From:	Angelina Cinquegrani <acinquegrani@akteamsters.com></acinquegrani@akteamsters.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, April 09, 2014 8:11 AM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc:	Rick Boyles
Subject:	RE: HB378 - Please apply to HB384
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Representative Olson:

The house bill I meant to reference in my letter (below) is 384, not HB378.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Angelina Cinquegrani Contract & Legal Administrator Teamsters Local 959 520 East 34th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99503 Office (907) 751-8566 Fax (907) 751-8595 acinquegrani@akteamsters.com

From: Angelina Cinquegrani Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 4:39 PM To: 'Representative.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov' Cc: Rick Boyles Subject: HB378

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 <u>everyone</u> has the chance to vote on the minimum wage ballot initiative.

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From:	robert atkinson <boba@arctic.net></boba@arctic.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 2:49 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	Minimum wage law
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Please do not bring up the legislatures bill to raise the minimum wage at this time. Let the people cast their votes in August or November on the initiative that the vast majority of Alaskans want to vote in favor of and that tens of thousands signed petitions to get it on the election ballot. You know as well as I what will happen to the minimal minimum wage law that some in the legislature want to vote on now and you know darn well what the game is. Please respect the work and wishes of the tens of thousands of Alaskans who got the minimum wage issue on the ballot in hopes they could vote for or against it this fall.

Thank you for your time.

Bob Atkinson 29785 Seward Hwy

Seward, Alaska 99664

From:	Cathy Lavender <cathy@local71.com></cathy@local71.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 11:08 AM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	HB384
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Representative Olson,

I am an Alaskan Voter, and I have talked to many Alaskan's and I have collected thousands of signature for the Minimum wage initiative. I have recently read HB384 and I am opposed to this initiate because I believe this is an attempt for Legislatures to keep the initiative off the ballot. This looks a lot like what happened in 2002

Don't allow HB384 continue to go forward, let the people, like myself, be allowed to Vote on this initiative. Let us be the ones to decide.

Cathy Lavender

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From:	Cheryl & Mark Lovegreen <lovegrn@alaska.net></lovegrn@alaska.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:21 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	minimum wage
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Please let the will of the people decide this important issue. Please take no action on the minimum wage bill and let the initiative take its natural course.

Thank you,

Cheryl Lovegreen

From:	Dave Reaves <coachdavereaves@yahoo.com></coachdavereaves@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 11:19 AM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	Minimum Wage Bill - HB 384
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Representative Olson,

I wanted to take a minute to let you know that I strongly urge you to let the people vote on the Minimum Wage Ballot initiative that was put forward by the residents of Alaska by petition rather than through the legislature and HB384 - **which I strongly oppose.**

As you know, in 2002 the legislature passed a minimum wage increase only to strip and dismantle it the following year thereby denying a vote and voice of the residents of Alaska on this important issue. Please do not try to repeat history and again deny Alaskans their say on minimum wage.

Alaskans deserve to be heard and have demanded a ballot initiative overwhelmingly. Please do not undermine the process as elections are not to be trifled with.

Sincerely,

Dave Reaves 3382 e. Wanamingo dr. Wasilla, AK 99654

From:	Davis Clan <dclanak@gmail.com></dclanak@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 2:28 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	HB384
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Mr. Olson,

As an Alaskan I strongly oppose HB384. The current initiative will allow the people to have a direct voice on minimum wage. Please don't let the mistakes of 2002 repeat with this Legislature. Let the people vote on this ballot initiative. Help Alaska to be the example of how government can, and should, operate. Thank you for your time.

-Robert

From:	Dennis Knebel <dknebel@ibew1547.org></dknebel@ibew1547.org>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:46 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	Minimum wage bill
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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.

From:	Derek Monroe <dirk143@msn.com></dirk143@msn.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:25 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	The Minimum Wage Initiative
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To the Honorable Representative Kurt Olson,

Hello Sir,

I am writing to ask to support the minimum wage initiative. Alaska is not a cheap place to live. House cost here are extremely high and leave a great deal to be desired when compared to housing in the lower 48.

I also asked that you would oppose blocking the minimum wage initiative.

Thank you in advance,

Derek Monroe 1709 Morningtide Court Anchorage, AK 99501

From:	Elyse Guttenberg <eguttenberg@gmail.com></eguttenberg@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 4:07 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	Minimum wage vote
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Please allow the minimum wage initiative to go forward to the voters. This is an important issue and voters have already clearly stated that they want a chance to be heard on this very important issue. Thank you, Elyse Guttenberg

From:	Gary Dixon <gdixon@akteamsters.com></gdixon@akteamsters.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:33 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc:	Rick Boyles
Subject:	minimum wage HB384
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Representative Olson

Raising the minimum wage is good for the economy, by putting the spending power in the pockets of those who will spend the money on goods. When workers have more money to spend they spend it almost entirely in the local community, for necessities like food, clothes and housing. Businesses grow when this happens and growth creates more jobs. But to try and put this bill in to play this late in the session and with some of the same players in the legislature as there was years ago when the same minimum wage issue was at hand. Only leads one to believe that the same outcome will prevail. For this, I oppose HB384, the potential of eliminating or reducing the second one dollar increase in January 1, 2016, with the measure that calls for a phase in over two years, leaves history to repeat itself.

Sincerely

Gary Dixon, Jr.,

Vice President

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From:	jana@iialaska.com on behalf of Jana Peirce <janapeirce@gmail.com></janapeirce@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:26 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	OPPOSE BLOCKING THE MINIMUM WAGE INITIATIVE
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My husband made minimum wage this year, and with our high electricity and heating costs in Fairbanks, we were not able to make ends meet. We were not buying expensive toys or other luxuries, no cable TV, no latte habit - just trying to get buy without going into debt to cover daily expenses.

Please do not let our legislators block the minimum wage initiative from getting a fair hearing. Let's have integrity in state government - not legislative tricks and cynicism.

Jana Peirce 1820 Lilac Ave. Fairbanks AK 99712

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From:	Joey Merrick <jmerrick@local341.com></jmerrick@local341.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 2:57 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	HB384
Attachments:	HB 384 Opposition Letter.pdf
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Please see attached letter. Feel free to contact me at 907-301-4707 if you would like to discuss.

Thanks,

Joey

From:	Joseph J. Rintala <jrintala@akteamsters.com></jrintala@akteamsters.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 3:54 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc:	Rick Boyles; 'Vince Beltrami'
Subject:	Minimum Wage
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" I oppose HB378. 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. We need to help out the working class Alaskans that are not fortunate enough to have high paying jobs. Let the residents speak with their right to vote on this ballot imitative.

Thanks.

Joe Rintala

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From:	Ken Zafren <zafren@alaska.com></zafren@alaska.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 3:59 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	Please do not recommend passage of a bill to block the minimum wage initiative.
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Dear Representative Olson,

Your fellow House Republicans would like to pass a bill to block the minimum wage initiative. The Alaska State Legislature has done this before and then repealed the law the next year. This seems to be the intent again. Alaskans won't be fooled a second time. Please do not recommend passage of a bill to block the minimum wage initiative.

Respectfully,

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From:	Bartlett, Mark A <mark.bartlett@bp.com></mark.bartlett@bp.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 5:46 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	We Oppose HB 384.
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Mr. Olson:

Please, take a moment of your time to read this E-mail and take the feeling of it to Juneau.

Our citizens of Alaska should have better than they are receiving in the minimum wages brackets. My wife and I are asking you to give these citizens a fairer share of the pie.

Vote no on HB 384.

Thank you,

Mark and Jane Bartlett

5533 South Highlander St.

Wasilla, Alaska

99654

From:	Melinda Taylor <mtaylor@ibew1547.org></mtaylor@ibew1547.org>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 2:02 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	Please oppse HB 384
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Representative Olson,

I oppose HB 384. The legislature passed a minimum wage increase in 2002 to keep it off the ballot, and then passed a new minimum wage bill that gutted the previous year's increase. The people deserve the right to vote on the ballot initiative.

Thank you.

Melinda Taylor

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From:	Mike Hodsdon <mhodsdon@ibew1547.org></mhodsdon@ibew1547.org>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:03 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc:	Vince Beltrami
Subject:	Opposing HB384
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Dear Representative Olson,

I oppose House Bill (384) because it is designed to circumvent the voters right to vote on the Ballot Initiative.

I urge you NOT to support this Bill! Please don't let history repeat itself and thwart the voters voice.

Sincerely,

Mike Hodsdon IBEW L.U. 1547

Sent from my iPad

From:	Miriam Dunbar <jumpmelody@yahoo.com></jumpmelody@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 6:58 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	MINIMUM WAGE INITIATIVE
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PLEASE OPPOSE BLOCKING THE MINIMUM WAGE INITIATIVE.

Miriam Dunbar Cordova, AK

From:	Paul Carr <iw751@alaska.net></iw751@alaska.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 4:11 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc:	drepasky@ibew1547.org
Subject:	HB384
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Dear Rep. Kurt Olson.

I am in favor of increasing the minimum wage in Alaska, but I'm opposed to HB 384. There was an initiative that was heading for the ballot in 2002 when the legislature passed a substantially similar bill that removed the initiative from the ballot. The legislature then came back the following year and essentially gutted the bill they passed the previous year. Don't allow this to happen again. Over 40,000 people signed the initiative petition to allow the people to be able to vote on the minimum wage increase.

Yours Truly,

Paul Carr, Business Manager

Ironworkers Local Union # 751

From:	Rob Mac Naughton <macsalsa@gci.net></macsalsa@gci.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, April 09, 2014 3:19 AM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc:	robtmacnaughton@gmail.com
Subject:	I oppose HB 384!
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Hi, I am a concerned as an long time Alaskan with no party affliation. <u>If I or like you agree to stand/sign on for an issue than it should be respected.</u> You in your position as committee chairman should give it the balanced consideration but should do the best thing by supplanting it with a better bill . It is my view that the government should set a floor and a ceiling for these types of issues, instead of emptying the sink into the round file which seems to be the case. I own a small business and a living wage would help several of my tenants a leg up on paying utilities, rent and groceries. Thank you

From:	Vince Beltrami <vince@akaflcio.org></vince@akaflcio.org>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:30 PM
То:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	CORRECTION - Re: Opposition to HB 384

Representative Olson:

Please disregard the previous version. In this version the only difference is that in the sentence where I stated we are advocating a NO vote, I added the words "in this legislature, in this year" for clarification purposes. Thank you.

April 8, 2014

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So here is the part I referred to in my opening paragraph. The Alaska AFL-CIO is the largest labor organization and biggest advocate on the rights of workers in this state. We do not make a profit or answer to shareholders or corporate board members. We answer to our worker members only, and we advocate for all workers whether they belong to a union or not. We are advocating a NO vote on increasing the minimum wage in this legislature, in this year. I never thought I would ever say those words. But the legislature's record, and now murmurs of industry advocacy, as well as the rights of people to vote to determine their own destinies all seem crystal clear in this moment.

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I have heard it said by some legislators that they don't know how they can vote against an increase in the minimum wage when they support such a raise. It is a reasonable question, and I feel compelled to explain what we think our position means.

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Sincerely,

Vince Beltrami

President Alaska AFL-CIO

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Sincerely,

Vince Beltrami President Alaska AFL-CIO

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Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 3:59 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject:	HB384
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Representative Olson,

I am very opposed to HB384. The people of this State deserve, and desire, to vote on this issue. In 2002 the legislature had a similar bill that had the same flavor as this. The legislature then gutted the cost of living provisions out after they passed the new law. This is an abuse of the process and should not be allowed. I urge you to oppose this bill, and allow the people of this State to decide. Any other outcome, than this bill evaporating, will undermine our election process. Please don't play games with elections. Best regards,

Waylon B. Knudsen

From:	Zeb Woodman <zeb@local942.net></zeb@local942.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 4:00 PM
To:	Rep. Kurt Olson
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Zeb Woodman	

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