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To: Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Bert Stedman; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

Subject: SB 139

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Senator Kelly, Senator MacKinnon and Senate Finance Committee,

Hello, my name is Ginger Evens and I represent myself. I am writing you today on SB 139. I encourage you, the Senate Finance Committee, to take appropriate actions to craft a sustainable state budget that includes revenue.

I would like the state budget to utilize some version of Governor Walker's plan to bring Alaska out of the current financial situation. What is unacceptable to me, a lifelong resident of Alaska, is no action by our legislators. Accessing the permanent fund earnings this spring to begin to address the budget short fall is necessary to keep Alaska moving towards the future.

I encourage the Senate Finance Committee to take the necessary steps to craft a sustainable state budget that includes revenue in the form of a state wide income tax.

I would also encourage you to maintain the current \$50.00 BSA in the budget for education funding. The education of our state's children is the future of our great state.

Sincerely,

Ginger Evens