



# YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

"Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health"

## ANY CUTS TO ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING SHOULD BE INCREMENTAL AND SIMILAR TO OTHER AGENCY CUTS

Resolution No.: 16-02-03

**WHEREAS,** the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established to provide health care services under a Compact with the federal government to 58 Tribes on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska is facing another challenging budget deficit for fiscal year 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in tough choices and difficult cuts in every facet of State government all across Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** Alaska Public Broadcasting is a statewide essential service supported by the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** Alaska Public Broadcasting *is the primary source of emergency information for Alaska residents* and provides a wealth of civic, cultural, education, news, and entertainment programming; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska Public Broadcasting budget is facing another round of significant reductions in the legislative process, and at least one budget cut proposal was so massive that Alaska Public Broadcasting would be rendered ineffective; and

**WHEREAS,** cuts to all segments of government are expected for fiscal year 2017 but the proportion of the reduction to public broadcasting appears disproportionate and will adversely affect rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of emergency, community, statewide and national news and information sharing; and

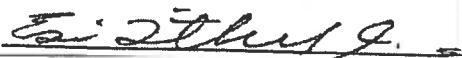
**WHEREAS,** major losses in federal matching funds for stations will result from additional state cuts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that YKHC respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to Alaska's Public Broadcasting services in the FY2017 budget.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted by a quorum of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Executive Board of Directors at a dully noticed meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed; and 0 abstaining.

ATTEST:

  
Esai Twitchell Sr., Chairperson

  
Patrick Tall, Secretary



**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING KACHEMAK BAY BROADCASTING, INC.  
AND PICKLE HILL PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE KENAI PENINSULA  
AND WEST SIDE OF COOK INLET**

**WHEREAS,** Kachemak Bay Broadcasting, Inc. (KBBI) and Pickle Hill Broadcasting, Inc. (KDLL) have provided local, state, national and international news and entertainment program services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to Kenai Peninsula residents from Cooper Landing to Nanwalek, and Tyonek to the west side of Kodiak Island.; and

**WHEREAS,** Peninsula-wide live broadcasts of Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meetings are possible through this collaboration that includes Seward on meeting nights; and

**WHEREAS,** KBBI and KDLL have presented local information for many life threatening disaster situations, including the recent January 24, 2016 earthquake; the Funny River fire in 2014, the Caribou Hills fire (2007) and Tracy Avenue (2004); as well as the St. Augustine volcano (2006) and Redoubt volcano (2009) eruptions; and

**WHEREAS,** KBBI's ability to simulcast broadcasts to KDLL listeners has been an important information avenue for a number of emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS,** KBBI and KDLL services also include local news and information programs, and local and marine weather; and

**WHEREAS,** Local volunteer DJs share their love of music throughout the week; over 800 local residents from ages 16 to over 70 have hosted live music shows on KBBI and KDLL; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the Bush Lines and Information lines, KBBI brings vital personal and practical information to residents on and off the road system; and

**WHEREAS,** KBBI and KDLL also air international and national news and entertainment programs from National Public Radio, Public Radio International, American Public Media, and the BBC; and

**WHEREAS,** Alaska news is represented by Alaska News Nightly, Alaska Morning Report, Alaska Economic Report, and Talk of Alaska, provided via satellite from the Alaska Public Radio Network;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF  
THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**


**SECTION 1.** The 2016 Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends the quality of service and community involvement of KBBI and KDLL, and thanks them for enriching the lives of Kenai Peninsula residents living along the shores, mountains, and bays of Cook Inlet for over 30 years.

**SECTION 2.** This resolution become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016**



  
Kelly Cooper, Assembly Member, Co-Sponsor

  
Willy Dunne, Assembly Member, Co-Sponsor

  
Mike Navarre, Mayor, Co-Sponsor

  
Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

  
John Blankenship, Borough Clerk





Banner Health

## Tanana Valley Clinic

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Jean Tsigonis, MD

P.O. Box 10750

Fairbanks, AK 99710

907-322-9909

February 24, 2016

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I am writing to encourage you to support the Alaska WWAMI Medical Education program at current levels. This program is critical to the physician workforce of Alaska, and allows our Alaska students access to a top 10 medical school. Downsizing will severely impact physician workforce efforts, leaving Alaska at the mercy of the extremely competitive national market for recruiting physicians, (high cost for recruitment of MDs with no ties to Alaska).

I was in the WAMI program (before WWAMI) from 1974-1978. I did my residency training in Maine, and then returned to the state in 1981. I have been in practice for almost 35 years at the Tanana Valley Clinic in Fairbanks, Alaska.

I earnestly entreat you to continue to finance the WWAMI program. It provides a top medical school education and produces physicians that intend to practice in primary care and rural settings. If you need any further information about the program, I would be happy to discuss this with you.

I would also like you to support finishing the engineering building at UAF. It is critical to keep the sciences strong at UAF. We need to develop the workforce to support our medical community. This includes the engineering, IT, nursing schools, as well as the radiology technology.

Thank you,

Jean Tsigonis, MD

# TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION

WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Office of the Governor  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker:

The State of Alaska is facing another challenging budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2017, and likely additional fiscal years in the near future and we recognize that a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in tough choices and difficult cuts in every facet of State Government all across Alaska. I'd like to draw your attention to public broadcasting, which provides a wealth of civic, cultural, education, news, and entertainment programming and is the primary source of emergency information for Alaska residents, especially in rural areas.

The public broadcasting budget is facing another round of significant reductions in the legislative process; and cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY17 but the proportion of the reduction to public broadcasting appears disproportionate and will adversely affect the availability of local services across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of community and regional news and information sharing. TWC often works with KYUK as a component of our outreach and awareness building around domestic violence, sexual assault, and the prevention of these crimes, and since we can't travel across the entire expanse of the Y-K Delta every delta, sending the message through the airwaves of KYUK is the next best thing. TWC respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature to consider less severe cuts to Alaska's Public Broadcasting Services in the FY2017 budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eileen Arnold', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Eileen Arnold  
Executive Director  
Tundra Women's Coalition



Resolution No. 16-02-01

A Resolution of Orutsararmiut Native Council Requesting Alaska Legislature to Consider Less Severe Cuts to Public Broadcasting Services in Alaska

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is facing another challenging budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2017, and likely additional fiscal years in the near future; and

WHEREAS, a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in tough choices and difficult cuts in every facet of State Government all across Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Public Broadcasting is a statewide essential service supported by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, public broadcasting provides a wealth of civic, cultural, education, news, and entertainment programming and is the primary source of emergency information for Alaska residents; and

WHEREAS, cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY17 but the proportion of the reduction to public broadcasting appears disproportionate and will adversely affect the availability of local services across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of community and regional news and information sharing; and

WHEREAS, losses in federal matching funds for stations will result from additional state cuts;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Orutsararmiut Native Council that the membership respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to Alaska's Public Broadcasting Services in the FY2017 budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Orutsararmiut Native Council. On February 3, 2016 by a vote of \_\_\_ for and 0 against. (unanimous)

Walter Jim

President

Robert Lekander

Secretary

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Maczynski  
Date: February 9, 2016  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 5-1

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 16-04**

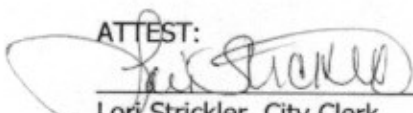
#### **A RESOLUTION OF BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER LESS SEVERE CUTS TO PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICES IN ALASKA**

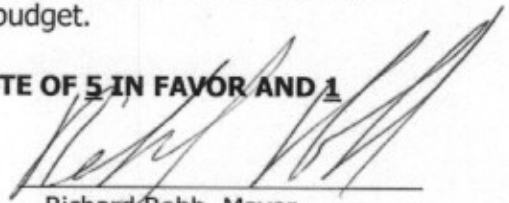
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska is facing another challenging budget for Fiscal Year 2017, and likely additional fiscal years in the near future;
- WHEREAS,** a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in tough choices and difficult cuts in every facet of State Government all across Alaska;
- WHEREAS,** Alaska Public Broadcasting is a statewide essential service supported by the State of Alaska;
- WHEREAS,** public broadcasting provides a wealth of civic, cultural, education, news, and entertainment programming and is the primary source of emergency information for Alaska residents;
- WHEREAS,** the public broadcasting budget is facing another round of significant reductions this Fiscal Year;
- WHEREAS,** cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY17 but the proportion of the reduction to public broadcasting will adversely affect the availability of local services across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of community and regional news and information sharing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bethel City Council that the membership respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to Alaska's Public Broadcasting Services in the FY2017 budget.

**ENACTED THIS 9 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 1  
OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk  
City of Bethel, Alaska

  
Richard Robb, Mayor

Resolution #16-04  
1 of 1

**From:** [Deborah Hurley](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** funding public Radio and Television  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 4:10:08 PM

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:o)This is a testimony to the house finance committee urging them to fund public radio at the level suggested by the governor. A 100% cut would effectively end service in our island community and the surrounding area. Public radio is essential for public safety announcements and emergency broadcasting. We depend on the station for local news and information, it is the glue that hold our community together. We will lose federal funding with the cuts to employees at the station.

Thank you for your consideration in this time of financial crisis.

Craig Olson

Deb Hurley

Residence of Petersburg Borough

Owners of Island Flowers and the Flower Farm

**From:** [becki.anderson](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 2:16:29 PM

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Dear House Finance Committee General,

I am writing you today because I am concerned about our state deficit.

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But please do not raise my taxes in order to fix this problem. Instead, we should cut our state operating budget by at least \$500 million.

I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
becki anderson  
20325 Leprechaun Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99567



**From:** [Walter campbell](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 2:01:57 PM

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Thank you,  
Walter campbell  
341 E 46th Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**From:** [Brado](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:39:07 PM

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I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
Brado  
1436 Birchwillow Dr  
Fairbanks, AK 99712



**From:** [Edwin McClure](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 12:39:09 PM

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Thank you,  
Edwin McClure  
16682 River Heights Loop  
Anchorage, AK 99577

**From:** [Kathy Swanson](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 12:31:43 PM

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Dear House Finance Committee General,

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I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
Kathy Swanson  
2309 Aurora Ct  
Juneau, AK 99801



**From:** [Caroline](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 12:02:32 PM

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I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
Caroline  
9900 W Parks Hwy  
Wasilla, AK 99623

**From:** [Kay Clements](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Public Broadcasting Concerns  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:58:45 AM

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I am forwarding a letter cc'd to me from one of our community members to Governor Walker regarding the importance of local radio.

Dear Governor Walker,

My name is Bill Annis and I'm writing to express my concern for something very important to me. I'm trusting that

it will move you to making wise decisions in an upcoming vote. It's my understanding

that your proposed budget includes a 27 percent cut to the Alaska Public

Broadcasting Commission (APBC).Â This severe reduction is distinctly disproportionate

to the cuts proposed to other programs (7-10 percent). Public Radio is very

important to me and this proposed cut would mean losing many things that

I consider vital to my every day living. Speaking directly to the point: I

believe further cuts will deeply affect our station's ability to provide

quality local programming to listeners in the Upper Lynn Canal. News and local

programming are vital to my daily concern and I believe that such a deep

cut would mean a reduction in this critical importance of KHNS.Â Statewide

cuts will weaken public broadcasting across Alaska, and the effects will

be felt right here at home. The proposed cuts would have long lasting effects

on my daily awareness of local, state and world news. I depend on it at certain

times of the day, knowing it'll be there providing ferry schedule updates,

meeting schedules, weather updates and a lot more. I said a lot more Honorable

Governor. My Public radio station is part of the Emergency Alert System that



notifies me of important things that I need and depend on. My small community has this one broadcasting entity tailored specifically for our listeners.

We consider it a vital part of our every day lives. The station provides safety and emergency information on a daily basis that is essential for health and safety. [...]

Kay Clements

KHNS General Manager

907-766-2020 x.3

PO Box 1109

Haines, AK 99827

[gm@khns.org](mailto:gm@khns.org)

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**From:** [Kay Clements](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Please protect public broadcasting in Alaska  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:46:48 AM

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**From:** Darsie Culbeck [mailto:darsie@constantinemetals.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 9:26 AM  
**To:** governor@alaska.gov  
**Cc:** Kay Clements; Liz Cornejo  
**Subject:** Please protect public broadcasting in Alaska

Dear Governor Walker,

Thank you for your service to Alaska and your efforts to thoughtfully tighten the budget belt during these challenging economic times. I am writing today regarding the proposed 27% cut to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission budget and the tremendous impact this will have on rural Alaska and specifically KHNS public radio in Haines.

As the only local broadcaster in the area, KHNS is a critical part of the local community by providing entertainment, news, and essential emergency services to Haines, Skagway and Klukwan. In some ways KHNS can be considered the heartbeat of these communities. Many homes, businesses and fishing boats in the upper Lynn Canal have their radios tuned to KHNS all day. They are listening to the local and statewide news, cheering during the broadcast of the school basketball games, being engaged by interesting programming, learning about road closures, weather forecasts, changes to the ferry schedule, etc.

KHNS also acts as the Emergency Alert System for the Upper Lynn Canal, providing an important and locally specific warning service.

As a mineral exploration company, Constantine is investing in the State and does not generate revenue at this time, nevertheless we have contributed over \$3500 in underwriting and donations to KHNS in recent years to ensure these important services are available. My family and I have personally been sustaining members of KHNS for over 20 years.

I understand the tough choices that you and the Legislature face in this fiscal crisis, however the 27% proposed cut to public radio is distinctly disproportionate to the cuts proposed to other departments.

I urge you to consider the value that Public Radio has in rural Alaska and please minimize the cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission.

Respectfully,

Darsie

Darsie Culbeck  
Camp Manager and Community

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Haines, Alaska 99827  
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Camp 206-455-8623  
Email: [darsie@constantinemetals.com](mailto:darsie@constantinemetals.com)  
Website: [www.constantinemetals.com](http://www.constantinemetals.com)



**From:** [Kay Clements](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Public Broadcasting cuts  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:39:53 AM

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**From:** Thom Ely [<mailto:akthome@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2016 10:55 AM  
**To:** [governor@alaska.gov](mailto:governor@alaska.gov)  
**Cc:** Kay Clements  
**Subject:** Please protect public broadcasting in Alaska

Dear Governor Walker,

I strongly support public radio and urge you to work to see that full funding for this critical service is maintained. Please consider the following points.

1. Citizens depend daily on KHNS for local, regional and statewide news and information.
2. Listeners turn to KHNS for updates on everything from ferry schedules, meetings and senior luncheons to weather and marine conditions.
3. KHNS is part of the Emergency Alert System, which is a pivotal and locally specific warning service.
4. KHNS is the only local broadcasting entity in Haines, Skagway and Klukwan.
5. KHNS provides essential local and community health, safety and emergency information.
6. Volunteers are already putting in many hours of service at KHNS.

Sincerely,

Thom Ely  
POB 1014

Haines, AK 99827

Kay Clements

KHNS General Manager

907-766-2020 x.3

PO Box 1109

Haines, AK 99827

[gm@khns.org](mailto:gm@khns.org)

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**From:** [Donald Caulkins](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 9:30:34 AM

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Dear House Finance Committee General,

I am writing you today because I am concerned about our state deficit.

Right now it looks like we will be running a deficit of \$3.5 billion for the second year in a row.

But please do not raise my taxes in order to fix this problem. Instead, we should cut our state operating budget by at least \$500 million.

I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
Donald Caulkins  
3326 Pittman Rd  
Wasilla, AK 99623



**From:** [sandra hoover](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 9:22:17 AM

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Thank you,  
sandra hoover  
4201 Dimond Way  
Wasilla, AK 99654

**From:** [Robert McMorrow](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 8:06:18 AM

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Thank you,  
Robert McMorrow  
3630 W 79th Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99502

**From:** [Kathleen Cole](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 5:30:11 AM

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I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget! \$500M isn't enough either, balance the budget and develop long term sustainable spending plans. Just like private companies do when they experience a drop in commodity price.

Thank you,  
Kathleen Cole  
7791 E Downstream Dr  
Palmer, AK 99645



**From:** [Benjamin SHerburne](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 5:21:51 AM

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Thank you,  
Benjamin SHerburne

Anchorage, AK 99567

**From:** [Lyle beauchamp](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 9:50:37 PM

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Thank you,  
Lyle beauchamp

Gakona, AK 99586

**From:** [James](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 9:09:09 PM

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Thank you,  
James  
14260 Rocky Rd  
Anchorage, AK 99516

**From:** [Angela Hawks](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 8:42:27 PM

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Dear House Finance Committee General,

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I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
Angela Hawks  
2312 Nelson Rd  
North Pole, AK 99705



**From:** [Charles Martin](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 8:05:17 PM

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Dear House Finance Committee General,

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I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
Charles Martin  
18727 Stonehill Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99577

**From:** [M. Azimi](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 7:41:36 PM

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I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
M. Azimi  
3535 Sherrie St  
Anchorage, AK 99504

**From:** [Paul Bennetts](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 7:03:50 PM

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Thank you,  
Paul Bennetts  
6440 Peppertree Cir  
Anchorage, AK 99504

**From:** [John West](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 6:51:34 PM

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Thank you,  
John West  
7521 Wade Cir  
Anchorage, AK 99518

**From:** [Charlene Albertson](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:24:26 PM

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When I can't afford something I don't get a salary raise, I adjust my WANTS and pear down the needs. You need to cut the budget even more than this. Don't raid the principal from the permanent fund. Government should not rob the people because you were drunk with money list over the past 30 years.

I am asking you today to please cut the state operating budget!

Thank you,  
Charlene Albertson  
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**From:** [Terry Cotton](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Cut the State Operating Budget!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 1:55:10 PM

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Terry Cotton  
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Dear Alaska State Legislators

2/22/16

Tammy Wilson's suggestion to cut over 60 million from the UA budget is misguided and short sighted. Our budget crisis is beyond being solved by cuts to services and we don't want to cut to a point beyond recovery.

At some point you can cut so much that the institution will begin to erode on its own. The unfunded researchers move on to other universities and won't come back when the economy is good. Same can be said for the sports coaches. UA may face accreditation issues as well and we will lose students.

Much of the money provided to UA is spent right here in the State as is the 100 million in research grants that are often the result of federal matching funds. Those matching grants vanish under Ms. Wilson's plan

UA knows it must tighten its belt along with the rest of the State as it has been doing for several years now. To cut its budget as drastically as Ms. Wilson suggests however, is misguided and short sighted.

There is no solution that is healthy for the State of Alaska other than using the earnings from the Permanent Fund and the Constitutional Budget Reserve. This is the fiscal situation that both were designed to help us weather. Going forward we should seek to diversify the industries that support the State but for now we need a life ring and that is the earnings from the Permanent Fund.

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**From:** [Kay Clements](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Public Broadcasting  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:38:40 AM  
**Attachments:** [KHNS Haines Resolution02172016.pdf](#)

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Thank you for your consideration.

Kay Clements

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**From:** [Kay Clements](#)  
**To:** [House Finance](#)  
**Subject:** Public Broadcasting Resolution from Haines Borough Assembly  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:35:12 AM  
**Attachments:** [KHNS Haines Resolution02172016.pdf](#)

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**From:** [LIO Mat-Su](#)  
**Subject:** FW: State Budget Debacle  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 8:36:16 AM

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Good morning!

This was sent to us by a constituent so we are passing it along to you.

Regards,  
Judith Prothero  
MatSu LIO

**From:** Bill Spencer [mailto:8akspencer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 11:19 PM  
**To:** LIO Mat-Su <LIO.Mat-Su@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** State Budget Debacle

I just got done looking at some information on the state spending and thought that I would give my two cents on Walker's raid of the PFD and his promotion of additional taxes. When the state gets it's spending back to a reasonable level, say pre-2005 amounts then he can come with his hat in hand asking residents to give him more money in taxes or from the PFD. Right now Alaska's per capita spending is more than 3 times what Washington state spends per resident. Don't be fooled by misleading polls saying people don't mind giving up more money for the government to spend, that is only after the state reins in spending. Look at some budget allotment charts and make some cuts from the big categories: Education-23%, Other Spending-19%, Healthcare-14%, but also look at the smaller parts of the budget and get rid of waste there too (Like state funded lobbyists and "consultants").

Before Walker was elected, he said Alaska would be run like a business and he would balance the budget. If a business takes in lots of money it can spend lots of money, (that's what got us into this mess) but on the flip side if it is not bringing in as much money it has to find ways to cut spending otherwise it will use up it's reserves and be worse off than if it had cut spending earlier. Instead Walker has used state funds to hire expensive PR people and lobbyists to promote his unreasonable demands on the general public, oil companies, and any legislators who don't share his ideas. This is the same way Obama does politics and Walker's legacy will be the bankrupting of Alaska unless he is kept in check by people in a position to do so.

Sincerely,  
W. Spencer