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December 4, 2015

The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Medical Staff Support of University of Alaska,
Fairbanks

Dear Governor Walker:

Whereas Alaska industries and businesses rely on the University of Alaska to provide the necessary education and infrastructure to fulfill Alaska workforce development needs; and

Whereas the University of Alaska Fairbanks plays an integral part in the fabric of the Fairbanks community, providing quality educational opportunities, research initiatives and community service to Alaska and to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas the university has many demands on its resources, including the need to finish a major Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility (ELIF) on the Fairbanks campus, and the resources it will take to keep the structure closed until such time as state funding becomes available will be a drain on the whole university system; and

Whereas the UAF College of Engineering and Mines (CEM) ELIF is being created to address the growing space needs of the college to accommodate the increasing enrollment of engineering students in its programs, as well as other UAF program space needs; and

Whereas the engineering programs at UAF CEM cover many types of engineering professions, including civil, environmental, electrical, mechanical, petroleum, mining, mineral resources, computer science and computer engineering; and

Whereas Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and its affiliated clinics require qualified computer science personnel to deal with facilities infrastructure, data base management, and day-to-day running of the organization; and


Whereas UAF and the Community and Technical College provides the necessary education for computer technicians as well as computer scientists to help fill the needs of FMH, and the demand for qualified personnel in these areas exceeds the supply.

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Be it resolved that the physicians and Medical Staff at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital appreciate the partnerships and collaborations with UAF, and support the UA Board of Regents Fiscal Year 2017 capital budget request to the Legislature and the Governor to provide the necessary funds to complete the CEM Engineering and Learning Innovation Facility now.


Danny Robinette, MD
Chief of Staff


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Cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Daniel Sullivan
Congressman Don Young
State Senator Pete Kelly
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State Senator Click Bishop
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March 4, 2016

Honorable Kevin Meyer
Honorable Bob Lynn
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: University of Alaska Engineering

Dear President Meyer and Representative Lynn,

As my Legislators I am writing to you to express my concerns about the engineering programs at the University of Alaska. I have been on three different UAA and UAF engineering advisory committees over the years and can testify that many improvements and cost-reduction steps have been taken. These include:

1. Changes have been made to ensure classes are transferrable between UAF, UAA and UAS campuses.
2. Programs have been combined between campuses and others eliminated to cut costs.
3. Coordination between UAF & UAA engineering deans is at an all-time high; their focus is to educate Alaskans as engineers to fill the needs here, irrespective of the campus.
4. Industry has stated its preference for local Alaska-educated engineers and UA has done a tremendous job and engineering enrollments have more than doubled for both undergraduate and graduate engineering programs; and the number of graduates has increased three fold.
5. The new engineering building at UAA is being utilized to the maximum. Thank you!
6. The new engineering building at UAF is nearly complete and once the internal buildout is finished that facility will meet the needs of the increased numbers of students there.
7. The new Chemical Engineering 2+2 program with Washington State University has been established at no cost to UA.

However, there are two areas that need your direct attention:

1. After investing \$74.8 million, the UAF engineering building remains unusable because the classrooms have not been completed. Industry has given several \$ million to complete the top floor of the building but the other space is only a shell.
 - I appreciate the budget situation but some funding mechanism is needed for the \$46.8 million remaining; be it some form of bonding, etc. a way must be found to finish what is nearly complete, and badly needed.
2. The high cost of construction is affecting the cost of the UAF engineering building, and all other state construction projects. It is time to take a hard look at the regulatory requirements that increase the cost of state projects. The report of the Deferred Maintenance Task Force (January 10, 1998) identified the requirement that contractors pay Davis-Bacon wage rates as a major cost escalator. Now is the time to revisit this issue and thereby reduce the cost of facility construction.

During my career I have taken classes at seven colleges and universities in the U.S. and South America, and the engineering classes I have taken in the UA system have been some of the best. I want to ensure that level of education can continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Borell', with a stylized, cursive script.

Steven C. Borell, P.E.
Principal

Cc: Senator Pete Kelly
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Representative Mark Neuman
Representative Steve Thompson
Representative Tammy Wilson



Alaska Professional Design Council PO Box 241851, Anchorage AK 99524
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Alaska Society of Professional
Land Surveyors

American Institute of
Architects Alaska Chapter

American Society of Civil
Engineers Alaska Section

American Society of
Landscape Architects Alaska
Chapter

American Council of
Engineering Companies of
Alaska

American Society of Interior
Designers

Structural Engineers
Association of Alaska

The Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) is a consortium of professional societies representing design professionals including architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects and interior designers. We have a combined membership of over 1,500 and represent approximately 5,000 licensed design professionals. APDC collaborates on issues of shared interest through educational offerings and governmental advocacy. We are deeply rooted in the business of architecture and engineering, and committed to the long term health and vitality of our state.

One component of APDC is the Legislative Liaison Committee (LLC), a standing committee that actively works with Alaska State Legislators concerning legislation affecting the design community and the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public. APDC and the member societies foster the support, growth and development of programs that include mentoring programs in our communities, schools, and colleges that supports individual and organizations to advance their missions and goals.

APDC LLC also works closely with the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) to further the interests of the regulated design professions in keeping with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The primary issues of concern to APDC LLC this legislative session are:

Support HB 24 to expand QBS to cover all recipients of state funds – The State of Alaska currently requires (AS 36.30.270) that design professionals for state-funded public works projects be selected using Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) criteria. This methodology has been used extensively by federal, state, and local governmental units for more than four decades. It results in the best qualified designer being selected for public projects. Alaska's QBS laws are ambiguous, and many of our political subdivisions utilize design fees, or cost, as a component of the selection process, which violates the fundamental premise of QBS.

Due to the complex nature of design projects, as well as fairness in public contracting, APDC strongly believes that it is in the public's interest to utilize QBS for all public projects. HB24 extends the existing state requirement to use QBS to political subdivisions receiving state funding for public works projects. Simultaneously, we are actively providing educational materials to municipal officials and agencies about QBS so as to educate public works staff on the details of competitive and robust QBS methods.



University of Alaska Engineering Programs and Funding – Let's Finish What We Started – APDC supports the state funding for education in the engineering and geomatics (surveying and mapping) programs at the University of Alaska. Funds have been provided for the Engineering Facilities at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses. The UAA Engineering Facility has been fully funded to completion. The UAF Engineering Facility has not been fully funded and requires \$34.8M to complete.

These new engineering facilities will provide the University of Alaska at both the Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses the opportunity to expand their programs to meet the needs for engineers in the Alaska workplace and to provide an environment to stay current with ever changing technology. This is especially important as university programs are consolidated onto the two campuses. We need to have sufficient facilities to meet student enrollment demands. "Let's Finish What We Started."

Support capital funding for deferred maintenance and repair of Alaska's public infrastructure – APDC LLC supports state funding for capital projects that decreases the level of deferred maintenance and contributes to the repair of public facilities. Further, we support the use of long-term sustainable building designs for both new and renovated public building projects that conserve energy resources and reduce operating costs.

Support capital funding for Educational Facilities and Educational Programs – APDC LLC supports state funding for school facility projects to address the needs of all students and educators. School facilities are a critical part of Alaska's educational system. Adequately funding the statewide needs as prioritized by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development ensures that teachers and students will have the facilities they need to educate Alaska's children.

Education and Mentoring - APDC and the member societies supports the K-12 STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) activities in the class room and also the involvement of mentoring programs. APDC's member societies have various mentoring programs that being applied in Alaska. One such program is the involvement of engineering students from the University of Alaska campuses of Fairbanks and Anchorage to take part in the APDC LLC Legislative Fly-In.

Support making the Landscape Architect Position on the Board of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors should be made a permanent, voting position. Landscape Architects have been licensed in the State of Alaska since 1999. The Landscape Architect position was made temporary at that time because there was a question regarding how many licensees there would be. Now there are more registered Landscape Architects than Mining Engineers, a discipline with a designated seat. In addition, Landscape Architecture is different than any of the other disciplines and the Board is aided by the input from that seat.

APDC is a resource for Legislators – Architects, engineers, and the allied disciplines that make up APDC have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. We invite you to call upon us to assist with visioning, building, and maintaining Alaska's infrastructure.

Jack Walker
7230 Montagne Circle
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March 24, 2016

Senators Kelly and MacKinnon, Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs
Representatives Neuman and Thompson, House Finance Co-Chairs
Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senate and House Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

Thank you serving Alaska, and facing tough fiscal challenges. As a 36-year resident of Alaska, an active member of our community, and a recent retiree who plans to stay here, I want to communicate my extreme concern regarding University of Alaska funding, and particularly, the need to finish the partially complete University of Alaska Fairbanks engineering building.

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Finishing this engineering education building is an investment in Alaska's long term future, and the future of my family's three generations who also live here. As a UAF graduate, a member of UAF College of Engineering and Mines Advisory Council, and a concerned citizen, I would be very happy to discuss the UAF engineering building with you at any time. My contact information is: E-mail: cspjack@gmail.com, phone: 338-1418.4

Thank you for considering completion of the UAF Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. It is important to me and to the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,


Jack Walker

c Senate Finance Committee Members
 House Finance Committee Members



February 4, 2016

House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, AK 99801

Dear Representative:

I am a 21 year resident of the state of Alaska and General Manager of the largest underground gold producing mine in Alaska. However, I am also sending you this letter as a member of the CEMADC for UAF. Having had the pleasure of being in the Alaska mining industry working for some of the top gold and silver producers, I have learned that the mining industry has and will continue to need engineers.

I urge you to support the continuation of funding to finish the construction of the Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility at UAF.

This is important for a number of reasons:

- The Department of Labor estimates that Alaska will need as many as 137 engineers PLUS another 62 engineering technicians annually between now and 2022.
- Engineering graduates are in high demand in this state, and the need exceeds the demand.
- Pogo hires more graduates from UA engineering than from any other university in the nation.
- Current facilities are lacking in space, equipment and technology to provide state-of-the art instruction required by our students.
- Alaska faces a shortage of qualified engineers. To respond to the state's need, the University of Alaska Board of Regents set a priority to more than double the annual number of baccalaureate graduates to 200 by FY14.
- Many engineers working in Alaska are non-residents - up to 35 percent in some disciplines. These employees lack education and experience in Arctic engineering principles.
- Because of the lack of locally educated engineers, positions are filled with engineers from outside of Alaska. We have a part of the solution to this problem started, but we need to finish it!
- Employers prefer to hire UA graduates, as they are more likely to remain in Alaska.
- Graduates from both UAA and UAF are essential.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. It is important to me, our company, our industry, and to the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Chris Kennedy
General Manager

Doniece Gott

From: Anne Biberman <anne.biberman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 10:58 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for UAF

I write on behalf of the University and of Fairbanks.

I don't believe we'll have to wait for an impact statement to understand what will happen in the Interior if these budget cuts are realized. Truly, it will be devastating for Fairbanks. UAF is the center of this community, both economically and intellectually, the fall out here will be unimaginable if these lay offs go through. Support for many of the things which make Fairbanks a great place to live will be greatly impacted. With fewer people to attend events, they and the organizations who present them, will be gone. The businesses who are supported by the University community will be gone and those businesses and organization supported by them will also be gone.

I hope you will fund education and the University in particular as fully as possible this year.

I also urge you to support the balance of funding for the UAF Engineering Facility. I am not in any business that would be effected by this. I simply see this as an enormous waste while it is left unfinished and we can not afford to waste money at this time. Meanwhile, the state needs new engineers and the completion of this facility will allow for this to happen. It would be a positive move towards new revenues in the future rather than a cut in funding - a simplistic and shortsighted move.

I hope you will fund the completion of the UAF Engineering Facility. It's an investment in our future.

The Governor's plan is a good one. Balanced, well thought out, and one which makes the hard but necessary decision to create new revenues in equal measure to making cuts. It isn't about what we are willing to give but what we are willing to give up. Cuts alone will destroy our state. Paying taxes would be nothing when compared to what we would loose if we didn't.

I support the Governor's plan for Alaska.

I absolutely can not imagine why you would consider guns on campus at a time when our country is facing an increase in gun violence through mass shooting. Why would you go out of your way to make this more possible than it already is? Especially when the Regents are against it.

Do not vote for guns on campus.

I urge you in the strongest terms possible, to find solutions which include both revenues as well as cuts. The Governor's plan is a sensible one. As time goes on I have seen support grow throughout town and in a very bi-partisan way. Any sensible person can see the need and I remind you that you are there to **find solutions. This year.** Putting this off will not allow for long term strategies to be put in place. Given time the strategic pathways program can be properly implemented in a reasonable fashion which will inevitably have a better outcome for our community and our state as a whole.

- Support the University
- Allow for time to implement a long-term solution
- The strategic pathways is on-going with further development in the next year
- UAF is too big to fail here. Don't destroy our local economy

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

Anne Biberman
Fairbanks, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Joanna Young <joannayo1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Donny Olson; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Importance of Research Education at UA
Attachments: TP-13-3795-214.jpg

Dear senators and legislators,

My name is Joanna Young, and I am a PhD student in Geophysics at UAF, and I am writing about the **dangers of cutting funding for research education** at the University of Alaska. I am a Canadian who moved to Alaska in 2010 specifically for a Masters program studying glaciers, as the world focus started to shift to the environmental state of health of the Arctic. After graduating in 2013, I decided to stay for a PhD, as I was not yet done with the incredible research opportunities, infrastructure and resources available to me at UA - a world-class Arctic institution that attracts students and faculty from around the world.

In my years here, I have done field work (with federal money I acquired myself) in beautiful Denali National Park, on glaciers feeding into the Susitna Dam project, and on the expansive Juneau Icefield, all to learn how Alaska glacier runoff affects local water resources, downstream river & ecosystem health (e.g. salmon spawning grounds), and Alaska's energy infrastructure. **This type of education simply can't be taught in a classroom, and also has a direct impact on Alaska and Alaskans.** To think that research funding only benefits the researcher is both short-sighted and a misunderstanding.

You can see what research education looks like in the UAF video I am featured in, attached below.

Thank you for your consideration in keeping the UA research budget healthy at a time when we need to be investing in Alaska's students, innovation, and future.

And thank you for serving,

-Joanna Young

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXdPmNvGbsA>

Doniece Gott

From: tim@outinalaska.com
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 2:49 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please finish UAF Engineering building

Dear members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Please finish the UAF Engineering building!

I know times are tough for the State of Alaska at the moment. Now is not the time to give up on our future. Alaska needs engineers to build our future. And we want locally trained engineers to build Alaska! We always talk about local-hire and having a strong University of Alaska is one of the most effective ways to get great, local people to hire.

I was an undergrad at UAF in the 90s. I loved going to school there, although many of the facilities were inadequate and worn down. Many of my friends studied Engineering (they make big bucks now - if I could do it over again...) while I studied Biology and later earned a Masters in Business Administration. I live in Anchorage now, where I own a home and run two small businesses. I would not have stayed in Alaska if it were not for the dynamic opportunities I found at UAF.

I also hope you will revisit the UA Operating budget in conference hearings as well. Gutting UA will gut the future of Alaska. Please don't make these challenging times for Alaska much darker than they need to be. While Alaska is still a place where people can earn a great living working in the trades, that's becoming a rare situation since we live in the Global Information Age - we need a strong University of Alaska if we want Alaska to have a bright future.

For my own part, I donated what I could to UAF and to the UAF Alumni Association this past year. While I don't WANT to pay taxes, like most Alaskans I'm ready and willing to pay my share including accepting a reduced PFD.

Thank you,

Tim Stallard
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Doniece Gott

From: Tsigonis, Jean M. <Jean.Tsigonis@bannerhealth.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: engineering building

Dear Finance Committee:

I met with Senator Kelly earlier this year, in Juneau, to give my opinion on the support of the UAF Engineering building. As a physician, I personally benefit by the production of engineers locally. We need economic development here in Fairbanks and Alaska in general. We need the mechanical, civil and electrical engineers to build the health care facilities. We need the computer engineers to develop our software and hardware for the electronic medical records. The building is so close to being functional. It is essential to finish it to give the present and future students adequate facilities for good education and training.

Please consider funding for the completion of the facility.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Tsigonis

Member of the advocacy committee for UAF

Jack Walker
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March 24, 2016

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Office of the Regional Commissioner
701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2900
Seattle, Washington 98104

March 21, 2016

Alaska Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol
124 4th St.
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Co-Chair Kelly, Co-Chair MacKinnon, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to you in my role as the Seattle Regional Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to request your continued support of the Online with Libraries (OWL) program. Your support of the OWL program will enable us to maintain this critical video link so we can better serve disabled Alaskans applying for our benefits. I understand the funding for the program is not in the current version of the Senate's 2017 State Operating Budget, which could jeopardize the ongoing operation of this important service.

OWL is a valuable tool for providing crucial services to Alaskans who file for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits. On occasion, our clients are required to attend a psychiatric or psychological evaluation in order for us to determine if they are eligible for benefits. We have been using OWL videoconferencing capabilities for many of these evaluations, especially in remote sites. The libraries we are using have the video equipment located in a private space to ensure our clients' confidentiality during their evaluation with the psychiatrist or psychologist.

The OWL program saves Alaskans the burden and challenge of traveling to meet with the evaluating doctors at their offices located in the larger cities. Travel can be intimidating for some, especially those that have mental impairments, and OWL allows them to stay in their community for these assessments. OWL also saves government funds that would otherwise be spent on air travel and lodging to bring the client to the doctor. The value of the program is especially apparent during winter months when travel is most challenging in the state.

For your reference, each month SSA pays \$15.3 million in Social Security Disability benefits and \$5.7 million in Supplemental Security Income benefits to blind and disabled Alaskans. OWL plays a critical role in helping us provide the benefits on which many blind and disabled Alaskans rely.

Thank you for your consideration.



Stanley C. Friendship
Regional Commissioner

Doniece Gott

From: J. Cassellius <jcassellius@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 1:26 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Stop the raid on the Permanent Fund - get Alaskans' consent to use the Fund/PFD

Senate Finance Committee,

Alaskans are the shareholders of The Permanent Fund and the PFD. Do not recalculate the payout of the PFD without a consent of the MAJORITY of Alaskans. That does NOT mean only the consent of business leaders, past Governors and the Alaska's Future reps.

If you want to get money from the PFD share then set up taxes and fees. Make it transparent. Take a fee from every dividend for schools etc but do not cap the PFD.

You have some work to do to adjust oil tax credits and stop the secrecy on the credits. Even the Governor has asked for this. Whose side are you on, Legislators?

You need to prioritize your government cuts. Take some time using savings (18 billion available) to do this adjusting the budget in a better way than cutting the APOC (that's a highly irresponsible move on your part) while planning to purchase the expensive LIO building for over \$32 million.

The only way to set up a POMV for a government payout is with a Constitutional guarantee for the PFD and public agreement on the payout percentages. I have watched hearings on SB114, SB128, HB 224 etc and by the end of the session the Legislators are barely understanding these plans. How do you expect the public to weigh in on these plans - how many people know what a POMV is?

We need more public information shared by Legislators with constituents on any plan that will be approved in the future. A public "education" campaign run by business groups discussing one plan does not qualify as civic discourse.

STOP these bills to restructure the Fund - do NOT go to the Permanent Fund and PFD for funding first - you are going after the easy money, the low hanging fruit. You need a better, fairer plan.

If you pass these bills a referendum to repeal will follow.

Juanita Cassellius
Eagle River, AK

**IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO
DECIDE WHERE TO SPEND
THE PFD.
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YOU**



IF YOU DON'T SPEAK UP



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April 6, 2016

To: Senator Peter Kelly
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Senator Peter Micciche
Senator Click Bishop
Senator Mike Dunleavy
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Donald Olson

Dear Senators:

I am writing in strong support of reinvestment dollars in SB91 the criminal justice reform bill focused on funding for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention programming. As you know, the rates of violence against women and children in Alaska are very high, and the need for prevention matches that. Alaska based research (the Alaska Victimization Survey) indicates a strong correlation between our recent prevention efforts (the last 5 years) and rates of violence against women, which were reduced by 5% over the 5 year period.

Please keep prevention dollars to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at the proposed \$2.5M amount. Prevention efforts work, and at AWARE, our work with Girls on the Run of Greater Alaska indicates significant skill building for young girls, and this program has a fiscal cost. Our local work with engaging boys and men, and engaging our community partners in prevention work, also has a fiscal cost. Our work with youth also comes with a fiscal cost. We rely on prevention funding to support our programming, because we know that domestic and sexual violence are 100% preventable. To reduce domestic and sexual violence in Alaska, we need prevention funding. I urge you to include \$2.5M in prevention for CDVSA as written in the reinvestment portion of SB91. This IS reinvestment at its best, with dedication to reducing victimization, and empowering Alaska's youth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Anna Mackinnon,
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau AK, 99801

April 6, 2016

Dear Senator Anna Mackinnon,

I am writing in support of the reinvestment dollars in SB91 the criminal justice reform bill going toward DVSA prevention programs. We support keeping DVSA prevention dollars at the proposed \$2.5M amount. The latest Alaska Victimization Survey results [[link](#)] suggest there is a strong correlation between recent prevention efforts statewide and fewer reported instances of violence. This is something we should be doing more of if we are to reduce instances of DVSA in Alaska. Prevention works. The ANDVSA programs already direct a good portion of their grant support from the State toward prevention projects but we're nowhere near the level we need to be at. Please consider including prevention dollars in the reinvestment portion of SB91.

The bill sponsor has been supportive of our priorities as the bill made its way to Senate Finance. We are grateful that that this latest version of SB91 treats DVSA offenses differently than other violent and non-violent crime.

Thank you for your continued support.

VWalsh

Virginia C. Walsh

Arctic Women in Crisis Coordinator

OWLconnectsAK

We, the undersigned, ask the Alaskan State House and Senate to fund the Online With Libraries (OWL) program at \$761,800 through the capital budget in FY 2017 to ensure basic access to the internet, broadband, and wifi through libraries.

We know that:

1. OWL broadband and wifi at libraries is a hand-up, not a hand-out for folks across Alaska.
2. In this budget crisis, Alaska shouldn't skip the 4:1 federal matching funds through e-rate for libraries. That doesn't make sense.
3. OWL funding at \$761,800 keeps Alaskans connected to the internet through libraries across the state.

Don't let Alaska libraries go dark!

Signed,

Total signatures: 1164

	Name	State	Comment
1.	Jesse Ackerman	AK	
2.	Roger Weaver	WA	
3.	Georgia Phillips		What are you thinking?!
4.	Roberta Betts	MI	
5.	Nora MacIntyre	CO	
6.	Patricia Brown	AK	
7.	JoAnn Cunningham	MA	JoAnn R Cunningham
8.	James Alborough	AK	
9.	Heather Lende	AK	
10.	Steven Cunningham	MA	Steven Cunningham
11.	Cecily Stern	AK	Fund OWL please!
12.	Laura Murphy	AK	
13.	Vanessa Salmon	MA	Vanessa Salmon
14.	Cerisse Beard	AK	I use OWL all the time. It would be a complete loss to lose this. It allows me to check out books that the library doesn't have physically. It widens the libraries book base, and allows others to also check out audio books.
15.	Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene	AK	
16.	Richard Flegel	AK	
17.	Eleanor Hoag	AK	
18.	Blythe Carter	MA	
19.	Laurie Dadourian	MA	
20.	Eric Aleshire	AK	
21.	Erik Stevens	AK	
22.	Patty L. Brown	AK	Libraries are and always have been a cornerstone of an effective democracy. Today that means they not only house books, but digital communications. Since Alaska relies on the wonderful connectivity provided to its rural communities in order to fully participate in educational opportunities built into our library systems, legislature would be greatly remiss if it severed this connection. Essentially it is telling remote communities that they do not matter as much as the cities do, that the present for the aging and the future of the young in these towns and villages do not need to include current input. This is NOT true. Fully fund the OWL program today. Now.
23.	Cherri Rakers Price	AK	A wide range of benefits and enrichment come to rural Alaska through OWL. Removing OWL service is comparable to amputation of a limb in my town. Haines ranks high in per capita usage of public library services by all age groups. Open year round, and until 9pm, losing OWL presents a devastating loss.
24.	Patricia Blank	AK	

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25. Jacque Horn	AK	
26. Cynthia Allen	AK	
27. Stacey Glaser	AK	
28. Katie Baxter	AK	
29. Holly Davis		Holly Davis
30. Steve Rollins	AK	
31. Brian Howard	AK	
32. Joyce McCombs	AK	Restoring OWL funding at the cost of about \$1 per Alaskan resident, is a solid investment in our future, as well as a revenue stream libraries rely on -- please vote YES to fund OWL.
33. Susan Yamada	AK	
34. Sara Saxton	AK	
35. Emily Nipper	BB	
36. Dana Koppers	AK	
37. Mary Jean Sebens	AK	My children have used the library for years. The online resources and laptops for homework are invaluable. Please keep this program funded for our children, for our remote communities with more limited internet access and for those traveling far from home who need a place to connect.
38. Charles Mitman		
39. Donna Mills	AK	
40. William Broste	AK	
41. Dianne Okleasik	AK	We need our libraries!
42. Holly Brennan	AK	Libraries, and internet, are ridiculously important - ESPECIALLY in Alaska. Please continue funding for OWL.
43. Jared Shucha	AK	Jared Shucha
44. Andrea Hirsh	AK	
45. Sharon Milbocker	AK	
46. Robert Barr	AK	
47. Kathleen Wiechelman	AK	
48. Linda Lyshol	AK	
49. Ann Dixon	AK	Alaska needs more broadband connectivity, not less, so citizens can function and participate in the economy, society, and democracy in the 21st century. OWL is a cost-effective method to keep Alaskans connected.
50. Amy Carney	AK	
51. Harriet Caroline Hassler	AK	OWL is an essential program supporting information equity across Alaska.
52. Mike Robinson	AK	
53. Christine Osciak	AK	
54. Rebecca Moorman	AK	
55. Mary Jo Joiner	AK	
56. D'Arcy Hutchings	AK	I don't think people realize how important OWL is, including those who benefit from it. If it disappears, they will notice!
57. Thomas Carney	AK	
58. Flower Cole	AK	
59. Rheba Dupras	AK	
60. Carol Dufendach	AK	this is a much needed and used service in our community
61. Sandra Rollins	AK	Sandra Rollins
62. Deborah Rinio	AK	
63. Maggie Willis	AK	
64. Tammi Skaleski	AK	
65. Karen Lopez	NC	

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66.	Jenna Guenther	AK	This funding truly is required for many Alaskan libraries to continue functioning at even basic levels, providing one of the only open public spaces in many parts of Alaska.
67.	Caitlin Jacobson		
68.	David McCombs		
69.	Erika Drain	KS	Erika Drain
70.	Carly Booth	AK	
71.	Julia Phelan	AK	
72.	Jackie Bear	AK	
73.	Mary Malcolm	MA	
74.	Kyrsti Floodeen	AK	
75.	Cynthia Jones	AK	
76.	Sigrid Brudie	AK	
77.	Margaret Villarma	AK	
78.	Gage Saxton	AK	
79.	Mary Anne Bishop	AK	This is important! Rural communities will have no internet access without the OWL network. Please continue to eliminate the digital divide, continue to fund the OWL program.
80.	Rayette Sterling	AK	
81.	Jodee Kuden	TX	
82.	Mollie Good	AK	
83.	Helena Mark	AK	
84.	Sherry Vogel	AK	
85.	Deborah Mole		
86.	Joan Martin	AK	
87.	Annie Reeves	AK	
88.	Teressa Williams	AK	
89.	Regan Brudie	AK	Rural communities should have access!!!
90.	Bart Hinkle	AK	
91.	Raina Saxton	AK	
92.	Christie Ericson	AK	
93.	John Lamb	AK	
94.	Darryl Verfaillie	AK	
95.	Brita Rice	AK	
96.	Marilyn Pillifant	MN	
97.	Jennifer Wingard	AK	
98.	Ray Brudie	AK	
99.	Lucinda Williams	AK	Libraries are one of the main ways that many Alaska residents have of connecting to the world. Please don't let them go dark. Collin Dunkin This funding is absolutely essential to the operation and existence of our Alaska libraries! Please restore the OWL funding!
100.	Ann Yadon	AK	
101.	Collin Dunkin	AK	
102.	Lisa Munson Thomas	AK	
103.	Darlene Booth	AK	
104.	Joyanne Hamilton	AK	
105.	Sara Baker	AK	
106.	Jenessa Ables	AK	
107.	Seth Kantner	AK	
108.	Elizabeth Breuker	AK	

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109.	William Reeves	AK	
110.	Nycki Saxton	OR	Nycki Saxton
111.	Amanda Bunnell	TX	
112.	Virginia Cuffe		
113.	Margaret Cosmah	AK	
114.	Wendy Ranney	AK	Please fund the OWL program. They are an integral resource for rural Alaska!!
115.	Dennis Franks	AK	
116.	Mary Alice Hamberg	AK	Mary Alice Hamberg
117.	Melissa Aronson	AK	Eliminating OWL is an insult to everyone who doesn't live in Anchorage. OWL is an important way to keep all the citizens of the state informed on many issues. Getting rid of OWL makes this a two-tier state: Anchorage and everyone else. PLEASE reinstate the funding for OWL.
118.	Kristine Moerlein	AK	
119.	Christalina Jager	AK	
120.	Brooke Dundas	AK	
121.	Yvonne Leavitt	AK	
122.	Wanda Morden	AK	Please don't let our libraries go dark! The internet is needed in the libraries for students who do their homework after school hours to do research and for patrons who use the library for personal & business needs. We have moved forward by the newest technology that connects people all over the world!
123.	Carol Dunlap Austin	AK	I know several folks that can only access the Internet from the library. Please fund for the sake of all Alaskans and travelers who are looking to be connected!
124.	Sandra Ehrlich	AK	Please restore OWL funding...in our rural setting we rely on OWL and share our resources with the local elementary school.
125.	Susan Love	AK	
126.	Tyson Rinio	MT	
127.	Dwight Morrison		
128.	Patience Frederiksen	AK	
129.	Nelli Vanderburg	AK	
130.	Veronica Wood	AK	
131.	Amy Marshall	NV	Thank you for caring about rural Alaska and the challenges libraries face in providing e-Gov and critical economic support access across our great state.
132.	Lorraine Dudzik	AK	
133.	Mary Gross	WA	
134.	Rachel Nash	AK	
135.	Dan Walker	MA	Dan Walker
136.	Mary Penzenik	AK	
137.	Marit Vick	AK	
138.	Mindy Kritchen	AK	
139.	Kimberlee Michaud	AK	
140.	Vivian Dye	AK	
141.	Vera Boyarsky	AK	
142.	Bruce Good	AK	
143.	Cassie Schreckengost	AK	
144.	Matthew Wallender	AK	

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145.	Deborah Gravel	AK	Please fund OWL. It is an essential service to Alaska's rural communities.
146.	Sue Sherif	AK	
147.	Diana Santacruz	AK	
148.	Mary Jo Torgeson	AK	While OWL defunding does not impact Anchorage as much, I think of the broadband at libraries to be an information highway and a great equalizer. Please replace the \$761K funding for OWL
149.	MaryLou Vanderburg	AK	
150.	Dorothy McCauley	AK	
151.	Sergio Pereda	AK	
152.	Jeannie Bench	AK	
153.	Lastan t Williams	AK	
154.	Meghan Malone	AK	
155.	Ann McCann	AK	
156.	Margaret Asbury	AK	
157.	Karen Ouellette	AK	
158.	Moirra Ingle		
159.	Leticia Chavez	TX	
160.	Shanley McCauley	TX	
161.	Kaitlin Woody	AK	
162.	Kelly Herrmann	AK	
163.	Annabelle Alvite	AK	In remote Alaska, with a high percentage of low income residents who have no other access to internet this program funding is extremely important for access to the world, economic development, public education and more. Thank you.
164.	Nicole Van Vleck	AK	
165.	Jeanne Kitayama	AK	
166.	Shari George	AK	
167.	David Cox	AK	
168.	Donald Poling	AK	This bill effectively cuts off everyone that is out of range of internet providers. That means that a big section of our community can no longer communicate with friends and family via the internet nor perform basic communications which involve filling out forms necessary for communicating with government or businesses.
169.	Clare Hill	AK	
170.	Miriam Dunbar		
171.	Debbie Larcom	AK	
172.	Jennifer Beardsley	MT	
173.	Sharyl Kitchin	AK	
174.	Pat Thurman	AK	
175.	Judy Powers	AK	
176.	Anne Freitag	AK	
177.	Melissa Harter	NM	Please do not punish the children of Alaska and compromise their future.
	Michelle		
178.	Wilson Nordhoff	AK	
179.	Roberta Clark	AK	
180.	Chris McGee	AK	
181.	Chey Olson	AK	
182.	rick Burroughs	AK	

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183.	Beth Maccready	AK	
184.	Cindy Smith	AK	
185.	Sara Juday	AK	
186.	Anna Finklea	AK	Anna Finklea
187.	Amanda Austin	AK	
188.	Amory Lelake	AK	
189.	Ernestine Hayes		Just this month I have participated in OWL events that made it possible for me to talk with people in Valdez, Dillingham, Wrangell, Unalaska, Hooper Bay, and other locations as part of the statewide Alaska Reads program. Including all of Alaska in our statewide community can sometimes only be accomplished by this important service -- even more importantly, internet access allows Alaskans to enroll in college courses, keep up with current events, and stay informed about what their representatives are doing for them. We don't want to make short-term decisions that have long term effects. Please find a way to fund OWL when it is most needed.
190.	Susan Wylie	NY	Susan Wylie
191.	Julene Brown	AK	
192.	JoMarie Thomson	AK	Whose brilliant idea was this?
193.	Kirk Rose	AK	Kirk Rose
194.	Kim Baxter	AK	
195.	Vivian Prescott	AK	
196.	Robin Harlow	AL	Robin Harlow
197.	Gretchen Fauske	NJ	
198.	Lucy Flynn Zuccotti	AK	
199.	Dordie Carter	AK	
200.	Kathryn Holmes		Kathy Holmes
201.	Claire Petri	MD	
202.	Freya Anderson	AK	
203.	Beth Skow	AK	
204.	Diondra Matthews	AK	
205.	Katie Schweisthal	AK	
206.	Marie DisBrow	AK	WIFI and Internet access is definitely needed in our community. And why lose 4:1 matching federal funds for something that is educational, and also used for medical and employment needs. Please reconsider and keep the \$761,800 funding for OWL.
207.	Joy Wintersteen	MI	Joy Wintersteen
208.	Jessica Young	AK	
209.	Lisa Charles		Please do not cut funding for owl
210.	Patricia Kilmain	AK	
211.	jeri rosenthal	AK	This is an important avenue to reach more remote communities and bring them together for classes and workshops.
212.	William O'Hearn	CO	PPLD LIBRARY 21c, Attn: Will O'Hearn
213.	Ann James	MI	
214.	Anne Jensen	AK	
215.	Ashley May	MA	
216.	Patricia Linville		Patricia Linville
217.	Aimee Chauvot	AK	
218.	Diana N. Pyle	AK	Alaska must NOT skip the 4:1 federal matching funds through e-rate for libraries.
219.	Kathleen OConnor		Kathleen OConnor

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220.	Nancy Williams	AK	
221.	Zoann Murphy	AK	Zoann Murphy
222.	Debra Green	AK	
223.	Ryan Good	AK	
224.	Chandra Wilson-Sutton	AK	
225.	Denise Sherman		Please fund OWL
226.	Karen Mitchell	AK	Karen Mitchell
227.	Shawna Hytry		I grew up in the bush and lived most of my adult life raising a family where the Library provided Internet for the community. People used it for everyday things but also for business reasons, job related work, getting important things like hunting, trapping and fishing licenses and education. OWL provides a service, for free, that people in larger towns and cities take advantage of-big time. It is greatly appreciated-if you don't believe it then visit those communities.
228.	David Landry	AK	
229.	Natalie Butts	AK	
230.	Joy Wohlman Boyce	AK	
231.	Donna Holleman	AK	
232.	Edward Hays	AK	Alaskans of all ages rely on the library's internet for dependable connectivity and bandwidth for online applications, communication, training and learning.
233.	Lisa Andriesen	AK	
234.	Diane Holl-Rambo	AK	
235.	Clare Ross	AK	
236.	Katherine Walker	AK	
237.	Megan Riebe	AK	
238.	Anna Jurgeleit	AK	OWL is so important for small rural communities. I hope you will consider us in your spending cuts.
239.	Sandar Van Dyck	AK	
240.	Jacob Brown-Beach	MA	Online connectivity serves an essential purpose in remote locations and small towns. Please don't sever the connection.
241.	Sara Chapell	AK	
242.	Audra McCann		
243.	Louise Freeman	AK	I depended on the internet for many essentials when I lived in rural Alaska, especially in the winter when the roads was closed. Please keep funding OWL.
244.	Natosha Parks	WY	Keep them connected!!!
245.	Elizabeth Vanburgh	AK	
246.	Denise Buckelew	SD	
247.	Laura Langdon		
248.	Diana Ellis	KS	
249.	Shell Becker	AK	
250.	Conni Bishop		Here in Tok, we are not a city, not even a town, but we have a public library. Tourist and community members depend on our free internet service through OWL. It would be a great slide backwards if we lose our internet service through our public library.
251.	Nicholas Courtnage	AK	
252.	Lisa Kness	AK	
253.	Brooke Dudley	AK	
254.	Jessica Leija	AK	
255.	Kate Petersen	AK	
256.	Nina Malyshev	AK	
257.	Sarah McClellan	AK	Sarah McClellan
258.	Victoria Steik	AK	

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259.	Kristopher Hadden	AK	
260.	Dorothy Hrncir	AK	
261.	Allison Dickey	CA	
262.	Alexzandra Chin	AK	
263.	Debra Wessler	AK	
264.	Stan Anderson	AK	Stan Anderson
265.	Anngel Norkist	AK	
266.	Joyce McDevitt	ME	
267.	Mary Lee Guthrie	AK	
268.	Christopher Lease	AK	
269.	Carol Fletcher	AK	
270.	Kandy Crowe	FL	
271.	Janelle Maki	AK	This is a cheap program to fund that if cut, disenfranchises rural Alaskans.
272.	Bonnie Meyers	CA	
273.	Linda Klein		
274.	Kathy Nielsen	AK	
275.	Susan Tow	AK	
276.	Margaret Eagleton	AK	The community of North Pole, Alaska has directly benefited from the OWL program. I would hate for other communities to miss out on these opportunities.
277.	Irene Bortnick	AK	
278.	Linda Jeschke	AK	
279.	Tara Yunker		
280.	Ellen Clark	AK	
281.	Nina Brudie	AK	Rural Alaskans have such limited access to these kinds of services, please do not further limit them.
282.	Nellie Sears	AK	
283.	Cynthia Hughes	AK	
284.	Barbara Blood	AK	
285.	Judith Green	AK	
286.	Harold Rougeux	AK	
287.	andrea gunter	AK	
288.	Mary Ann Czmer	AK	
289.	Marlena and Gary Saupé	AK	An invaluable service and much needed for rural towns. Connects us to the outside world.
290.	Stephanie Prestwich	AK	
291.	Nancy Bertels	AK	
292.	Jessie Giyer	AK	
293.	Brad Sontag	AK	
294.	Dave DisBrow	AK	
295.	Kristin Hathhorn	AK	
296.	Jessica Means	AK	
297.	Tina Holman	AK	
298.	kathleen clements	AK	
299.	Olivia Foster	AK	
300.	Jennifer Melin	AK	
301.	Kate Goudreau		The loss of knowledge far surpasses the loss of excess. This would cut access to those most desperately in need of resources they cannot provide to themselves.
302.	Alyson Brown	AK	
303.	Sara Hill	WA	
304.	Pamela Gray	AK	

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305.	Cheryl Stafford	WI	
306.	shauna scudero	MA	
307.	Stacia McGourty	AK	Not only does OWL allow me to offer programs not locally available, but in smaller communities OWL is the only way those libraries could afford reasonable internet. By cutting OWL you are cutting off people's access to information and government services.
308.	Laura Salisbury	AK	
309.	Mary Tougas	AK	Please fund OWL
310.	Sheridan Culver	AK	
311.	Joy Bailey	AK	
312.	Meghan Aube-Trammell	AK	
313.	Michael Widney	AK	
314.	Carol Ryan-Aube	AK	Do not touch any funding to libraries. They are at bare bones already. They do so much for the community!
315.	Linda Shelborne	AK	
316.	William Aube	AK	
317.	katharine palmer	AK	
318.	Diana Day	ME	
319.	Amanda Kiely	AK	
320.	Sean Aube	AK	
321.	Barbara Deardorff	AK	
322.	Virginia McClure	AK	
323.	Sheila Ring	AK	
324.	Lucian Childs	AK	
325.	Ian Maury	AK	
326.	W. Clinton "Buck" Sterling	AK	I am a librarian in the State Court system and my wife is a public librarian. We both know that OWL is a crucial service for our fellow Alaskan, allowing many to look for work, check on medical and financial issues, keep up with fishing, hunting and cannery work, complete school, apply for permits and child service, register for PFDs, seeking literacy support, etc. Also, keep in mind, 1. OWL broadband and wifi at libraries is a hand-up, not a hand-out for folks across Alaska. 2. In this budget crisis, Alaska shouldn't skip the 4:1 federal matching funds through e-rate for libraries. That doesn't make sense. 3. OWL funding at \$761,800 keeps Alaskans connected to the internet through libraries across the state. We can afford it and, frankly, if you help people get jobs it will pay for itself.
327.	Greg Mandel	AK	
328.	Adriana Hevezi	MA	Adriana Hevezi
329.	R Scott Bonney	AK	
330.	Carrie Sykes	AK	
331.	Geoffrey Wright	AK	
332.	Marie Rowan	AK	
333.	Timothy Bauer	AK	Timothy Bauer
334.	Ruth Strong	AK	please keep OWL!
335.	Donna Andrews	AK	
336.	Megan Diemer	AK	
337.	Linda Schandelmeier	AK	
338.	Linda Mcelmurry	AK	We need to maintain funding for OWL as it is such a linl for so many to information.

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339.	Sally McDaniel	NM	Libraries are primary !!
340.	Ingrid Johnson	AK	
341.	Lucy Dunham	AK	
342.	Julie Rodgers	AK	
343.	Lisa Foster	PA	
344.	Reilly Selmser	AK	
345.	Joyce Bailey	OH	
346.	Denise Taylor	OH	
347.	Heidi Deadmond	AK	OWL funding is critical to providing services to small communities. People rely on public libraries to access computers for job applications, tax preparation, personal correspondence, and more. Libraries provide literary support, personal interaction, and encouragement when economic times are toughest.
348.	Jordan Culver	AK	
349.	Melinda Boschee	AK	Access to Internet is very expensive in Alaska and especially in Kodiak. If the library doesn't provide free internet for our patrons a large segment of our population simply won't have access to the Internet. This means the unemployed won't be able to apply for jobs at our local canneries which only accept online applications. It also means children whose parents can't afford access at home will have no way to perform online research outside of school hours. It also means that those who come to Kodiak and don't have their own computers and wifi access will be even more isolated from family and friends I understand the intent is to save money but if this program is cut it will end up costing the state even more in the long run. Higher unemployment, poor education, higher mental stress in general for an already disadvantaged segment of society. Keeping this cost effective program in place would be a shining example of compassionate conservatism in action.
350.	Julie Vasquez	AK	
351.	James Peterson	AK	
352.	Kerry Halvarson	AK	
353.	David Smith	AK	
354.	Tamra Holly	AK	
355.	Erin Hollingsworth		Alaska's libraries matter. The funding cuts to social services are adding more responsibilities to those of us who work in libraries. We will not be able to help the members of the public with these needs if the libraries go dark. Please do not let this happen.
356.	Lori Landstrom	AK	
357.	Wendy Anderson	AK	
358.	Walle Koning	AK	
359.	Brooke Steinke	AK	Since information is no longer primarily distributed through print, the internet has become a crucial resource for access to information. Internet is a tool that Alaskans need to connect with not just those outside Alaska, but with many of the Alaska's isolated areas as well.
360.	Fia Chaney	AK	I have internet at home, but I print elsewhere. I imagine this would put a lot of people in a hard spot.
361.	Ken Ascher	MI	As a student at Ilisagvik College located in Barrow, access to public library broadband internet and wi-fi services are essential for our North Slope communities. Internet access helps ensure student academic success and academic research through distance education and empowers stakeholders to have the ability to have global collaboration with others.
362.	Karen Kresh	AK	
363.	vivian savage	TX	Vivian Savage
364.	Ashley Wagner	TN	
365.	Debbie Carlson	AK	
366.	Rosemary Carlton	AK	Don't send villages and towns back into the "dark ages". Fund OWL!
367.	Lisa Ives	MA	
368.	Abraham Rodgers		

	Name	State	Comment
369.	Justin Wintersteen		Justin Wintersteen
370.	Margaret Andrews	AK	Please keep the small libraries with OWL. I live in Hollis and it is something that the community needs. Thanks
371.	Cheryl Humme	AK	
372.	Mary Bolton	AK	This would be a travesty for our students & people who depend on the library wifi, especially in isolated regions. It is abhorrent for state legislators to cut this important link to the world. We would love to continue to live our lives as Alaskans. Does that not count for anything anymore??
373.	Michelle Martin	AK	Library internet is an essential resource to many in my community. Without it, they would have no internet access at all. These folks are already at the bottom of the economic ladder, and without the ability to search for employment, fill out applications, file for PFDs, and the myriad other things that are done almost exclusively online, they fall even farther. PLEASE DO NOT CUT OWL FUNDING...it is something that, as a state community, we can easily afford to keep.
374.	Austin Love	AK	Austin Love
375.	Natalie Welcome	AK	
376.	Michael G Gilmour	AK	
377.	Polly Page	AK	
378.	Linda Norris	AK	Libraries in rural Alaska communities provide essential, important services. Up-to-date connectivity enables rural libraries to best serve their communities. Please continue to fund OWL. Thank you.
379.	Zachery Schasteen	WA	
380.	Debby Dahl Edwardson	AK	Libraries are essential conduits of culture and information, especially in rural Alaska. Do not cut this funding!
381.	Amity Condie	KS	
382.	Jaime Patkotak	AK	
383.	Flora Roddy	AK	Public libraries are an integral part of the community, where many people need access to the Internet.
384.	Ayla Stein	IL	
385.	Erik Carlson	AK	
386.	adinda demske	AK	
387.	Roberta Austring	AK	
388.	David Ongley	AK	We just ran a 30 hour HAZWOPER at our library through OWL. This training was not going to happen any other way. It helps people get jobs and OWL actually saves money!
389.	Robyn Russell	AK	
390.	Michelle Daml	AK	
391.	Constance Harris	AK	
392.	Linda Holt	AK	Please keep our funding coming for our computers! There are so many here who are unable to connect to the internet any other way than at our Hollis Public Library. They also use it for educational purposes, business, new people to this remote area use it for ordering in their supplies and setting up their utilities, others use it for business, job hunting and resume's, video conferencing as there is often no other way to gather for a conference. Please reconsider and keep our funding coming. it is so very important to our libraries! Thank you for your consideration and allowing our input.
393.	Barbara Carlson	AK	
394.	Rebekah Theriot	AK	
395.	Laura Thomas		
396.	Carmen Sears	AK	
397.	Krista Justice	AK	
398.	Colleen Watson	AK	OWL is essential for rural AK. It keeps us in the 21st century and connected with the world. It allows for educational advancement! Fund OWL!

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399.	Nicolle Haroldson	AK	
400.	Shannon Donahue		
401.	Sue Dean	AK	
402.	Chelsy Nusunginya	AK	
403.	Cynthia Franzen	AK	
404.	Colleen Robertia		
405.	Sarah Carstensen	AK	
406.	Tatiana Petticrew	AK	
407.	Nancy Diemer	AK	Don't be penny wise and dollar foolish.
408.	Kathy Heus	AK	Internet service is very important to rural communities. Funding the Owl program will make these connections more affordable because there are federal funds that would likely be available.
409.	Laura Brekke	AK	
410.	Michael Carlson	AK	
411.	Krystin Bogan	AK	
412.	Monica Mullet	AK	Monica Mullet
413.	Pearl Brower	AK	
414.	Sarah Peters	AK	
415.	Anna Turkel	UT	
416.	Kat Moore		
417.	Jocelyne Thomas	NL	When you cut funding to a vital community resource, such as a library, you are destroying your own community piece by piece. Build up, don't tear down.
418.	Barbara Budnik	AK	
419.	Bill O'Malley		Bill O'Malley
420.	Alexis Willson	AK	
421.	Matt Stawicki	FL	
422.	Meghan Nedwick		
423.	Nancy Moore	AK	Libraries are a foundation of democracy. The legacy is important.
424.	Shanta Dickerson	KS	
425.	Nicole Kendhammer	AK	
426.	Colleen Egan	AK	
427.	Kathleen Evenson	AK	
428.	Kellie Lynch	AK	
429.	Cat Silvers	FL	
430.	Amanda Andersen	AK	The OWL grant connects our rural community to the outside and is greatly needed. Our 5-star library is able to coordinate videoconferences for educational and professional purposes, support small business users, and keep countless workers in contact with family members. The library and school share the internet usage; without it, our school will not have adequate internet for daily use or be able to do the required state testing that is all online. Please consider reinstating the OWL grant; rural communities depend greatly on the funds to maintain communication and information flow.
431.	Jayme Ziemer	AK	
432.	Carrie Plant	AK	As a Developmental Specialist with Sprout Family Services working with families with babies and toddlers with special needs, OWL is critical to our work. For example, it enabled a child with a vision impairment in Unalaska to participate in vision therapy with a specialist in Homer because vision care is not available in the remote Aleutians.
433.	Chris Oliver	AK	

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434.	Mike Thrall	AK	
435.	Susan Carlile		
436.	Kris Knight	MA	In Delta Junction, the OWL funding is the only thing that is spring the public internet. We don't have restaurants that also have free wifi in town. The library is it! A lot of the people who use the internet at the library can not get internet at their homes. Please find a way to keep these funds available especially in smaller, more remote areas!
437.	Karie Wilson	AK	Please support our libraries!
438.	Catherine Hazen	AK	
439.	Susan Smith	AK	
440.	Jeff Seifert	AK	In a world of ever-increasing use of the internet in the function of everyone's lives, regardless of their ability to afford it on their own, it is essential to have a central source of access. Libraries are the most safe, secure and practical place to do that.
441.	Estkarlen Magdaong	AK	
442.	Tammy Pound	AK	
443.	Irena Adams	AK	I am strongly support OWL funding. For rural Alaskan students it is of life importance to have free access to digital resources through our public library!
444.	Cindy Titus	AK	Please don't cut OWL internet services; too many of us depend on it!
445.	Jennifer Van Deventer	AK	
446.	James Tanha	NC	James Tanha
447.	Kelly Tompkins	AK	
448.	Deborah Ryan	AK	
449.	Donald W.Y. Kilbuck	AK	Home and Garden National Geo Ch. News Ktuu.com Public Station
450.	Don Roberts	AK	
451.	Mary Olah	AK	
452.	Alan Easley	AL	
453.	Missi Klumker		
454.	stacey bushell	AK	
455.	Elke Saunders	WV	Internet access is crucial in our town library. When fishermen come to our port, it is a lifeline for them. For some, it is their only way to communicate with family members. Our library is also a meeting place for students that rely on internet for their studies.
456.	Patrick Trinidad	MT	
457.	Michael Moniak	AK	
458.	Katrina Dowell	AK	
459.	Don Mather	AK	
460.	Zoe Bigley	AK	
461.	Athenia Large	AL	
462.	Jessica Penaloza	AK	
463.	Christy Anderson	AK	
464.	Erin Bailey	AK	
465.	Rebecca Heaton	MA	I would happily give up my PFD for the sake of worthy services like this one, which is of such value to our remote communities.
466.	Natasha Panamarioff	AK	
467.	Kriss Hinders	AK	
468.	Nicola Belisle	AK	Insane to remove crucial community services. Shave from the top not the bottom.
469.	Kathleen Gannon	AK	
470.	Pam Lund	AK	
471.	Susan Wilinski	AK	
472.	Sami Barton		
473.	Lia Sanford	AK	

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474.	Lisa blank		
475.	Melissa Brown	AK	
476.	Brandi Gardner	IN	Brandi Gardner
477.	Michael Hicks	CO	
478.	Christopher Skidmore	AK	
479.	Andrea Miller	AK	
480.	Genee Shaishnikoff	AK	
481.	Sarah Lavinder	AK	
482.	Selma Mckee	AK	
483.	Katharine Armbruster	AK	I'm both an employee of the public library system and a user of the public library system. To eliminate funding would be a major hit to the services provided to the public of Alaska. Please keep our internet access funded!
484.	Emily Diocares	AK	
485.	Joanna Co	AK	
486.	Lisa Kostelecky		
487.	D. Tyrell McGirt	AK	
488.	Margaret Owen	AK	
489.	Heidi Hargraves	AK	
490.	Delores Cobban	AK	
491.	Amber Wood	AK	Amber Wood
492.	Mark Winterstein	AK	Free internet at libraries helps poorer folks access resources on the web.
493.	Stephanie McCarter	AK	
494.	shauna trotzke	AK	
495.	Joy Whitsel	AK	
496.	Nathan Michalski	AK	The OWL program allows connectivity and communication between all people throughout our geographically diverse state. Funding for this program should not be cut. This program is needed to improve communication throughout our state for all our citizens - especially those who are disproportionately disadvantaged when it comes to communication capabilities.
497.	manuel castellon	AK	the need of internet is very important for kodiak residents. many of the people here dont have access to internet at home. kids needs to do their homework. is necessary to file application on line for benefits. we need the internet.
498.	Brian Gass	AK	
499.	matthew kelly	AK	
500.	Eleanor Werbe	AK	
501.	Beth Schultz	NJ	
502.	Arianna Fangonilo	AK	
503.	Derek Craycroft	MA	
504.	Chad Keen	AK	
505.	Jackie Cason	AK	
506.	Jeb Morrow	AK	don't eliminate this vital tool for working alaskans. I need library internet access for my work as a transient fisherman Thankyou
507.	April Carlough	AK	
508.	Jayne Zenker	AK	
509.	dennis treston	AK	
510.	Cecelia Esparza	AK	OWL is a lifeline to numerous people in rural Alaska.
511.	Deanna Skidmore	AK	

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512.	Carl Sage	AK	
513.	Grier Hopkins	WA	
514.	Heidi Grunden	AK	
515.	Joelina Panamarioff	AK	
516.	Linda Niemann	AK	Linda Niemann
517.	Anne Kennedy		
518.	Heather Corriere		Libraries provide an important service for people who might have no other access to the Internet.
519.	Santa Claus	AK	
520.	David Nelson	MA	
521.	Becky Stewart	AK	
522.	Laura Creighton,	DC	
523.	Francie Cork	AK	Francie Cork
524.	Samantha Burnside	AK	Samantha Burnside
525.	Lyndall Soule	AK	remote villages in the Arctic rely on services such as this--they are critical to keeping our youths and adults cocupied
526.	Pamela Weaver	AK	This program is invaluable to the residents of Alaska--especially rural Alaskans. Cutting this program will really limit horizons in our villages. Please do not cut this program!
527.	Brittany Jackson	AK	
528.	Amy Houck	AK	Please continue this vital program to keep rural Alaskan communities connected.
529.	Nicole Vreeman	AK	
530.	Alexis Fackeldey	AK	
531.	Mary Beth Timm	AK	
532.	Misty Lee	AK	
533.	Jonathan Jacobs	AK	Jonathan D Jacobs
534.	Katherine Gronn	AK	
535.	Phylis Slone	AK	
536.	Jessie Morgan	AK	
537.	Nancy Keen		Nancy Keen
538.	Angel Sanders	AK	
539.	Seini Mauga	AK	
540.	Kimberly Lowe	OH	
541.	Darius Kasprzak	AK	
542.	Jason Tandler	AK	
543.	Teresa Robertson	AK	
544.	Ross Weller	MA	Please keep the internet or get GCI to step up to the plate
545.	Emma Clary	AK	
546.	jamie katzeek	AK	Alaska needs OWL!
547.	Beverly Jean Fischer	AK	
548.	Hanna Clary	AK	
549.	Olivia Winters	AK	
550.	Robert Muller	AK	
551.	Claudia Duffield	AK	
552.	Fran Tuenge	AK	

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553. Barbara Muller	IL	The proposal to defund OWL is a disgrace. Education is a right in a Democracy but the uneducated are easier to control. In a state as large and diverse as Alaska with such limited means of transportation you are limiting your constituents right to learning and that is not only unnecessary but immoral. Stop giving money to oil companies and you may be able to be more successful at balancing the budget and doing your job of serving the people, not the corporations and special interests that have bought you. As a former Alaskan I can only say that I am ashamed of the reputation that Alaska has in the other states after Sarah Palin. Please don't make it worse.
554. Jack Gelione	AK	
555. Erica Mobley	MA	Erica Mobley
556. Heidi Wegand	AK	I just want to say that the internet provided at the public libraries is a must for our family. We have no cell service and no phone or internet services. I rely on using the internet at our local library to file our PFD every year and also our taxes. Our library relies solely on fund raising and donations and j know they do not have the extra funds to provide unlimited internet service to the community. Please reconsider funding our libraries.
557. Brandon Ryan	AK	please dont let alaska librarys go dark
558. Denise Graham	OH	
559. Elisabeth Brennan	AK	
560. Roberta Schowen	AK	
561. Estelle Patrickf	AK	
562. Leon Wallace	AK	
563. Candice Funk	AK	
564. samuel skidmore	VA	samuel skidmore
565. Danielle Huerta	AK	
566. Jen McElroy	IL	
567. Gail Harley	AK	Maybe if people in public office took a pay cut we wouldn't have this problem .
568. Shannon Nixon	AK	
569. Ruth Terry	AK	
570. Tyler Quales		
571. Karen Brint	IL	
572. Brian Lyke		As an online student at UAS, I use the resources OWL makes available nearly every day. It allows me to earn a graduate degree while living and working in a rural Alaskan town. Please maintain the level of support for this program.
573. Linda Covert	AK	
574. Debra Gritman	LA	
575. Lorraine Krueger	AK	
576. Tom Rapp	AK	
577. Suzanne Abraham	MA	Suzanne Abraham
578. Jill Stone	AK	This is the only place some kids can use the Internet for school assignments. More technology is being used in the classroom due to 21st century skills. They are our future.
579. Lean Vanessa Ridao	CA	
580. Joseph sigmon	TX	joseph sigmon
581. Dana Haynes	AK	
582. Nancy Castro	MA	
583. Barbara Moots	AK	
584. Nancy Tran	CA	
585. Micheal Horsman	AK	
586. Justin Lamb	CA	justin lamb
587. Julianna Braund-Allen	AK	

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588.	Kathryn Guillaum	MA	OWL is an invaluable service for all our library administrators and patrons. As you know many many communities are rural and OWL internet provides informational, and teaching programs for those who other wise would not have resources. Please don't take away a service that connects us with the rest of the U.S. Libraries are the hub of information here in AK, because of OWL. Please reconsider. This is not disposable!!
589.	Maria Wessel	AK	
590.	Barbara Thoma	AK	Libraries are more important than Legislators salaries!!
591.	heather mcintyre	AK	
592.	Hillary Brandenburg	AK	
593.	Wendy Leseman	AK	
594.	Brenda Sadler	AK	
595.	Jeanne Miller	AK	
596.	Julie Doll	AK	I understand that budget cuts are needed and program funding must be trimmed. However, the legislators should be allowing constituents to input on the complete list of potential cuts rather than items being addressed one at a time. Overall, I do believe it is in the public's best interest to keep libraries and programs like OWL available to all. I am a library user and I rely on the library internet because my rural area does not have any access better than dial up at 24 kbs.
597.	Lenore Kameroff	MA	
598.	Holly Lonheim	AK	
599.	Diane Grantier	AK	
600.	Brittany Behm	AK	Keep it. Brittany Behm
601.	Kate Kendrick	CO	
602.	Geoff Carroll	AK	
603.	Louise Halvorsen	AK	
604.	Mary Jane Kutyna	AK	Keep it.
605.	Tamara Romer	AK	Geez...the kids need the library, you all don't always have to take,take, take
606.	Mary Ann Kondro	MD	Libraries provide an island on this island for far more then a book to read! They allow/ share resources way past a persons sometimes small world! A warm place to expand ones world...
607.	Roxann White		
608.	Ellen Brumfield	AK	
609.	Jeralyn Hath	AK	
610.	Karen Denny	AK	
611.	Mckenzie Johnson	AK	
612.	Jan Hart	AK	
613.	Kadie Schmidt	AK	
614.	Michele Wing	AK	
615.	Noreen Addonisio	AK	
616.	Rhonda Anderson	MA	
617.	Catherine Walker	OR	I am a yup I know borrow in Napaimute !
618.	Kathy Fish	AK	
619.	Mollie Dwyer	AK	
620.	Kathy J	AK	
621.	Heidi Shinn Aga		Please fund the OWL system for video conferencing in rural Alaska. It is the only way we can take classes or meet with others from across the state or beyond. It is very cost effective from a business utilization perspective.
622.	Mary-Margaret Stein	AK	

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623.	Carol Potter	AK	I see our kids, our elderly, our low wage workers and our seasonal workers all over the library area making use of this important tool. I have used it myself many times when my own internet is down over the years. Internet access Makes Alaska Work. Please preserve public access.
624.	Brandon Tucker	AZ	Brandon Tucker
625.	Linda Lekanoff	AK	
626.	Lori Gregory	MA	
627.	Sophia Willard	AK	As a single mom I utilized the library for myself and my children. Not being able to afford a computer or home internet. I was so grateful for our library offering this much needed and appreciated service. Please don't take it away.
628.	Jim Taylor	AK	
629.	Evonne Sharpes	AK	
630.	Kevin Anderson	AK	
631.	Bill Sharpes	AK	
632.	Megan Leary	NY	The City of Aniak receives OWL funding from the State of Alaska to help keep our library funded and providing services to residents in our community. We have library patrons ranging in ages 4-65 that come into the library regularly to use the internet and computers for homework, checking the news, emailing family, etc., and to check out movies/books, and utilize the free tutoring and story times that we offer. Without the OWL funding a lot of the services the Aniak Public Library provides will not be possible, because we will have to substitute our own minimal funding to cover the deficit of now having the OWL money. PLEASE help keep our public library's open.
633.	Stacy Turner		
634.	Cheryl Morgan	AK	
635.	Amber Williams	MA	
636.	Sharena McKindy	AK	
637.	Francine Kvamme	AK	Internet is very important for the community and students.
638.	Genevieve Ward	NV	
639.	Naomi Norback	AK	
640.	Michael Mason	AK	
641.	Gina McKindy	MA	This is vital program for our communities in rural Alaska. Especially, smaller communities where it may be the only source of accessing technology and media sources.
642.	Kristine Kain	AK	Please keep funding for the libraries! My family utilizes the book, movies and computer access.
643.	Deborah Bitanga	AK	
644.	Thomas Sharkey	AK	Please fund this program for the future well being of our youth
645.	Maryalice Morgan	AK	
646.	Rachel Konteh		
647.	Emily Alvey	AK	
648.	Leonard Kjera	AK	
649.	Darlene Holmberg	AK	
650.	Dara Whitworth	AK	
651.	Jan Hill	AK	
652.	Michelle Ayers	AK	
653.	Moir Ireland	AK	
654.	Max Musial	AK	
655.	Tonya Loska	AK	
656.	Corey Cejka	AK	

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657.	Sarah Musgrove	MA	
658.	darlene cash	AK	
659.	Hannah Wright	MA	
660.	James Raykowski	AK	
661.	Michael Bach	AK	Please do not take away our internet connectivity from our rural communities and public libraries. Eliminating internet accessibility as a cost saving measure will further strain communities who depend upon our public libraries to find gainful employment, schooling, training, and resources.
662.	Donna Callis	AK	
663.	romeo binaoro	AK	
664.	hobi mittendorf	AK	i am a fisherman that doesnt have access to wy fi all the time. it is nice to have a place for that.
665.	Lauren McCausland	AK	
666.	Deborah Adkison	AK	
667.	Teresita Fernandez	AK	
668.	Elizabeth Arthur	AK	
669.	Patricia Heyes	AK	
670.	Laurene Monzon	AK	
671.	Deborah Marshall	AK	
672.	Brett Krenzelok	AK	
673.	April Counciller	AK	Public Internet access through our public libraries is very important for Alaska. Especially the rural areas which are underserved. Please restore this important funding!
674.	Thomas Gregg		Thomas Gregg
675.	Marilyn Jaskowiak	AK	
676.	Karl Burns	AK	
677.	Sorona Abell	AK	
678.	Robert Happ	AK	
679.	Marissa Cordova	AK	I will support the library
680.	Celeste Adkins	AK	The children of Alaska need their libraries to remain open. Please keep this funding going for all the children and communities across the State of Alaska.
681.	Alexandra Edwards	OK	
682.	Markella Stapleton	AK	
683.	Janinne Price	PA	Janinne Price
684.	Libby Nolin	AK	
685.	Janice Carrington	AK	
686.	Bridget Clark	AK	As the volunteer reading program coordinator for the Ninilchik Library, I am adamantly opposed to cutting OWL services. Our rural communities depend on the Internet services offered by our libraries.
687.	Linda McCool	AK	As a resident of rural Alaska, I know how important internet access at the library is for so many of our citizens. To cut the funding and lose the federal matching dollars is a terrible, needless waste! The Internet is not a luxury, it is a necessity in order to function in today's high tech world. I am against cutting this funding!
688.	Jennifer Addington	MS	
689.	Julia Fischer	AK	
690.	Lisa Frederic	AK	

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691.	Gaylin Maghupoy	AK	Have public internet is so important to our communities. Many cannot afford their own internet and depend on the library to do research, employment opportunities and much more.
692.	Kelly White	AK	
693.	Jennifer Eubank	MA	
694.	Kerry Malone	AK	Colleen Blake
695.	Geri Cannon	AK	
696.	Colleen Blake	OH	
697.	Jennifer Webster	AK	
698.	ernie piper	AK	
699.	kim martinez-cleary	AK	
700.	Andrew Sablon	AK	
701.	Christina-Alexa Liakos	AK	
702.	Telsche Thiessen	AK	
703.	Fay Herold	AK	
704.	Vonice Larsen	IL	Growing up in Sutton, Alaska taught me that libraries are vital for all communities and that what we often think of as "rural" actually can have a broad definition. The half-hour drive into Palmer is something that many people in the Sutton community cannot casually make on a daily basis. We rely on the internet provided through the library for job searches, applications to universities, and connecting with the world around us. More than that, it helps keep the library as a meeting place for the community. In small communities the library is often the life's blood of the social world. It is where we hold community meetings, reading programs, and social events and gatherings. Libraries are our support network, and as such should be funded in what they need to keep the community aspect thriving. Especially when the value of the state's investment will be magnified around three-fold by the federal government.
705.	cyndy malinit-aquino	AK	
706.	Jeanne Kenworthy	AK	
707.	Tiana Melquist	WA	
708.	Karina Mangu-Ward	IL	
709.	Kim Girard	AK	
710.	Christine Morgan	AK	
711.	Jack Niggemyer		
712.	Nat Nichols	AK	
713.	Cheyenne Trent	AK	
714.	Tamara Swenson	AK	
715.	Esther Wetzel	AK	
716.	Barbara Hurley	AK	
717.	McKenzi Topp	AK	
718.	Richard Dunkin	AK	
719.	Pamela Verfaillie		
720.	Amy Nicolaisen	AK	
721.	Molly Lane	AK	
722.	Dalton Tonga	MN	Dalton Tonga

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723.	Mary Chouinard	NY	
724.	Beverly O'Donnell	AK	Internet access encourages self education and economic development. Limiting economic development at this time will further hurt rather than help the economy. If Walker could find an account of \$280 million for a pet project added to the budget, I'm sure libraries can still be funded at appropriate levels to serve their communities as necessary resources.
725.	Augustus Topp	AK	
726.	Shannon Mitchell	AK	
727.	Stephen Lucey	AK	
728.	Alice Williams	AK	Alice Williams
729.	Heidi Tester	AK	
730.	Tiffany Brunson	AK	
731.	Teresa La Pella	MA	
732.	Sandy Curtis	AK	
733.	Hillary Hafner	AK	
734.	Jessica Beckling	AK	
735.	Susan Boyack	AK	
736.	Shelley Paulson	AK	
737.	Barbara Arnold	MA	
738.	Natalie Young	WA	People everywhere depend on the library for so many things. I have many friends and former students that live in Alaska and spend time learning in the library. They depend on the Internet to stay connected. Please don't let that end. Thank you.
739.	Jessica Czechowicz	AK	
740.	John Lamb	CA	
741.	Tim Booch	AK	It's the super highway ...fund it with the Transportation Dept. if you must ...but it is essential ... or ... dig into the CAFR account from each community that wants and needs internet connectivity
742.	Barbe Wolkoff		
743.	Claudia Blydenburgh	AK	
744.	Amanda Bible	AK	
745.	Tess Acierto		Don't let Alaska Library go dark!!! Our libraries need internet connections to help students on their online studies, research and other things that will help them pursue their dreams... !!!
746.	Nicole Garcia	AK	
747.	Nancy Shoemaker	MN	
748.	Stacy Flagg	AK	
749.	Jill Valerius	AK	
750.	Miranda Sherman	AK	
751.	Barbara Brown	AK	
752.	Katie Anderson	AK	
753.	celina Casares	AK	
754.	Dot Helm	AK	
755.	Samantha DenBleyker	AK	
756.	Nathan Thomas	CA	
757.	Michelle Amundson	AK	
758.	Lila Vogt	AK	
759.	Barbara Tidd	CO	

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760.	Dan Smith	AK	
761.	Rebecca Sirevaag	AK	
762.	Stacey Merritt	AK	
763.	Kathryn Krueger	AK	
764.	Christopher Rowell	AK	
765.	Alexis Hedgepeth	PA	
766.	Carol Linkswiler	AK	
767.	Rikke Mery	AK	
768.	Fran Taylor		
769.	Janet Brickey	AK	
770.	Cory Skidmore	MO	
771.	Meagan Lockard	AK	
772.	Karin D Eckman	AK	Karin D Eckman
773.	Arielle Himelbloom	AK	OWL is critical in helping our library run smoothly, as patrons can independently log on to the internet and get projects completed. To cut the funding would cause many libraries to shut down, which would decrease the interest in public libraries. I hope that the state realizes how this cut could affect our library to whom many visit regularly. Thank you.
774.	Connie Ryder	AK	
775.	Evan Mitchell	AK	
776.	Kathryn Blondin	AK	Please do not let it go away!
777.	Brittany Armada	AK	
778.	farris Dallis	AK	
779.	Travis Westby	AK	
780.	Kai Saxton	AK	
781.	Jonathan Richar	AK	
782.	Arne Brown	SD	
783.	Kristina Sunyata Samuel	AK	Libraries are one of the most important public institutions! We need them to stay online to help, especially rural Alaskans, connect to the rest of the world.
784.	Kuehne-Branch	TX	
785.	Antonio Garcia	AK	
786.	Susie Miller	AK	
787.	Brendan Stuart	AK	This is such an important service to so many people. Please do not cut it.
788.	jessica kallio	AK	
789.	Laurie Sica	AK	
790.	Michele Meulendyk	AK	Why are our legislators working so hard to strip away our general quality of life, but so unwilling to restructure the PFD? Don't let the angry commenters frighten you, many people understand that this is the time to take steps to restructure our economy for the future. Please, if you continue to only pursue cuts and taxes, you'll leave this place so barren, and without a PFD anyway, that people will not come here to work, and they will not stay. Please, let your wisdom about how to save Alaska reign supreme in your decisions, not your fear of not getting re-elected.
791.	Kymberli Pajak	AK	
792.	Barbara Bryson		Internet connectivity is a vital tool for rural Alaskans. OWL is a relatively inexpensive opportunity for us to support productivity in our smaller rural communities.
793.	Natalie Snyder	AK	
794.	Lauren Jones	AK	
795.	Joanna Withrow	WA	

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796.	Lynne Edwards	FL	
797.	Cathleen Johnston	AK	
798.	Betsie Erickson	AK	
799.	Paul Fredrick	AK	This is a critical service for rural education, and Internet access. Libraries are crucial to developing communities.
800.	Chris Diel	AK	
801.	Monica Sterchi loeman		
802.	Andrea Stebner	AK	
803.	Chauntel Troyer	AK	
804.	Bonnie Moore	AK	
805.	Richardj Jones	AK	
806.	Victoria Woodward	AK	
807.	Nina D'Andrade	AK	
808.	Valarie Romane		
809.	Janine Allen	AK	Losing OWL will have disastrous effects for my small community of Haines, threatening our economy, our access to knowledge, and our connectedness with the world and the rest of the state. Internet costs here are out of control; for many people, the only Internet they can access is at the library. Please don't let Alaska libraries go dark.
810.	Chelsea vukovich	AK	
811.	Glenda Aasland	AK	
812.	ginger cunningham	NM	
813.	Suzanne Richards	AK	The internet is important to all libraries, but particularly those who live remotely in the vast state of Alaska
814.	Christine Ellison	CA	
815.	cynthia fyfe	AK	
816.	Mary Jo Mrochinski	AK	
817.	Katie Fearer	AK	
818.	Cindy Apodaca	AK	School libraries need the help of our public libraries to serve the public, especially our students. Our public libraries are small potatoes in the larger budget issue. They are huge in the lives of our rural communities in particular. This will devastate our people.
819.	Jensine Lee		
820.	Jessica Nipper	AK	
821.	Davina Stuart	AK	
822.	Leah Wagner	AK	
823.	Dustin Craney	AK	
824.	Kelly Borgstede	AK	
825.	Scott Elyard	AK	
826.	Susan Georgette	AK	
827.	Logan Bean	MI	
828.	Charles Stewart	AK	I can't believe it is even being considered to defend Internet at Libraries. I mean regardless of what the state might save (I'm guessing not a significant amount), it can't come at the cost of sacrificing the public's ability to learn and perform research. Many residents of Alaska don't have an alternative source of internet outside the Library system.
829.	Roxanne Snow	ME	

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830.	Kate Starkebaum	AK	
831.	Kelly mitchell	AK	Haines needs broadband in the library! Many people cannot afford the Rates charged by the ONLY provider in town, many of our library talks rely on the OWL system and the library is changing their catalog system to be included in the whole state network; 100% internet based network.
832.	Jocelyn Salas	AK	OWL has been a tremendous help when we first moved to Kodiak and I still use it to this day as I continue my education at UAA! Please keep this going!
833.	Linda Lance	AK	The internet is important to all libraries, but particularly those libraries in more remote areas of the State. Don't short change citizens accessibility to information, education and resources to save a small amount of money in the budget!
834.	Alisha Drabek	AK	
835.	Jolene Kennah	AK	
836.	Stephanie Beverage	CA	Stephanie Beverage
837.	Alexandra Fullerton	AK	
838.	Rosalind A Holloman	AL	I do not live in Alaska, but I know full well the advantage this program gives students. It is imperative that we fund this program for students so that we will have an educated and thoughtful heritage growing to become the citizens of our future.
839.	Jedediah Blum-Evitts	AK	I would give up my PFD to keep this type of service available.
840.	Alisa Beske	AK	
841.	Molly Wilson	AK	
842.	Elizabeth Jurgeleit	AK	
843.	James Wilson	AK	
844.	Tyler Ehrlich	AK	Keep our communities connected to the rest of the world!
845.	Lindsay Johnson	AK	
846.	Shannon McPhetres		Shannon McPhetres
847.	Brenda Spofford	AK	
848.	Brittany St. Onge	MI	
849.	Lara Madden	AK	Taking away the communication from our rural students will keep them from educational opportunities that can help them become more productive citizens who stay in their communities and become educators and leaders.
850.	Capri Pruitt	MA	
851.	julie movius	AK	
852.	Bryan Hok	AK	
853.	Caitlyn Rowe	AK	Our local library is very dependent on this program as many rural Alaskan Communities are.
854.	Jane Robinson	WV	Don't let it go dark
855.	Libby Connor	AK	
856.	Natasha Phillips	AK	
857.	Shawna Hytry	AK	I only recently moved to Fairbanks. My family is from Lake Minchumina where we used the only internet available at our Library, by OWL, for everyday things city folk take for granted.
858.	Nancy Kemp	AK	Please, this is not an area to cut.
859.	Martine Chenet	AK	
860.	Jay Armstrong	AK	Please keep the Alaskas Libraries funded, Thanks
861.	Katie Coveyou	AK	
862.	Julie Wendt	AK	
863.	Ivette Shover	AK	The library is so very important to so many of us. We have 3 generations in our home and we all use their internet for one reason or another.
864.	Vanessa Wishstar	AK	
865.	Jillian Gold	AK	

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866.	Mary Underwood	AK	Libraries are a place for people to go to explore , not only books, but online. My family and I have recently moved to Kodiak to start an electrical contracting business as we have heard of the need for more electrical services here. As we have moved and begun our business, we have relied on the internet services provided by the library a great deal. Most of this usage has been for correspondence with various Alaska governmental departments to secure the required licensing and insurances required by the state. As our business becomes established we will certainly be using the library resources less, but for startup I have found the library resources to be vital. If the legislature feels that internet access in our community libraries is unimportant, may I suggest to the legislature an equal bill (from either House or Senate) that restricts all internet activity within the bureaus of Alaska to be restricted to four days a week, say Monday through Thursday. The rational thinking should be that if citizens can get along without network access, then so too the business of the state's government.
867.	Dustin James	AK	this service is very much needed in this community! it is hard to fathom that in the 21st century in a developed country such a measure could even be seriously contemplated .
868.	sergey bogatchev	AK	
869.	David Utter	AK	
870.	Jan Woodruff	AK	
871.	Marie Angaiak	AK	
872.	Jan Chatto	AK	I support the OWL program in Alaska. This program benefits the less advantaged in our communities. It could be school children working on homework or applications or immigrants taking care of government forms. The library is their office and a door to their future success. Let's not take it back a decade.
873.	Gail Tilton	AK	
874.	amber mcgraw	AK	
875.	Rodney Knagin	AK	
876.	Lisabeth LaFrance	MI	
877.	John Dickerson	AK	4:1 financial leverage, by the Federal government, is too good to pass up.
878.	kayla winters	MI	
879.	Katherine Morgan	AK	
880.	Andrea Bateman	AK	
881.	Linda Lazzell	AK	
882.	Denise Baysinger	MA	This service is essential to so many Alaskans that have no other access. Please keep this service.
883.	Jan Westfall	AK	
884.	Gabriel Scott	AK	This is critical to many people Cutting this is bad for people and bad for Alaska. The return on investment is extraordinary across every domain imaginable, whether for individuals, businesses or government. Without broadband in the libraries, state government would have to go back to paper and actually increase its cost. Keep broadband in libraries for the benefit of every Alaskan and the future of Alaska.
885.	Katherine Alteneder	CO	
886.	Daniel Naber	AK	
887.	Fred Fayette	AK	Don't let rural libraries go dark. This is too important for our children's future.
888.	Carol Sturgulewski	AK	
889.	Katherine McLaughlin	MA	Don't balance the budget by taking away education and access to a broader world view. Rural libraries can be the only link for some to be able to access the internet and be able to improve opportunities and education. Its a relatively small investment that reaps huge social and economic benefits.
890.	Greg Campbell	AK	
891.	Carrie Day	AK	
892.	Shelly Campbell	AK	
893.	Mary Bucci	AK	
894.	Alyson Behm	AK	
895.	Hope Aldrighette	OR	These services are crucial to lower income people, and it's an inexpensive program.

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896.	Jordan Kamer	AK	
897.	Laurie Morrow	AK	
898.	Laura Forbes	AK	
899.	Ralph Courtney	AK	This is a fundamental program for rural Alaska.
900.	Michael Dinkel	VA	
901.	Rosemary McGuire		Accessing the internet is necessary for anyone who wants to apply for a job, housing, health insurance, government documents, file taxes, etc. There are many many Alaskans who cannot afford decent housing, let alone internet services. This proposal would create a permanent underclass of rural citizens who cannot access the internet, or the now-necessary tools the internet offers. This is a deeply unfair and wrong idea.
902.	Dawson Moore	AK	
903.	Tayler Snoddy	AK	
904.	Henry Masters	AK	
905.	Arlitia Jones	AK	
906.	Pamela A Miller		The ability for all Alaskans to get online is vital for a healthy and prosperous state. Internet is a basic service that all citizens should have access to. I have spent time in many rural libraries off the road system and these are vital community centers open to everyone and the computers with internet are in very high demand usually with waiting lists to get on. We need more internet access not less.
907.	Yosselyn Gheen	CA	
908.	Tristan Dwyer	NC	
909.	Ariane Goins	AK	
910.	Tina Green	AK	
911.	Elise Patkotak	AK	
912.	Doug Davies	AK	This is another staple in ruining public education. It must stop.
913.	Michael Husa	AK	
914.	Maureen Radotich		Keep information available for all!
915.	Morgan Wadsworth	AK	
916.	nancy delpero	AK	Please save this program
917.	Patricia Benz	AK	
918.	Gareth Chesley	AK	
919.	Judy Andree	AK	This program is invaluable to small rural schools and communities. And the cost is comparatively small given the size of the population reached. We need to be looking at revenue along with cuts to the state budget so that we don't weaken education and adopt budget policies that are unwise.
920.	Ashley Olson	AK	
921.	Calvin Schrage	AK	
922.	Roger Liebner	AK	The internet is vital to the people of Port Lions. Please apply money used to bring suit against the State of Alaska concerning the Medicaid Expansion to rural libraries. It's extremely short sighted to cut such a valuable program, especially when the Feds pay for 4/5 of it.
923.	Amber Jusefowytch	AK	
924.	Jonnie Lazarus	AK	
925.	Robert Omstread	AK	KEEP THE BOARD BAN FLOWING.. The road to inlightenment begins and ends at the local Library Save our OWL Save our internet
926.	Aldean Kilbourn	AK	
927.	William Dougherty	AK	Raise taxes and pay for essential services. Take off the ideological blinders, Republican majority.
928.	Zachary Fleig	WA	
929.	Taralee Alcock	MA	
930.	Ian A		
931.	Bobbie Krause	AK	
932.	Sally Carraher	AK	
933.	Norman Flythe	WV	
934.	Andi Flanagan		Andi Flanagan: This is insane and the same as censorship. STOP this in it's tracks!

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935.	Eileen Faulkner	AK	
936.	Cindy Mom	AK	
937.	Michelle Harrington	CA	People all over Alaska rely on this service , we need it
938.	Richard Thompson	AK	
939.	Nila Morgan	AK	This program has been used to reach rural Medicare beneficiaries to educate them on their benefits.
940.	Donna Redding	AK	
941.	Gregory Meyer	AK	
942.	Emily Tiller	AK	
943.	Wendy Frandsen	AK	
944.	Tamara Dinsmore	AK	
945.	Martin Schuster	AK	
946.	Wendy Goldstein	AK	
947.	Shauna Blea	AK	
948.	Constance Ledlow		
949.	Garrett Savory	AK	
950.	Stacey Lowe	AK	
951.	Aaron Leggett	AK	
952.	Kyle Jones	AK	
953.	Rebecca Van Wyck	AK	Internet in Libraries in rural communities is their life-line to the rest of the world! So much commerce activities happen through this communication mode, cutting them off will create a multitude of more costly problems than it will solve! Please pass an income tax instead! AK needs more options for revenue, you have already hit the bone on cost-cutting.
954.	Aaren Ellsworth	CO	
955.	Kimberly Hays	AK	
956.	Adam Hays	AK	
957.	Travis Elison	AK	
958.	Heather Strickland	AK	
959.	Sarah Skow	AK	
960.	M. Lynn Crane	MA	Martha L Crane
961.	Korey Ayers	AK	
962.	Candace Schaack	AK	
963.	Krystie DePue	AK	
964.	Mara Krey	AK	
965.	Tim Ellis	AK	
966.	Courtney Lewis	AK	
967.	Mikela Dassler	AK	
968.	Debra Hanson Zueger	AK	
969.	Elise Schapira	AK	
970.	Casey Curtiss	AK	
971.	Jacob Pennell	AK	
972.	Kathy Stoltz	AK	Our library is the only place a large number of our community members have to access the web.
973.	David Paperman	AK	
974.	Melinda Munson	AK	

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975.	Suzean Bacon	AK	
976.	Mark Regan	AK	Our family owns a cabin at Paradise Cove, Haines, and we have used the Haines library's Internet access ever since the old Haines library first got Internet access.
977.	Emily Kloc	AK	
978.	Diana Mallory	MD	
979.	Denise Rankin	AK	
980.	Susan Scherwin	AK	This is such an essential service in rural Alaska! Please don't cut it.
981.	Dustin Shannon	AK	
982.	Claire Agni	KS	
983.	Josie Jakway	AK	
984.	Alysha Richardson	AK	
985.	Jennifer Grindrod	AK	
986.	Marci Hawkins	AK	Please support the OWL for our communities!
987.	Shelley Hodnik	AK	
988.	Mike Edgington		
989.	Mike stoltz	AK	
990.	Mary Starr	AK	Ridiculous to cut such a program
991.	Sandra Lachman	AK	Sandra Lachman
992.	Peter Galaktionoff	AK	Unalaska has a large transient population that comes to work in the canneries...They depend on internet and wifi at the Unalaska Public Library...
993.	Stephanie Moseley	AZ	
994.	Robert Sigurdson	AK	Save the Libraries internet! Internet connection at libraries in rural Alaska is absolutely vital. It helps the community in business, education, and contact with family and friends. The loss would be devastating. Do not allow the loss of such a vital lifeblood for bush communities!
995.	Vijay Patil	AK	
996.	Julietta Sigurdson	CA	I support to keep internet in the bush communities! It is too important of a resource to lose.
997.	Therese Thibodeau	MA	
998.	Scott Fronzuto	AK	
999.	Kari Miranda	AK	
1000.	Robyn Schroeder	AK	
1001.	Kim Evans	AK	
1002.	Melisa St. Louis		
1003.	Suzi Golodoff	AK	
1004.	Barbara Nelson	CO	
1005.	Kate Hauch	MO	
1006.	Katy Wright	AK	Internet access through the OWL program benefits Alaskan communities, not only through the educational benefits but also economic benefits such as people using the Internet in libraries to search for jobs. The OWL program offers several opportunities for Alaskans to improve their skill set from free placement testing to resume building programs as well as language acquisition through Mango Languages. Educational journals can be accessed by any state resident who connects while in Alaska empowering them with the latest research on say a cancer treatment their doctor is offering The state would be better served advertising these wonderful programs while committing the \$700+K towards the program. Investing in Internet and allowing communities access to these resources also ensures that the mandate to provide equal access to education across Alaskas communities is met, as the library Internet is the only access students have in some Alaskan communities.
1007.	Patricia Rosnel	AK	

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1008.	Rosanne Mancuso	WV	
1009.	Kathleen Wallace	AK	
1010.	Michael Dassler	AK	
1011.	Marie Lamothe	CT	
1012.	Nathan Thomas	CA	
1013.	Laura Kay	AK	
1014.	Kaleigh Bishop	AK	
1015.	kathleen shoop	AK	
1016.	Lisa Booch	IL	Your Public Libraries, with connectivity to the world, affords any individual the means to self-directed success and fulfillment in all aspects of life. OWL is an essential tool in the library. Local State Agency offices and personnel have been cut over the years in favor of paperless internet interactions with your constituents. Other government agencies, non-profits and private sector are also trending in the same direction. Level the playing for all Alaska Residents...don't let Public libraries go dark!
1017.	Emma Beal	AK	
1018.	Tommi Parker-Allen	AK	Growing up in rural Alaska, having internet at the library was a huge thing. Cutting this will cut so many ties to the outside world for the kids trying to learn and better themselves.
1019.	Cory Beal	AK	
1020.	Carlie Franz	AK	
1021.	Robin Harris	AK	Please restore OWL funding! People in the big Alaskan Cities do not understand. Anchorage Legislatures should be ashamed of themselves. They truly do not care about all of Alaska. It will not have an impact on them so why should they care? Because YOU should think about the entire State and not just your backyard.
1022.	Kathleen Edwards	AK	
1023.	Tamra Wear	AK	
1024.	Iarae gray	AK	
1025.	Kristin Long	AK	People without home internet access are dependent on the library in order to complete classes, research for papers and projects, search for and apply for jobs, shop online, keep in touch with family and friends, and participate in all of the many online activities that are part of our society. Internet in Alaska is very expensive. Keeping it available in the library makes it possible for people to lift themselves out of poverty by attaining a degree, getting a job, finding affordable shopping options, etc. Please do not remove internet access from our most vulnerable citizens.
1026.	Jana V Lekanoff	AK	
1027.	Alexis Hedgepeth	PA	
1028.	Bonnie Kennedy	AK	
1029.	Ron Newcome		The Internet has become an essential service and at 4:1 Federal match, one we can not afford to loose by not funding our part of the match. Please fund OWL with the \$761,800 that keeps Alaskans connected to the internet through libraries across the state.
1030.	Dennis Hartwick	SC	
1031.	Keegan Willett	AK	
1032.	Roger Seavoy	AK	Infrastructure is a core government duty. Internet access is now infrastructure closing in on equal importance to our Post Office. It needs to be funded. We understand we need to pay for it too and we're not afraid to do that.
1033.	Heather McKean	AK	
1034.	Virginia Morgan	AK	
1035.	Heidi Cox	AK	
1036.	Linda Gephardt	AK	
1037.	Kay Thomas	AK	

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1038.	Karhryn Recken	AK	
1039.	Mercedes Guadarrama	AK	
1040.	Taten Sheridan	AK	
1041.	Brian Large	AL	
1042.	Sharon Hale	AK	
1043.	Linda Raveaux	AK	The OWL program serves many people in our community. It would be wonderful to continue it.
1044.	Halli Kenoyer		
1045.	Barbara McDaniel	AK	This service is essential for equal opportunity to improve Alaskan communities.
1046.	Sarah Drummond	AK	
1047.	Jonathan Egrass	AK	Jonathan Egrass
1048.	Jean Bartos	AK	I access the OWL on an almost weekly basis and would be lost without it. But I'm really writing in support of those communities that do not have their own libraries. Access to such facilities is an absolute must for them! Jean Bartos
1049.	Natalie Baumgartner	AK	
1050.	David Shelborne	AK	I see teenage girls standing outside the library and inside the laundromat (in the winter, in the dark) to use the internet when the library is not open. I would rather see our school aged kids safe in the library at least when it's open, which is very frequently, with our community volunteers. There families who cannot afford an internet hookup and their children lose out on being able to do research and homework at home.
1051.	Karina Rawhani	AK	
1052.	Lucinda Neel		I thinks its important for low income families to have computer assess.
1053.	Craig Losby	AK	
1054.	Edith Ellis	AK	
1055.	Nicole Lynch	CO	Think about the bigger picture, and stop cutting areas that have an negative impact on the broader economy.
1056.	Cathy Bolling	AK	
1057.	Renee Cherneski		
1058.	Kara Johnson	AK	
1059.	Karen Ladegard	AK	
1060.	Tessa Kampman	WA	
1061.	Sandra Key	AK	Please fund this important service. Help our rural communities informed and competitive.
1062.	Joel Hill	AK	
1063.	Robert Bruce Parham	AK	I strongly support Internet service in rural Alaska.
1064.	Jean Bosch	CO	
1065.	Nancy Pew	WA	Internet access at the library is so important. It is am equity thing.
1066.	Janel Gagnon	AK	
1067.	Connie Krause	WI	
1068.	Roberta Eastwood	WA	
1069.	Ellen Parker	NJ	
1070.	William Paullin	NJ	
1071.	Amy Kearns	NJ	
1072.	Rebecca McCorkindale	TX	
1073.	Diedre Conkling	OR	
1074.	Krista Horan	NJ	

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1075.	Sharon Waisanen	AK	SHARON WAISANEN
1076.	Terye Balogh	CA	
1077.	Amber Wright	MO	Amber Wright
1078.	Erin Kinney	AL	As a librarian in rural Alabama, and a former librarian in Wyoming, I know how vital internet service is to rural populations, where there may not be the means to have internet at home.
1079.	phil graham	AK	McGrath NEEDS a public internet connection
1080.	Rose Wolf	AK	
1081.	Mary Nyce	CA	Cutting this service would be severing a lifeline for the communities across the state. Online access is no longer a privilege or an indulgence, it is necessary to function in today's world. Job applications, online courses, communications--all require online access. Don't limit your residents opportunities by de-funding OWL.
1082.	Scott Nyce	CA	
1083.	Kathleen Mejia	WA	As a former resident of McGrath, Alaska I ask that my friends and family's future not be darkened by cut funding for Internet access through libraries. Thank you.
1084.	Ellen Americus	MA	
1085.	Charles Wood	OR	I apply for library jobs in Alaska, but would not want to work in one without decent internet connections. More importantly, your communities need access in order for people to apply for jobs and otherwise enrich their lives or contribute to society.
1086.	Sarah Barton	AK	
1087.	Shawna Rudio	AK	Information is power! Axing Internet access at public libraries should be the last thing we sacrifice.
1088.	Andrea Loyola	TX	As a librarian, I know that many people do not have full wifi or high speed access at home. Their only access to free Internet, computers, printers, and help using them is at the local public library.
1089.	sonia johnson	VA	
1090.	Gretchen Wing	AK	
1091.	Francis Mitchell	AK	
1092.	Letha Bethel	AK	
1093.	Margo Peters	AK	Having internet at the library is very important to our community. Not only do we have students who use it for school, but many visitors who find that they don't have cell service when they arrive in Unalaska need the library's internet service to keep in touch with their families. Also many who are without work use the library to find jobs. Please keep the internet service for our library!
1094.	Jeanne Simpson	OH	
1095.	Sharon Winner	AK	
1096.	Beatriz Dietrick	AK	
1097.	Diane Vogt-O'connor	MD	
1098.	Marel Stock	AK	Thomas Stock
1099.	Caroline Ahrens	AK	
1100.	Sarah McKibben	IN	
1101.	Shannon Mavica	MD	
1102.	Jeremiah Henderson	NM	
1103.	Glenn Wood	PA	
1104.	Jennifer Thorsteinson	AK	
1105.	Sara Griffiee	MO	
1106.	Jeremy Reed	AK	
1107.	Brandon Haleamau	HI	
1108.	Martha Lueg	TX	I am a professional librarian and shutting down the Internet anywhere would be worse than tragic!
1109.	Brenda Van Dusen	AR	

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	1110. Arilee Carlson	AK		
	1111. Evelyn Kaehler			
	1112. Elena Wakeman	MI		
	1113. Joan Wargi	MA		
	1114. Ava Bellomy	IL		
1115.	Cynthia Katzeek		That effects all kinds of ages (our next generation's), one way it effects us is children using the tablets and computers learning more about technology (which is more of a necessity these days for school & work) or learning games(online) won't be able to gain knowledge anymore, Another children/teens have been going to use Internet for school work, self learning, or entertained by the laptops/ video gaming at the library without internet there they are out there getting into trouble/mischief with drugs/alcohol/sexual intercourse. Also college students/adults use the internet for school work, job work/training, self learning for their selves/their children, searching for housing/vehicles/childcare. Or check their e-mails to be updated with work, family, community information, their child's school e-mails. But wouldn't be able to without internet... How would we search for a book without the internet? You have to log onto their website to look up items. There isn't always space at the job center or learning center and you are not able to go to either places with children but at the library you are allowed to bring your children.... There are endless reasons why the internet shouldn't be cut out of the budget but it's a matter of caring/researching/and listening... So on....	
1116.	Stephanie Sandberg	AK		
1117.	Alice Ciostek	AK		
1118.	Susan Gill	CA	Susan Gill	
1119.	Anna Woehrl	AK		
1120.	Karri Klopp Davidson	AK	KARRI KLOPP DAVIDSON	
1121.	Disney Williams		Disney Williams	
1122.	Nancy Gilbert-Taylor	MD		
1123.	Lida Knadiak	OH	The idea of denying access to any one person is wrong. Denying access to those who cannot afford it is unconscionable.	
1124.	Michelle Chrzanowski	VA		
1125.	Jim Bove	WI		
1126.	Alan Jacobson	WA		
1127.	R David Lankes	NY		
1128.	Teresa Sammis	AK		
1129.	Robin Jones	IL		
1130.	Roslin Thompson	IA		
1131.	Mh Cliver	CA	Dear Legislature Even in the SF Bay Area near silicon valley, the internet in libraries is a lifeline for at least one quarter of the school age kids, who don't have good (or any?) internet at home. Internet access has become essential for education, and in a place like Alaska with widely varying population densities the libraries are an essential lifeline for these kids. Without internet access they will grow up less educated and less aware of their world than kids in other states, which will cause them to fall behind and be a burden on future state funds instead of contributors. Please retain this relatively small but essential investment in Alaska's future!	
1132.	Scott Davis	TX	Scott Davis	
1133.	Elizabeth Labovitch	WA	Libraries exist to provide free, open, and unbiased access to information for people of all backgrounds and abilities. In the 21st century this includes digital access to resources that live online. Eliminating funding for internet access in libraries will only further entrench the 'digital divide' that separates those who have the money to afford their own internet access from those who cannot. Until there is a reliable alternative that allows low income households to access the internet, libraries must provide this service. This means access to educational resources, job applications, housing searches, government services, and so much more. It is almost impossible to function in today's society without easy and reliable access to the internet. This is incredibly short-sighted on the part of Alaska's lawmakers.	

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1134.	Maria McKiernan	AK	
1135.	Brenda Everett	WA	
1136.	Gael Irvine	AK	
1137.	Cynthia Robbins	NJ	
1138.	Mo Neal	NE	
1139.	Shana Harrington	NV	
1140.	Allyson Jardine	AK	People need this resource for educational purposes and job hunting it costs less than having them stuck on public assistance.
1141.	Linda Moyer	AK	
1142.	Benjamin Bowman	AK	
1143.	Marilyn Cole	MN	Marilyn Cole
1144.	Heather Albee-Scott	MI	
1145.	LaVaille Reifenrath	NE	
1146.	Cara Delson	IL	
1147.	Dwayna Paplow	SD	
1148.	Jenty Fowler	AK	
1149.	Alice Johnston	OH	
1150.	Michelle Hagen	OH	
1151.	Dominic Frandrup	MA	
1152.	Cynthia Loukas	OH	
1153.	Susan Baker	AK	Our Community depends on OWL funding for our library, the community in secluded and needs the broadband for online college classes, cataloging books online, searching for jobs, medical advice, just a few important things like that!
1154.	Nicole Barnes	MI	
1155.	Meryl Cole	OR	
1156.	Monique Harding		
	Mary		
1157.	Catherine Pastoret	IL	
1158.	Shannon DeSantis	VT	
1159.	Jessica Ammons	NC	
1160.	Darnice Jasper	MD	
1161.	Donna Brooks	TX	
1162.	Rita Lovell	CA	
1163.	Alyssa Casey	DC	
1164.	Daniel Laurita	AL	

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From: Baxter, Kathleen <kbaxter@city.kodiak.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 2:09 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Move OWL to Capital Budget
Attachments: OWL Petition Signatures.pdf

Honorable Members of the State Capitol Budget Committee,

I represent the Alaska Library Association as the Chair of its Library Advocacy Committee.

With deep budget cuts being made and the need for practical fiscal solutions I come before you with the request that you provide, if possible, full funding from the capital budget in the amount \$761,800 for the Online With Libraries (OWL) dependable broadband program. Thanks to its cost-effective design, OWL is a "shovel-ready" project with matching federal e-rate dollars that delivers a dependable, efficient public internet highway to Alaskans

Without state funding, Alaska will forfeit federal e-rate matching dollars for broadband and Internet access. Rural and urban communities in Alaska will lose broadband internet access through its libraries for its residents if OWL is defunded and we forfeit this federal e-rate match. The full funding amount provides a cost-saving program to state agencies that require OWL connectivity and videoconferencing to deliver its range of services across the state without the use of travel dollars and time.. If full funding of \$761,800 cannot be met, please provide the critical funding of \$325,000 for the bare-bones library connectivity and OWL program support so that 25 libraries do not go dark and all Alaskans have reliable means to conduct their education, job searching, job training, legal, government, and health filing services

OWL is not a tangential tool of the 21st century in Alaska. It is a primary, critical program that is attached to federal e-rate dollars that stay in Alaska and serve Alaskans in a cost-effective manner.

Please fund OWL in the capital budget. Capital funding will help ease the transition of moving the cost for the OWL network to other possible funding sources.

Please review this article for more information

<https://www.adn.com/print/article/20160330/rural-libraries-will-lose-their-internet-if-legislatures-budget-cuts-hold>

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Katie Baxter

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And make us lose the good we oft might win,

By fearing to attempt." William Shakespeare, Measure for Measure

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