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I am writing in support of reinstituting the State income tax. I never resented the tax. My parents voted for bonds to pay for the schools I attended in the fifties and sixties. It is appropriate for the citizens to help pay for the services we recieve. Like many, I was shocked when our state budget exceeded one billion dollars. I believe it is backwards to cut first then tax. We need to do both now, immediately. Of course the income tax is only a partial solution, but with some skin in the game, maybe more will pay attention. Do away with the dividend. Schools and public safety are the top priority. Thank You to all of you folks down there in Juneau.

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