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From: Arthur Corliss <arthur@corlissfamily.org>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 1:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Fiscal crisis

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Greetings:

As an Alaskan resident I've watched for decades how the AK government is mismanaged our economy budget. With the current chaos on world oil markets things have reached a fevered pitch. Before everyone follows through with knee-jerk reactions I'd like to add my voice to the din.

First: ignore the idiotic notions by the GCI's lobby. None of it address the most fundamental problem: your spending problem. I had lunch with (then) Lt. Gov. Parnell several years back and I told him that excessive capital investment is stupid because it's not only *doesn't* guarantee you growth, it only guarantees greater carrying costs on the expense budget.

Math is simple. At some point all of you will have to learn how to do it. Stop spending. Leave the PFD alone. Finding more ways to siphon funds, whether it be the citizens via new taxes, raiding the CBR & the PFD, whatever, does nothing to solve the root of the problem. And that problem is undeniably undisciplined and unsustainable spending by the state government.

--Arthur Corliss
Live Free or Die

Daniel George

From: Bob Solberg <bsolberg@gci.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 3:31 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: State Budget Deficit

In 1999, the last time raiding the permanent fund was put to a public vote, it of course resulted in a resounding 80% “NO”. After which, one Juneau politician made an interesting statement I will never forget. Paraphrasing, it went something like this:

“Our current deficit is so large that oil would have to go to \$22 a barrel in order to fill it and that will never happen”.

So the idea that we cannot reduce state government to a sustainable point is just plain ludicrous. It is not time for surgical finesse, it is time to get out the chain saws! We have a state with a population of a small city; we do not need much government.

Constitutionally destroying the current permanent fund “owner dividend” and replacing it with some contrived mechanism, regardless of what you call it, will just turn it into another government handout at the whim of politicians.

If the state government gets its fingers into the permanent fund, the massive overburden of government we are currently saddled with will just continue to expand. It is time to end this madness now!

Regards

Bob Solberg

Palmer, AK

Daniel George

From: Brad Kiefer <bradkiefer9@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 12:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony on HB14 - Brad Kiefer

Hello, my name is Bradley D. Kiefer and I live in the South Anchorage area. I'd like to thank you for providing us the opportunity to testify before you this evening.

Our budget deficit is without a doubt the most pressing issue the legislature will take up this year, because if we as Alaskans don't address this issue now our savings will be gone in less than two years. Failure to act is not an option.

It's clear to me and my family that the State of Alaska will need to use the Permanent Fund to address our budget deficit.

We all can agree there needs to be spending cuts and new sources of revenue, but these alone will not come close to filling our budget deficit. If we don't take this crucial step sooner than later, we will be putting Alaskans and the Permanent Fund Dividend program in jeopardy.

As a commercial banker in Anchorage, I see and hear all the pessimism and fears from customers of what is in store for them in the future and will their business make it through this challenging time. This lack of action by the legislature is causing fears to grow.

People that were thinking about opening businesses right now are having second thoughts. Others are having to lay people off cause there is no work or reduced work. It's not just State employees that this is effecting.

Thank you for letting me bring testimony before you today, and I urge the legislature to act now, and use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Brad Kiefer

Daniel George

From: Claudia Beeks Anderson <claudiaa.ak@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 4:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: budget

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Dear Legislators,

With regard to the state's budgetary shortfall, I support moderate cuts that do not strangle our economy.

To solve the problem we need to raise more revenues.

My first priority is to cap the permanent fund dividend and use the balance to fund government. If more revenue is needed, citizens and non-citizens need to contribute with an income tax. Reinstating the school tax will also help.

A statewide sales tax is regressive and discriminatory to those of us already paying a local sales tax.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Daniel George

From: Curtis Watkins <cwatkins58@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 8:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: financial cliff

Good evening

I am writing about the financial cliff that Alaska is facing. It's time that our elected officials put aside any and all differences to develop a plan that will address this issue. There are many options. One way would be to use the assets of of the Permanent Fund. Done properly, each Alaskan could still receive their PFD. Other options would be to look at having a sales tax, increase the gas tax, have an income tax, have an alcohol tax, etc. There are many options and all of them will be disliked by segments of our population. You have been elected to make the hard choice; make it. If you cannot or will not make those hard choices, the future of Alaska will not be bright.

Thanks for your time

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Daniel George

From: Dennis Gall <gall_dennis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 11:03 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: state budget

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Hello...

I am writing today to urge the Senate to move forward as quickly as possible in establishing a POMV plan for utilizing the citizens Permanent Fund savings to pay for the services we receive. It is better to do this now as a first step in establishing a responsible and sustainable budget going forward into the future. It just does not make fiscal sense to continue to draw down state savings accounts while putting off this inevitable decision. These saving should be rolled over into the permanent fund, providing additional income well into the future.

Once this plan has been established a conversation can then take place on what additional cuts or revenue sources may be needed to make up the difference. I would like to add that I have heard much from legislators about the need to cut the budget, but very little in the way of specifics have been offered. If we are serious about downsizing state government, we need to develop a real plan now. It is just not responsible management to continue blowing through billions of dollars in saving just to put of the inevitable difficult decisions.

Thank you so much for your efforts. I pray that you will make responsible decisions now to help stabilize our Alaskan economy going forward and well into the future.

Sincerely,
Dennis Gall

Daniel George

From: Dori Mendoza <dori.mendoza01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 1:39 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Feb. 16 - Public Testimony

I would like to request immediate action regarding Alaska's budget deficit. While I feel that the current plan to use Permanent Fund earnings is not the most aggressive or appropriate action, I feel that this is a necessary step in preserving our state's economic stability.

I further urge you to looking into additional options, such as, additional taxes, spending cuts and lottery and gambling revenue streams. As for the Permanent Fund, I would prefer that you consider a more controversial approach and draw directly from the Permanent Fund principle balance to resolve our current budget shortfall.

Regardless, of the manner in which you proceed, we need action NOW. Please do not hesitate or let this session end without a resolve in place. It would be devastating to see Alaska sink into further financial distress. If our economic situation is not corrected immediately, many will be left with no other option but to leave our great state which will further hinder the progress towards economic stability.

Sincerely,
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Daniel George

From: Duane Dudley <Duane.Dudley@solstenxp.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: State budget gap

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Greetings,

I am unable to attend tomorrow's public testimony on SB 114. I am writing not necessarily to support that bill, because I believe a 5% annual draw down is not sustainable over the long run (perhaps 4-4.5% would be better), but I am writing to encourage continued efforts to find a suitable solution to the existing and proposed State budget gap that utilizes a combination of increased revenues via cost effective and fair taxes; efficiency measures for delivery of State level services (and the reduction of State level services) as well as a robust utilization of the Permanent Fund that maximizes near term revenue potential while maintaining the perpetual intent of the fund. I propose a reduction in dividends for all supported by a targeted financial "safety net" for those whose financial security is derived in part from the annual dividend program. In other words, decrease the regressive impact of a lowered dividend. I favor a simple State income tax imposed on those more than 1.5% (for example) above the Federal poverty line, adjusted for Alaska (again, away from the regressive nature of a tax on all income).

I have lived in the State of Alaska for more than 50 years and have never sent a message to the Legislature. It is critical that bipartisanship and even political self preservation give way to an urgent deliberation on the budget, using all tools available, especially the Permanent Fund. Our actions now will impact many in noticeable ways. Our inaction now will severely impact everyone in long lasting, debilitating ways.

Thank you for your brave efforts in this very dangerous moment in Alaska's history.

Sincerely,

Duane Dudley

Daniel George

From: Fran Ulmer <faulmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 9:51 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Fiscal crisis

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Dear Senators,

I am writing to you to express my appreciation to you for your service to the people of Alaska, both those here now and future generations of Alaskans.

As you consider the possible solutions to the budget gap and the economic crisis which looms in the near future, I sincerely hope you will be thinking about that future and not about next year's election campaign.

As a former member of the Alaska Legislature, I understand that it is very difficult to put aside the politics, and to focus on solutions that may be unpopular in the short term but benefit the state for the longer term. But that is what is called for at this moment in Alaska's story.

I am not advocating for a specific piece of legislation, but rather for a balanced package that includes: reducing spending (but not so much that you precipitate a recession), imposing new taxes (long overdue in the state with the lightest tax burden of any state), using earnings from the Permanent Fund (which was exactly what was intended when the Constitutional Amendment was adopted in 1976), and adjusting oil tax credits (if needed to achieve balance).

Thank you for doing your very best to be fair, open minded and courageous.

Sincerely,
Fran Ulmer

Sent from my iPad

Daniel George

From: 68gsmith@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 9:06 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB114

I support action now. I encourage you to act this session not wait until after the election cycle. We do not have the benefit of time.

You are faced with tough choices and decisions and the people of the state are counting on you to make them

I support a multifaceted approach to reducing the states deficit. We have to look at accessing the pfd if we want it to be there in the future. We have to look at a state income tax. And we need to look at reducing services if need be. Bottom line we - you have to take action this session

Sincerely
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Daniel George

From: Harold Hollis <HHollis@whpacific.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 3:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 114 and SSSB 114

Dear Senator McGuire and Esteemed Legislators,

Hello, my name is Harold Hollis and I live in Anchorage. I am unable to attend the teleconference hearing on February 16, 2016, however I would like to express my views and opinions to you on the subject at hand. First of all, I would like to thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide my testimony via email before your hearing.

We all know our budget deficit is without a doubt the most pressing issue the you will take up this year. If we don't address this issue our savings will be gone in less than two years.

It's clear to me, my friends, and business associates that we need to use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit. I believe we can all agree there needs to be spending cuts and new sources of revenue, but these alone will not come close to filling our budget deficit. If we don't take this crucial step, we will not only be putting the Permanent Fund Dividend program itself in jeopardy, we will be putting the future financial stability of our State at risk. It is time to make a change in the way we use our revenues from oil and gas royalties and rents, yet preserve the Permanent Fund and Dividend program. **Your action on SB 114, or similar legislation, to accomplish a prudent change to better utilize the earnings of the Permanent Fund for long term fiscal stability is critical.**

Why is this important to me? Let me say. I am a 34 year resident of Alaska and have raised my family, including 3 boys, in this great State. I am a licensed professional civil engineer and the Vice President of a major consulting engineering firm here in Anchorage that has supported and helped to build many projects in Alaska, both resource and non-resource development. I have had the privilege to enjoy the best of what Alaska has to offer; the great outdoors, the quality of life, the job opportunities, and the friendships of the wonderful and unique people who live in this great State. I love Alaska and want my children, my grandchildren, and future generations to enjoy what I have and am so grateful for.

Thank you for letting me bring my testimony before you in this email, and I urge you and the legislature to act now, and make changes for the wise and prudent use of a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit.

Thank you.

Harold Hollis, PE | VP, Alaska Region

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Daniel George

From: Janet A. Delfino <JDelfino@awn.tel>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 2:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Written testimony re State Budget Deficit SB 114

February 15, 2016

Re: Use of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit and preserving the PFD

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Just a note to express my opinion that virtually everyone would be in favor of this bill if they understood the gravity of the problem. Past articles in ADN and word of mouth have left folks to believe this deficit could be eliminated with a sales tax providing \$500M and \$500M in cuts, hardly a dent in the \$4B shortfall.

I am extremely grateful to GCI for laying out the facts. The best scenario would be for our state legislators to factually inform their constituents via newsletters, etc. the unvarnished facts and figures. Until they have the courage to inform the public, there will be continued misunderstanding.

Kicking this down the road would be a great disservice to all Alaskans.

Thank you,

Janet A. Delfino

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Daniel George

From: Jennifer Bachman <jbachman@gci.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 4:41 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 114 Perm Fund: Earnings, Deposits, Accounts

We need our state legislators to act now and pass a solution to Alaska's budget deficit. We need to show the nation and international countries that we have a solution to our financial situation. We are not the only state or country with this problem of oil revenues, but we are unique that our leaders in the past created a solution to help us with our state by creating the permanent fund. Our leaders need to be bold and responsible and get this job done this session.

Thank you,

Jennifer Bachman

Daniel George

From: xenocide_all@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 9:35 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd to fund government

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Nope, you may use PFDs for residents that are using state Medicaid or other services including anyone behind bars but leave it alone, I'm watching everyday the State spending tons of money clearing brush on the sides of the Glenn for really no reason but we can't even get the road ruts that are so bad in places now that this spring the potholes are going to be eating cars again, but hey they've a better view of the ditch for the millions being spent clearing brush while they sit in another gridlock caused by only having a single route to the valley.

Perhaps you should balance the budget on a more realistic price of a barrel of oil instead of \$100.

Also use a larger survey of people to poll and include figure it out an option instead of only fixing the option of taking money in either PFD, Income Tax or Sales Tax.

If the department heads can't figure it out then perhaps it's time to shut down the state government in the same way the Feds did a few years back.

UAA acts like a private company that gives its leaders huge salaries meanwhile while receiving states dollars but maybe place a cap on what a person can earn including all incentives and bonuses like housing if they are being paid with any state money.

I'm expected to live within my earnings government needs to do the same thing, you will just clean out the piggy bank of PFD and then in a few years add in a sales tax or income tax then a few more years you will have all three and if the oil industry continues to tank less and less people to tax so you'll raise rates to a socialist level and the working class will fund more and more able bodied workers that are just sitting at home that they are not paying for eating food they didn't pay for and using methadone that new expanded Medicaid pays for smoking tobacco and soon pot with money given to them from the state.

In short cut the hell out of all the parasites on the system. Fire a ton of state workers, why is it the private sector always finding ways to run more efficiently but government just continues to add more positions? Does the State not have any computers? How many studies and millions of dollars have been spent on moving the capital or just the Anchorage offices relocated?

Consolidate a ton of these bush schools, they are not taken care of properly anyway. Alaskans choose to live in remote areas why do they expect urban conveniences like large schools? They want those things move to an area that can afford the schools instead of building these schools the villages can't even maintain.

Don't touch the PFD until you can prove you can control your own spending.

Daniel George

From: kathleen maricle <cappijoe@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 7:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

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This is a classic case of robbing Peter to pay Paul! Taking money from the PFD will not solve the budget problem, but put a temporary bandaid on the issues. Before money is taken from anywhere, all areas of the budget must be inspected and cuts might need to be made. For example, take of look at the spending of Senator Murkowski. Cuts can and should be made in all areas of travel. Look into the possibility of moving the government offices to Anchorage, where all items are a bit cheaper, including airfare in and out of Anchorage. Work on getting people off of public assistance or put the PFD of every eligible adult that is on public assistance back into the public assistance program to pay for their needs. Put the PFD of the children into the UAA college fund for the children to use when they turn 18.

Kathleen Maricle

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Daniel George

From: Lee Peterson <lnbpeterson@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 7:36 PM
To: Sen. Charlie Huggins; Senate State Affairs
Cc: Lee Peterson
Subject: Re: State Affairs to Host Public Testimony on SB114

Senator Huggins,

I, Lee S. Peterson, remain opposed to ANY attempt to appropriate or modify for future usage any permanent fund monies until such time as cuts are made in social services and state funding to many who could, but won't, get off the La-Z-Boy recliner or relocate to earn income and become self sufficient. If there is truly no work available then why do I continue to see "help wanted" columns in the various papers? Even the fast food franchises are required to pay a minimum wage and it's my experience that anyone who truly wants to work can. "My" elected representatives are all too quick to cut necessary services, for example AK State Troopers (to include wildlife troopers) and DOT yet are quick to maintain and even increase such programs as medicaid, fuel subsidies and a whole host of other programs, all of which come at a cost. If AST were to sustain, for example a 20% cut, then every program receiving State of Alaska funds should be cut by the same percentage. Should the outlying communities truly "need" the many and varied subsidies why are not the native corporations funding them. What are the millions, if not billions, of dollars made from government contracts being earned by the corporations being used for if not the betterment of their own peoples lives? Where is the Indian Health Service?

Secondly, if the permanent fund is "tapped" this first time I see you, the governing bodies of Alaska, going back for more and more and more until the fund is depleted in its entirety. If additional funds are required then enact a State of Alaska (SOA) income tax. I personally paid income, as well as school, taxes to the SOA as early as 1968 while earning the minimum wage of the times. If "we" could help pay our own then why can we not do so now? It is also my opinion that ALL income whether in the form of wages paid or from benefits and subsidies obtained from the State of Alaska be considered as taxable. I consider benefits such as Quest cards, medicaid, fuel subsidies, medical care courtesy of the AKNG, and rent subsidies to name a few as an alternate source of income, albeit un-earned. All SOA benefits have a cost associated with them and that cost should be shared among the users of the benefit. If "fair is fair" is truly fair then I should be able to have a like amount "gifted" to me instead of paying my own way as I do now.

The SOA "bank account" ought to be handled as my own. I have a finite amount of money available to me. From this amount my food, vehicle fuel, home utilities and luxuries must be funded. Once that funding is gone I am required to stop spending and NOT borrow from my children and grandchildren as the U.S. government does and which, it would appear, the SOA would like to start doing. I would say that "you're spending money like drunken sailors" but as a former drunken sailor when I ran out of money I stopped drinking until my next paycheck.

Respectfully,
//Signed//
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Daniel George

From: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 11:09 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: FW: Budget Crunch

From: Michael Chartrand [mailto:machartrand@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 12:17 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze <Sen.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov>
Subject: Budget Crunch

Dear Senator,

We are writing to let you know our thoughts on dealing with the current budget crunch. First and foremost we strongly object to any attempts to use our PFD to finance state government. Many Alaskans really depend on the earnings of that fund to make it financially in this place of high prices. There are some that can afford to donate a portion of their dividend to worthy charities and that's wonderful, but many of us really need that full amount. The PFD was not intended to fund any part of state government and should stay that way..

We would not object to a state tax of some type (income or sales) but it should come with a sunset provision that would eliminate it when oil prices return to a certain predetermined level. If a state sales tax is decided on it should not include any levy on groceries.

We strongly object to any use of taxes to fund the gas pipeline proposal that the state is now unwisely a part of. If the government cannot afford that pipeline through excess revenues it must not use an additional tax or our PFD to fund it.

It is obvious that major spending cuts must be made. All of us must bite the bullet on this point. Spending cuts should be across the board and not overburden any one group or organization. It must be fair. All funding should be eliminated for "pie in the sky projects" including Susitna Hydro and the Knik Arm Crossing.

The Oil Tax issue must be revisited. We are missing out on tax revenue from oil companies that can certainly afford to pay their fair share for our resources

We hope you will consider these points in making your determinations.

Thank-you

Michael and Aimee Chartrand

Daniel George

From: Nancy Little <nancylou@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2016 6:18 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: S.B 114

I have lived in Alaska since 1977 and remember the fist check. Our family has used the PF wisely but we always knew it a GIFT. Now it is time to use it to Fund the budget. It is an equal way for all Alaskans to participate in this process in a painless manner. Education of our children cannot be put at risk by a self centered attitude. Nancy Little, nancylou@gci.net. Palmer, Ak. 99645

Daniel George

From: Nancy Little <nancylou@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restructure the PF

My husband and I both agree with the restructure of the PFD plan as stated by NEA . We feel it is a wise plan that will provide for the education of our future generations and keep the the PFD for use as needed by Alaskan residents. We feel strongly that it is the ONLY solution for the budget crisis.

We moved to Palmer in June of 1977, just as the first drop of oil flowed down the pipeline. We often heard an expression, "The Gravy Train", referring the the big money earned during pipeline construction. Many people could not accept the big money was over and would not settle for pre-pipeline wages. So they waited and hoped for another "Train" to arrive. Sadly, many did not ever expect the big money to end and had spent it all, with no plan for the future. (My husband, a minister, conducted 17 suicide funerals during that first year.)

The Gravy Train of oil prices is over for now and there may not be another one. It is time to make a plan for Alaska's future and not dream of something that may not happen. This is serious. Restructure is imperative.

Thank you,
Nancy Little, Retired NEA Member

My Husband,Glen, (Retired Minister)

Nancy Little (Retired Teacher, NEA Member) Our address, 1765 A South Heirloom Circle, Palmer, Ak. 99645 Email - nancylou@gci.net Alaskan Residents since June 10, 1977 Parents of two graduates from Palmer High , both college graduates. One teaches at Wasilla High and the other becoming certified to teach in Washington. Grandparents of four children who attend Palmer High, Colony High, and Colony Middle School in the Mat-Su School District - - -The future is already in our schools!!!

Daniel George

From: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 11:11 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: FW: Our Opinion On Proposals For New Income Sources

From: Bob Dykes [mailto:bobdykes@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 4:47 PM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Charlie Huggins <Sen.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Stoltze <Sen.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Chenault <Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov>; Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jim Colver <Rep.Jim.Colver@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>; Rep. Les Gara <Rep.Les.Gara@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lynn Gattis <Rep.Lynn.Gattis@akleg.gov>; Rep. Max Gruenberg <Rep.Max.Gruenberg@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Guttenberg <Rep.David.Guttenberg@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Hawker <Rep.Mike.Hawker@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bob Herron <Rep.Bob.Herron@akleg.gov>; Rep. Shelley Hughes <Rep.Shelley.Hughes@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Scott Kawasaki <Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>; Rep. Wes Keller <Rep.Wes.Keller@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sam Kito <Rep.Sam.Kito.III@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bob Lynn <Rep.Bob.Lynn@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Munoz <Rep.Cathy.Munoz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Charisse Millett <Rep.Charisse.Millett@akleg.gov>; Rep. Benjamin Nageak <Rep.Benjamin.Nageak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kurt Olson <Rep.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Daniel Ortiz <Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lora Reinbold <Rep.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Rep. Dan Saddler <Rep.Dan.Saddler@akleg.gov>; Rep. Paul Seaton <Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Steve Thompson <Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. Liz Vazquez <Rep.Liz.Vazquez@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Adam Wool <Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov>

Subject: Our Opinion On Proposals For New Income Sources

Dear Alaska Legislator,

My wife and I are vehemently opposed on either a reintroduction of the State Income Tax OR Raiding The PFD. As a disabled Alaska Resident I now need the little income from the PFD to supplement my small disability income. Since our income is already reduced to a sub-standard level an income tax will only cause us more difficulties.

We propose to the Alaska Legislature to set aside your differences and introduce bills to:

1. Legalize gambling. Other states have done this with the proceeds earmarked for their Education needs.

2. Legalize the building and operation of casinos.
3. Legalize the sale of or become part of one of the large State Lotteries.
4. Introduce a Gaming Tax.

This would be an excellent way to fund jobs for Alaskans while increasing contributions to the State from the tourist industry.

Alaska continuously lags behind the Lower 48 states when it comes to finding new sources of income. Now is the time to catch up with our peers.

Oil prices are only going to be depressed for a temporary period of time until Iran and OPEC countries get tired of giving it away.

Petitions are on the boards for all of the above recommendations regardless of how the Legislature acts now, So, why not get out in front of these issues for a change and be seen as part of the solution instead of the problem.

Thank you sincerely for your consideration on these issues,

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