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The current iteration of the budget goes too far. Way too far. Is the legislature TRYING to put the state into a recession? Cutting government any further seriously jeopardizes our economic growth by reducing vital services that attract business, visitors, and employees to the state. Furthermore, state jobs are the backbone of most rural communities in this state, and reduction in government will seriously impact their economies, creating an influx of economic refugees into Anchorage, the MatSu, and Fairbanks.

State government is already struggling to provide essential services to Alaska, and cutting further will only harm our economy, not help. I urge you to consider responsible ways to generate more income for the state, such as leveraging the PFD. Polls have repeatedly shown a majority of the population favors this approach over deeper cuts. Please do not run our state and people into the ground pursuing some poorly defined notion of "right sized government".

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