: John Marton <Jmarton@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rick Boyles; Barbara Huff
Subject: HB 384 -- Let the Voters Vote on the Minimum Wage Ballot Initiative

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Dear Representative Olson:

Please be advised that I am strenuously opposed to the passage of HB 384 since this matter is now in the hands of the electorate (the ballot initiative) and, should this bill pass, the passage of HB 384 effectively results in the ballot initiative being nullified. The people have spoken through that initiative, and the people want to vote on it. The State legislature has had ample opportunity and time to pass a meaningful minimum wage law, but has failed to do so for all these years. The last time the legislature took some action was in 2002, but in hindsight, that action was designed only to nullify the ballot initiative on this same issue that was submitted at that time. Let the people vote on this matter this time. The legislature should not be trying to thwart the will of the people.

John

Konrad Jackson

From: Jeff Randall <jeff.randall01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: STOP HB 384

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Dear Mr. Olson,

I am writing to say that I am very angry that the House Majority has introduced HB 384 in an attempt to circumvent the work and effort put forth by Alaskans to create a citizen's ballot initiative. We are not buying the excuse that this legislature is different than the one that overturned a similar bill in 2013. Ten Republican legislatures that gutted the bill in 2003 are still there today. Obstructionist techniques by Republicans nationally have galvanized people like I've never seen before and we will not stand for such obstructionism in our state. This is not the time to be pushing around common workers. We are organized and motivated. The votes are still being counted, but so far it looks like pro-union Pete Peterson has beat out Tea Party Trombley in east Anchorage. This was the first city election I have ever voted in. But not only did I vote, I took four other people to the polls with me who normally don't vote either. Those four people and myself have since been registering other normally non-voters. We will all be turning out in August AND November. Pro-union, pro-workers, anti-tea party republican obstructionists are motivated like never before in this year. I strongly recommend you reconsider this bill. Either way our grassroots movement in Anchorage is turning out to vote en masse in August in November, but one way to ensure our wage increase bill and COLA increase isn't gutted next year is to replace the representatives in the Legislature. Passing this bill will just give me more material to help drive complacent non-voters into a voting machine targeting anyone with an "R" behind their name.

Jeff Randall
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Konrad Jackson

From: Lisa Worrall <Lworrall@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 10:25 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: vince@akaficio.org; Rick Boyles
Subject: HB384
Attachments: Lisa Worrall.vcf

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Representative Olson,

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Thank you,



Konrad Jackson

From: Heidi Drygas <hdrygas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 11:01 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Sen. Hollis French
Subject: Please oppose HB 384 and let Alaskans vote.

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Dear Representative Olson,

As the Chairman of the House Labor and Commerce Committee, I'm urging you to please oppose HB 384 and let the citizens of Alaska have the right to vote on whether to increase the minimum wage. I was one of many citizens who volunteered my spare time to collect signatures in support of the Minimum Wage Initiative. Under Alaska law, this is no small effort as you are certainly aware. To pass this bill is a slap in the face to the monumental grassroots effort to get the Initiative on the ballot. The will of the people is clear: Alaskans want to vote for themselves on this issue. They do NOT want a repeat of what happened in 2002-2003. If the Legislature were to pass a Minimum Wage bill in a thinly-veiled attempt to gut the bill the following year, Alaskans will hold their respective representatives to account.

Please do the right thing. Do not thwart the right of the people to vote on the Minimum Wage Initiative, and oppose HB 384.

Thank you,

Heidi Drygas

Konrad Jackson

From: Lee Christensen <lchristensen@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rick Boyles; Eileen Whitmer
Subject: HB384: minimum wage

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HB384: This should **NOT** be an issue that our legislature should pass, let the people vote on the ballot initiative. In 2002, the legislature passed a minimum wage increase but kept it off the ballot, and then passed a new minimum wage bill that took out the previous year's increase! Don't undermine the process. This is a bill that will effect a lot of people in our state. Let the people decide.

Thank you!

Lee Christensen

AK Teamsters Local 959

“You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats

Those who can do nothing for him.”

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Konrad Jackson

From: Sergio Acuna <akchecolin70@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 1:42 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Opposition to Bill SB 384

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To the chair of the L&C committee Rep. Kurt Olson

Rep. Olson I was one of the many hundreds and hundreds of people who signed a petition to give voters the opportunity to vote for a meaningful minimum wage law with a cost-of-living adjustment provision and a reaffirmation of the tip credit ban. I worked hard to get the initiative on the ballot and Alaskans want to vote on this issue, which is why I'M writing in opposition to HB 384.

I hope you take a moment to reconsider and let the people vote on this because that is what the people wants and your job it's to serve the people.

Thanks.

Sergio F Acuña
3910 Young St.
Anchorage, AK 99508

Konrad Jackson

From: Ann Williams <Awilliams@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 2:01 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: House Bill 384

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Honorable Representative Olson,

Please consider this email my opposition to HB384. The events of 2002 on this subject are still in the forefront of our minds. I firmly believe the election process should not be messed with and the people should vote on this ballot initiative. It is our fundamental right and a critical part of the process. Again, Let The People Vote and I oppose HB384.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann L. Williams

Konrad Jackson

From: Walter Robinson <WRobinson@Ibew1547.Org>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 3:33 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Alaska needs a Raise

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Representative Olson,

I am writing in regards to the recent bill HB 384 put forth by you and the Labor and Commerce Committee. This bill introduced is nearly identical to the initiative Alaska Needs a Raise that will go to the vote of the people of Alaska. I ask why in the last minute of session would a bill be introduced that overrules what the people of Alaska have asked to vote on? With over 43,000 Alaskans signatures in support of the initiative and a 70% approval rating, I wonder why it would not be put to a vote of the people. I personal put many hours of my own time away from my family gathering signatures in support of the initiative. I think it is a disgrace that Alaska ranks 18th out of 50 states in the rate of Minimum wage rates. With the cost of living in Alaska we should be number one, the low wage earners of this state are suffering. I ask you to let the people of Alaska vote on Ballot Measure 3 on August 19th. It is the right and just decision for the future of Alaska.

Thanks for your time,

Walter Robinson

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Konrad Jackson

From: Carol Biggs <aknature@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:21 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB 384

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Please oppose HB 384.

I want to be able to vote to increase the minimum wage so it will be in place for at least 2 years, unlike legislation that can be dismantled next session.

Your help in opposing this bill will help many Alaskans.

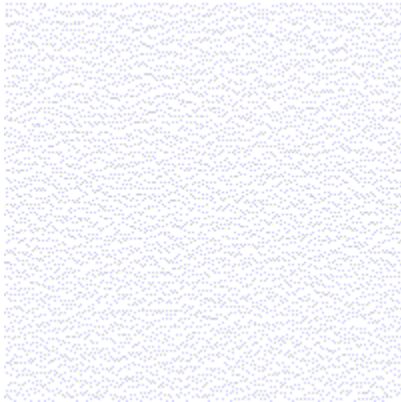
Thank you.

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From: Jeremy Holan <Jholan@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 6:03 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rick Boyles; 'vince@akaficio.org'; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: Regarding HB384

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Dear Representative Olson,

I am writing you today because I am opposed to HB384 and believe it is an effort to under mind the Alaskan voters.

In June of 2002 the legislature passed a minimum wage increase in an effort to keep a ballot measure from being voted on by the Alaskan voters and in the 2003 passed a new minimum wage bill which removed the previous year's increases.

I am requesting that our Representatives allow us (the people of Alaska) to speak for ourselves on this issue and allow us to vote on Ballot Measure Number 3.

Once again I am opposed to the introduction of HB384 and asking you to do the same.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Holan

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From: Sharon Clawson <randevu39@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:21 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: HB384

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Representative Olson and Committee Members,

I oppose HB 384 because it is usurping the ballot initiative which I support as one way to reduce poverty for children of minimum wage working parents. Poverty is the main obstacle to children succeeding at school in this nation and in Alaska.

Last time the Legislature passed a bill which knocked out the minimum wage initiative, they then gutted the inflation-proofing clause which left our minimum wage workers in the lurch at \$7.75 per hour rendering them poorer by the year.

Let the people of Alaska show the legislature what they really want. Many of your colleagues voted to gut the minimum wage inflation protection last time, and it think they plan to do it again.

Why do folks with so many advantages think anyone should work hard and still be way below the poverty line of \$11+an hour and still unable to feed and clothe and shelter?

Do not pass this bill and thwart the initiative again. Please.

Sharon and Gordon Clawson
Anchorage

Sent from my iPad

Konrad Jackson

From: Rick Canoy <rcanoy@akteamsters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rick Boyles
Subject: HB 384

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Dear Representative Olson,

I write to you in opposition to HB 384. In the interest of the integrity of our political process, and the preservation of “By the People, for the People”, I encourage you to allow the voters a chance to decide the matter of increasing the Alaska Minimum Wage for themselves. As the many people, trying to survive on an anemic minimum wage deserve to work for a more livable wage, the voting public, the consumers of the goods and services these persons work hard to provide, deserve the right to decide the fate of this matter at the polls.

Please stop HB 384 and let the people decide.

Thank you for your service to the people of our great state.

Respectfully,

RC

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From: Karla Hart <alaskabirder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 2:02 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rep. Sam Kito
Subject: Oppose HB 384

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Please let the public vote on the minimum wage. Citizens have gone to great effort to secure signatures to place the issue on the ballot. Let citizens vote on the issue.

The chance for the legislature to act was BEFORE citizens felt the need to do a ballot initiative.

Regards,

Karla Hart
Juneau