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February 17, 2016

The Honorable Mia Costello, Chair
Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Senate Bill 134 Personal Income Tax

Dear Senator Costello:

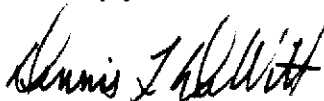
On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska (NFIB/AK), I wish to respectfully share our opposition to Senate Bill 134. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

NFIB/AK ask its members through a state ballot how they felt about Alaska reinstating a personal income tax. The response was strong with 74% of our members voting NO. Most small businesses pay federal income taxes as individuals, not corporations. Thus a personal income tax has a substantial impact on their businesses as well as their personal income.

Small business owners believe that taxes on income fall heavily only on those productive Alaskans. Taking money from individuals and giving it to government does not create any wealth, it simply transfers control over the resource from individuals to government. Also, reinstating the income tax would require significant additional state administrative bureaucracy and place another government-required burden on small businesses. The economic impact in states with income taxes is negative compared to states without personal income taxes.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely yours,



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Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council