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We are not going to be able to cut our way out of the 3.5 billion deficit. We should not try to correct our problem at the expense of our seniors and children. I do not now or have I ever receive any of the senior bonuses that the state has offered, but there are a good number of folks that depend on it to live. Our young people are the future of our state and we should be doing everything we can to make sure a good education is available right here in the state. We need to keep our young folks here, after they have completed their education, whether it be in the trades or through college.

I believe you should be looking at ways to create new revenue, tap the permanent fund, create an income tax and also a state sales tax. We Alaskans have had a free ride for too long and it is time we start paying for the services we have come to expect and enjoy. The taxes will make sure that all who enjoy our state get to help pay the expense, whether they come from outside to work here (income tax) or if they are a tourist (sales tax). However, there also needs to be a provision in any changing of the fund or implementing of taxes that states when and if the price of oil gets back up to X number of dollars per barrel these sources of revenue can be suspended. I mean suspended, not completely eliminated like we did with the income tax before, that way should this problem arise again in the future it would be much easier to re-implement the sources of revenue.

Thank You
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