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Hello,

My name is Jim Dube and I reside in King Salmon.

I would like to go on the record as saying that I support capping the dividend at \$1,000 and using what isn't paid to residents to create another fund or mechanism to help support state government. I also support instituting a small income tax and/or sales tax to help boost revenues.

I do know we need to tap into the CBR to make ends meet right now, but we need to get away from that as soon as possible. I recognize these are difficult times and believe that each resident needs to give a little so that we can keep this state solvent.

I know everything needs to be on the table in terms of budget cuts, but the BAG program that provides broadband assistance to schools is critical to education, especially in the rural parts of the state.

Respectfully,

Jim Dube