

Doniece Gott

From: Erik Gunderson <ewgunderson@alaska.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:39 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Save Alaska

Dear Finance Committee of Anchorage,

My name is Erik Gunderson I am 23 and have been a life long Alaskan. The state of Alaska's finances are at risk and we as Alaskans are already noticing the repercussions whether it be our infrastructure or lack of funding for education. The oil industry has been and will continue to dwindle away and before the income is gone we need to straighten out the states budget and plan for the future. I ask you all to consider allocating some of the PFD fund to fix this before it is to late!

-Erik Gunderson

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: (Bruno) Chris Grunau <cgrunau@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: We Need a SUSTAINABLE Budget! Not just a band-aid fix.

Dear Finance Committee Members:

I was fortunate enough to briefly meet many of you back in April while you were in regular session. Thank you for your hard work - I do not envy you and the hard decisions you have to make.

I'm writing today to ask you to please help create a SUSTAINABLE budget before this special session ends. Using a portion of our Permanent Fund earnings MUST be part of any budget solution.

Anyone who has done their homework will realize that almost any version of what Governor Walker proposed for a sustainable budget is the only hope we have for a sustainable future. Drawing on savings and hoping that the "good old days of big oil" will return is the quickest way to run this state into the ground. I know all of you realize this, but as an Alaskan, I'd just like to echo this back to you.

Thank you for your hard work. Please keep our future in mind.

All the best,
Bruno Grunau
Fairbanks, AK
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Doniece Gott

From: Kristi Wood <bikemoredriveless@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:57 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support SB128

Please support SB128 and use a portion of the Permanent Fund Earnings to balance Alaska's budget. It is not acceptable to continue pulling from our savings, nor is it acceptable to do nothing and hope for the price of oil to increase. SB128 offers you an important component to a long term solution. Please support it.

Thank You,

Kristi Wood, Anchorage Resident

Doniece Gott

From: Stephen Holmstock <stephenholmstock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee

Go ahead and alleviate the budget shortfall and use the permanent fund!

Doniece Gott

From: Bruth George <bruthg5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Permanent Fund

Legislators,

I've said it before and I'll say it again please make use of a reasonable part of the Permanent Fund to help with the state's financial crisis. It's the responsible thing to do.

Betty Ruth George, Fairbanks

Doniece Gott

From: Wes Yenter <wyenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: State Budget Crisis

I'm writing again to address our current state budget crisis. I'll keep this short but want to make it clear that Permanent Fund earnings MUST be used as part of the solution. Delaying or failure to establish a solution this session is NOT an option. I emphasize, a full solution or at least a significant stop-gap solution MUST be established before the end of the special session. Time is of the essence and Alaskans are expecting their Senate to ACT NOW!

Thank you,

Wes Yenter
907-727-0120

Doniece Gott

From: Eden Lovejoy <eden@yourbusinesslifestyle.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:44 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please take courageous action to begin resolving our state's fiscal crisis

As an Alaskan resident since 1981, I have been involved in a variety of economic and business development initiatives for years. It is time for Alaska to take a significant step towards fiscal security. Please, please, please, do not let another year go by with no action on the revenue side of our fiscal crisis. Cuts alone are not enough. And, the PFD should not be a sacred cow. The Permanent Fund should be used to the benefit of all Alaskans, not as an entitlement but as a resource to support state spending until new revenue streams can be implemented. Thank you for the work you have done to control costs. Today, please have the courage to begin resolving the income side of this equation.

Eden Lovejoy

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Doniece Gott

From: peggy young <akpeggysue@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:50 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget Crises

Our permanent fund checks should not be used to fix the budget crises. There are other ways to fix Alaska's budget problems.
Stop giving big oil companies big tax brakes.

Doniece Gott

From: Gayle Garrigues <glgarrigues@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 128

Please act NOW and think forward. A budget solution must include using a portion of our Permanent Fund earnings.
Thank you
Gayle Garrigues
Fairbanks, Alaska

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Gayle
Sent from Gmail Mobile

Doniece Gott

From: Steve Halloran <shalloran@anchorage.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:59 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please ACT Now!

On behalf of all the businesses and citizens of Alaska I ask you to take action on a comprehensive budget plan. Spending our savings is NOT a solution. You are the leaders, now is the time to lead. I sold my house this year based on your inaction. I know many businesses who are dead in the water paralyzed with no path forward because you are not taking action.

I and my children want to stay in Alaska and contribute to our state. Please Use the Permeant Fund and all other means to stabilize our future.

Thanks You

Steve Halloran

Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Kenneth Winterberger <kwinterberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:01 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 245

Importance: High

Please act in Alaska's best interest and consider the use of Permanent Fund earnings to help solve Alaska's budget crisis. This is only one aspect of many distasteful things that need to be considered to address Alaska's \$4 billion budget deficit.

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"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Doniece Gott

From: rbundtzen@gmail.com on behalf of Robert Bundtzen <bundtzen@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:03 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska's Future

I am a strong believer in solving our fiscal crisis this year. All options are necessary: cuts in spending, taxes, using a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings. Please support this approach. We cannot wait.
Robert Bundtzen

Doniece Gott

From: Melanie Linton <euphie210@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:04 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska's future

Committee members:

Alaska is in serious financial trouble. We need to start looking at new revenue sources to help support our state. As an Alaskan born and raised here, I understand the need to put in my fair share.

We are so quick to give tax breaks to oil companies yet I have noticed we tend to avoid our own financial issues. I would encourage you to implement some form of taxes so Alaskans can contribute to our state (as people all over the country already do). In addition we need to look at our permanent fund. Earnings from the fund can be used to help ease us through this financial crisis. In addition, I would be fine with a cap on the permanent fund dividend. When we had extra money it was nice to receive that check. However, we are not in the position to just give money away anymore. Please look out for Alaska's future as you are tasked to do and ensure that our state has a long, prosperous future.

Thank you for your time.

Melanie Linton

Doniece Gott

From: Barbara Burch <barbarajburch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Balance the budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

Please get our State finances back on track by using the earnings from the Permanent Fund and doing other creative measures. Our State cannot operate and meet the needs of all of the population without having a budget the fully funds education, the University of Alaska system, DOT, and all Health and Social Services.

You were elected to do this job and you need to do what is right for our State.

Sincerely,

Barbara Burch
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Doniece Gott

From: Harold Hollis <HHollis@whpacific.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska's Future

Dear Committee members,

I know you have an enormous challenge in front of you to solve Alaska's fiscal deficit problem. I encourage you to make the hard choices, including new revenue sources and using the permanent fund earnings as part of the solution. You have a duty to work together to solve our State's financial dilemma and lay a course for future economic stability. I urge you to put partisan politics aside and make the tough choices to pass legislation for a viable solution. The time to act is now!

Thank you.

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Doniece Gott

From: Jennifer McBride <jmcbride@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:11 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Go ahead use the dividend.

It is totally ok with me for you to come up with a balanced plan and use some of our funds.

Go ahead. Make good decisions for our future hope.

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Ronald Keller <rwkeller@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Permanent fund usage

It WAY PAST time you used permanent fund earnings to help balance the budget! You all knew it was coming. Do the right thing and get things DONE! Ron

Doniece Gott

From: Steve Bouta <fbksbouta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Our budget

Honorable Senators,

Please, please deal with this before you adjourn. Find the nerve. We can't afford for you to kick the can down the road, the can will only become a much bigger and more dire problem.

Use the Permanent Fund earnings to help with the budget shortfall.

Oh, and I also support other forms of new revenue:

Sin taxes? Yes, I'll still enjoy my beer!

Income tax? Yes!

I'm sure you realize that you could be forty-some years old, and never have paid a cent in income taxes in this state.

Free rides been nice, but it's over.

You are in a tough spot, but you asked for it when you ran for office. Now don't be a chicken-crap weeny. Start to fix our problems NOW!

Thanks,
Steve Bouta
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Doniece Gott

From: Grant Johnston <grant@goyuit.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:10 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Act Now

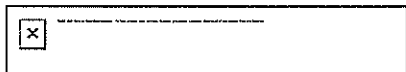
To members of the Senate Finance Committee -

I am writing to encourage you - as members of the Finance Committee - to not miss this opportunity during Special Session to make meaningful changes that can help solve our state's budget crisis. Relying on the CBR to bridge the deficit is risky business in my opinion and doing so only puts us closer to going over the fiscal cliff.

Please make sure that using a portion of our Permanent Fund earnings is part of the budget solution and please do so during the current special session.

Thank you for your service,

Grant Johnston



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Doniece Gott

From: Jacob Horazdovsky <jehorazdovsky@alaska.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:12 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee; House Finance
Subject: Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 245 - Use the PFD to fund our State Government

Please use the earnings of the Alaska PFD to fund the state's government. If we do nothing to fix this issue now in the coming years we will have used all of our savings to fund state government in a stop gap way instead of working to fund government using a long term solution. Alaska does not have the tax base needed to support the services that our state offers rural Alaska. If we don't invest our savings and live on their earnings we will not be able to provide even the basic services to rural Alaska in the future. It is critical to act now to secure the financial future of the state of Alaska.

It is time to stop kicking the can down the road and it is time to act and fund our state's budget for the foreseeable future.

Thank You

Jacob Horazdovsky
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Doniece Gott

From: Kathleen Boeckman <kathybeeak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:21 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please act to resolve Alaska's budget crisis

Dear Finance Committee:

I am writing to respectfully request that you act to resolve Alaska's fiscal crisis.

Please cap Permanent Fund Dividends and institute sales and/or income taxes. I believe if these things are not done, Alaska's economy will be drastically affected.

As a UAA employee and student, I also believe that drastic cuts to the University of Alaska will hurt Alaska's economy, will cause financial hardship for many, and will reduce educational opportunities invaluable to our state's people and essential to promoting a more diversified economy.

I will not vote for any legislators who avoid doing what is necessary to solve the budget crisis.

Sincerely,

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Doniece Gott

From: John Kurtz <JKurtz@gci.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fix Alaska's Budget Crisis

I, like many other Alaskans, strongly believe the time is now to address a solution to the budget crisis. Using savings to cover the deficit and looking at it again next year when it will be more difficult to resolve is not the answer. I support a solution that includes additional budget cuts, restructuring of the PFD, and new revenue from sales and/or income taxes. I am seriously concerned that employment, home values and other economic factors will be negatively affected without a comprehensive plan put in place this year.

Please do what is right for the State of Alaska and its residents.

Sincerely,

John Kurtz

Doniece Gott

From: Earl Krygier <minooml@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:39 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to help solve our budget crisis

Dear Legislators - You have had only one important job to do this session and you have failed so far. You have already cut government expenses but your inability to face up to your responsibility to stop payouts to oil companies and secure revenue through taxes and a commitment to using a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to solve our budget crisis will destroy our economy. Your inability to act in a responsible manner will again ruin small businesses like mine and tank our housing market like the 1980's legislature did to us once before. Please man up to your job today. Your inaction will deplete PFDs within 4 years and destabilize our wonderful State. DO YOUR JOB!!!!

Earl Krygier

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Anchorage, AK 99515

Doniece Gott

From: Earl Krygier <minooml@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:55 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Yes on use of PF earnings to sole budget

I am retired and the PFD is important to me, but so is my family and my state. Your inaction will ruin all of us. You have reduced government expenses but your fail to stop giving our money to oil companies or secure revenue through taxes and a commitment to using a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to solve our budget crisis will destroy our economy. You have to balance our check book with reduced expenses and new revenue. Your inaction will again ruin our housing market and deplete PFDs within 4 years. Why can't you do your job?

Ena Minaei

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Doniece Gott

From: diana campbell-cummings <dragonlady1942@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:55 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PFD earnings.

You people need to do the PFD earnings now. To wait for another day is a disaster. Please do what is good for all of us and not just what is expedient for you in an election year.

Diana Cummings

Doniece Gott

From: franki Fox <franki.fox@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:58 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PFD

Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

The time has come to restructure the PFD. The PFD was originally set up and designed to protect the future of Alaska, that "future" has arrived.

The time has come for real leaders to emerge and protect its citizens, even if it may be the un-popular thing to do.

The time to act is now, today, next year isn't acceptable. Next year we will be witnessing dire circumstances if you do not act now.

Think of the families, the children and future generations of this great state. Be remembered for sticking your neck out and putting others before your next election cycle.

You can do this.

Best,
D. Franki Fox

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: travisrector . <travisrector@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:19 PM
To: House Finance; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Use Permanent Fund earnings and taxes to balance the budget!

Hello-

I'm writing to implore you to use Permanent Fund earnings and taxes to balance THIS YEAR'S budget. Pushing off the budget crisis to next year will just drain the CBR and put us in a deeper hole in the future.

Travis Rector
Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Jenkins, Jerry <JJenkins@acmhs.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:23 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support Use of Portion of Permanent Fund as Part of Budget Solution For Now -
Unclass

Members of Senate Finance Committee, I respectfully urge you to use part of the Permanent Fund earnings to help address Alaska's budget for the next five years and then re-evaluate. I think this is part of a prudent approach which should include consideration of an income tax and seasonal sales tax as well.

Thank you for considering my thoughts/recommendations.

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Doniece Gott

From: Wm. & Libby Stortz <stortz@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:04 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee; House Finance
Subject: Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 245

Dear House and Senate Finance Committee members,

I am writing to urge you to pass these two bills and take steps to use some portion of our Permanent Fund Dividend earnings as a part of our budget crisis solution.

Thank you,
Libby Stortz,
Alaska Resident since 1979
Sitka

Doniece Gott

From: John and Audrey <janda@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:42 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget

It is time to do the job you were sent to Juneau to do and that is to determine the best way to combine our future use of Permanent Fund, Savings and a Tax.

Just taking from the savings as a patch instead of doing the hard work needed to solve the state's financial issues, is not the answer. PLEASE stop being concerned about the next election and what your constituents will think. Consider the fact that your inaction has already turned many of them against you. You are just wasting what resources we do have with your added sessions. **I fully support any move that would not pay legislators who do not fulfill their jobs in the 90 day session.**

Audrey Bognar
Wasilla

Doniece Gott

From: ANC Driver 1 <ancdriver1@builderschoice.us.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:42 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Don't do it!!

I do NOT want my pfd used for budget covering. We need to fix out spending not just cover a budget gap with pfds. My family uses our pfds for utility bills and food for winter!!
Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Dave Scott <davescottak49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska State Budget

Do what is right for Alaska and not global oil.
<http://youtu.be/yCL2d8lLYXw>

We well not forget what you do this week.

Sincerely, Dave Scott
Child of the Territory

Doniece Gott

From: Philip Treuer <treuer1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB128

Dear Senators,

I strongly encourage you to pass SB128. I believe it is urgent that the Legislature address this issue this session. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Philip Treuer
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Donna Durham <ddurham1476@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:30 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Budget

Please consider using a portion of the PFD and income taxes to start solving this crisis.

Thank you

Doniece Gott

From: Bill Tremblay <brtrembla@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Restructure the Permanent Fund

It is pass time to restructure how we can use the Permanent Fund to help our State's fiscal issues. There have been enough cutting of the budget and now is the time to look for additional revenue.

I also support the increases in taxes proposed by Gov. Walker.

Bill Tremblay
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Doniece Gott

From: Craig Thorn <cthorn@fnbalaska.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:03 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Craig Thorn; thorn@mtaonline.net
Subject: Alaska's budget

Dear Finance Committee Members,

I am supporting the use of the Permanent Fund to help solve Alaska's long-range fiscal crisis.

I am a fiscal conservative and don't take lightly the idea of "allowing" government to get their "claws" into the Permanent Fund. Simply stated, left to its own devices, government will grow to absorb any funding source (and then some). Although I certainly prefer a smaller leaner government structure, it is impossible to solve this problem with cuts alone. Likewise, it is impossible to solve the problem with new taxes and revenues alone.

We all know and understand that the Permanent Fund was created for such a time as this - when oil revenues dried up. That time is now. I understand there is a constituency that screams "keep your hands off my Permanent Fund." Those people are ignorant and greedy and have their own selfish interests in mind, not those of the long term health of our State. And most of them don't vote anyway!! Those of us "in the know" realize it is near impossible to solve the crisis without utilizing a portion of the Permanent Fund – and we vote!! I'd rather have a \$1,000 PFD in perpetuity and the confidence that our State had a plan than a \$2,000 dividend for the next four years and then no dividend and no plan.

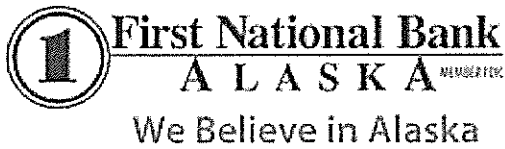
And don't buy into the argument that using the Permanent Fund will disproportionately affect lower income Alaskans. While this may be true, we're all going to be affected and we all must participate. Trust me when I say that any new revenue sources will disproportionately affect higher income Alaskans. We're all in this together and none of us will go unscathed.

I encourage you to come up with a plan so that we as Alaskans can move forward in the knowledge that we have our fiscal house in order and we can plan our futures accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Doniece Gott

From: Ron Yarnell <adventure@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:19 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 128

Dear senators. We need to start to use some of the earnings from the Permanent Fund to support state government, but we need to reduce oil tax credit an equal amount each year. Good luck. Ron Yarnell (Fairbanks)

Sent from my iPhone