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RE: PFD

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Comments:

Please lets have no changes in the status of the PFD until Alaska stops paying these companies tax credits. Changing the PFD well basically take monies from every man, woman and child to run the government while the government hands over our monies to the oil companies. This may not be a direct transaction but it is definitely an indirect way of paying back oil companies with Alaskan's monies. It's wrong.

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Subject: HB 245: Funding; Deposits; Dividends
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:01:18 PM

Dear Chairmen Neuman & Thompson and Finance Committee members,

First I want to commend Representative Gara on his recent Alaska Dispatch News piece regarding this bill. It clearly points out what a travesty this piece of legislation is. Second I want to urge you to reject HB 245. Like many Alaskans I would be open to limited use of some Permanent fund earnings to help pay for state services but am adamantly opposed to robbing the earnings to prop up parasitic, outside, corporations at our expense. It was a slap in the face of ordinary Alaskan citizens when you approved your gutted version of HB 247 allowing north slope oil and gas producers to continue cheating us with the "old oil" vs. "new oil" scam. Adding HB 245 would put in place a Legislatively sanctioned "reverse Robin Hood scenario." I doubt I'm unusual among voters in my unwillingness to quietly turn the other cheek. Hopefully Governor Walker will veto HB 247 and you will dump HB 245. Before the session Walker sent you a relatively reasonable plan for addressing the budget deficit. It's too bad some of our good State Senators and Representatives felt it was more important to please their friends in the oil patch than to take his plan seriously. It's time we all took another look.

Unfortunately I was unable to participate in the evening hearing on this bill. Please include the above thoughts as part of the record of citizen input. And please reject HB 245.

Sincerely,

Mike O'Meara
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Subject: House Finance on budget
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 1:08:29 PM

Dear House Finance Committee:

As an Alaskan I believe:

- 1) The PFD should be reduced, but not to turn and around give the savings for oil company credits
- 2) Adjust those oil credits downward!
- 3) tax me--income and sales! Please know that Jay Hammond told me that he never expected to give the PFD with one hand without also taxing with the other. That was the only way to help residents pay attention to state finances, he said.
- 4) Eliminate the mega infrastructure projects--the Elmore Rd Extension and the Knik Bridge! I can't believe funds were given to UA for Elmore when you cut UA to the point it isn't worth attending!
- 5) After deleting Elmore Rd and the bridge, put the funds back into education. No business will want to locate in AK with an uneducated populous.
- 6) Stop thinking about the next election because our ability to serve the whole state with needed services is much more important. Do the right thing, not what your party or employer says.

Dianne Holmes

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Subject: Legislative Session
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 6:05:28 AM

Dear Legislators,

I have several issues to address in this e-mail. I have been watching gavel to gavel the past 4 or 5 months. At times I have been amused and other times I have been disappointed and disgusted.

I am going to take the position of selfishness, although I am sure that there are approx. 700,000 people in Alaska that will share my thoughts and opinions.

I have sent several e-mails and made numerous phone calls on some of these issues that I feel are worth repeating.

I am thoroughly disgusted to read in the paper that Senators Meyer and Micciche work for an oil company. Who do they represent? The people of Alaska or the oil companies. No man can serve two masters.

I keep hearing from the Governor and the Legislators that you have to come up with a financial plan. Just what in the hell has this legislature and previous legislatures have been doing the last 40 years. The legislature has been doling out money to anyone that goes to Juneau and asks for money. The sad part is, is that the legislature gave them money without doing any investigating or accountability. Stop giving them money. No wonder we are in a financial bind. Do you operate your household like this? Now you want me to bail you out.

The legislature knew we were in a financial bind yet instead of addressing the problem, they allowed non profits and other people asking for money to take up the legislatures time, instead of the legislature addressing the states financial situation. Where is your Priority? Noe the state is spending more money on an extended session and a special session to address the situation. The legislature should have told all of the special interest groups not to come to Juneau. They would not be heard. Introducing all of the guests also wasted time/

Our economy is on a boom - bust cycle. Hasn't anyone figured that out? When we are in a boom cycle why isn't the state saving money for a bust cycle instead of handing it out like lollipops. That's why Venezuela is broke and so is Louisiana. In my history class in school, several of the students asked our history teacher why learn history. What good is it? He gave the best answer I ever heard. He said "that if you don't learn from history, how will you know not to make the same mistakes again". Apparently the legislatures never studied history.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for the state to go broke, then just maybe the state and legislators will have learned a hard lesson.

I was amazed to see how many nonprofits went to Juneau to ask for money to rehabilitate the drug users and alcoholics. I believe that 99% of these people are asking for money just so they can have a job and an income. They make a half-hearted attempt at rehabilitating people just for show. The recidivism rate is astronomical. Did any of you read Paul Jenkins editorial in last Sunday's Alaska Dispatch News. Some people like being homeless, their alcohol and drugs. With being homeless they don't have the responsibility of the upkeep of a house, property taxes, etc. They don't want to be rehabilitated.

A good example is Brother Francis shelter and Beans Café in Anchorage. There is a steady stream of traffic from the shelter and Beans café up to the bars at night and back down to Brother Francis Shelter for a free place to sleep and a free meal. Why aren't they made to work to occupy their time? They are being enabled. You have to see it to believe it. I have. To answer your question before you ask, I don't participate in that activity. This is what my property taxes pay for.

Are the oil company executives having their exorbitant salaries reduced to compensate for the low oil prices. Probably not. Yet you want me (who is retired living on a fixed income) to continue to contribute to the oil company executives millions of dollars of salaries. That's Robin Hood in reverse. You are robbing from the poor to give to the rich. The low income people of Alaska, like me, are just surviving. Yet the executives' salaries are not being reduced to compensate. Why? So they can buy another house, or a bigger yacht, or more cars.

Cut the cost of government more. When I read that the legislative aids make \$110,000 per year and there are people living on \$20,000, or \$30,000 per year, it makes me think there is something wrong with this picture. Art Hackney is making \$200.00 an hour plus expenses and I am supposed to pay his salary. How many other state employees are getting high salaries. Commissioners, Directors and other high ranking employees. And yet the state employees are getting a raise this year. I didn't get my cost of living allowance raise. Why should they? What is wrong with the legislatures and the Governor's thinking?. Get out of my wallet!

I will not support any of the current proposals by the Governor or legislature.

The state had a lot of money and it was wasted. Money spent on studying projects like the Susitna Dam that has been studied to death for years and at the cost of millions of dollars. The Juneau road and numerous others. Stop wasting money!

Then there is the travel. Why are the legislators gallivanting around the world on my money and expecting me to pay more. Did they just want to see the world on my dime? Or on the pretext of learning something that may be of benefit to Alaska.

You legislators know who you are. You were elected to protect and serve the people of Alaska and you failed miserably. Is that why several legislators are not seeking reelection?

I got tired of seeing Karen Moriarty testifying, at length, why the oil companies should continue to receive the exorbitant tax credits. I thought that our resources were supposed to make money for the people of Alaska not pay someone to take it from us and we have to pay them. They are probably throwing another lavish party to celebrate at our expense.

Move the Capitol near the center of population so I can attend the meetings of my choosing instead of watching on gavel to gavel the meetings that you want me to see. If the non profits, Karen Moriarty, Ron Duncan and others get to testify at length I want the same opportunity. I have at least 15 reasons why the Capitol should be moved. In my opinion, this state will not progress until the Capitol is moved near the center of population. At present it is a closed shop in Juneau. No excuses, MOVE IT.

To qualify myself, I have lived in Anchorage since 1962 so I have lived through all of this.

I have a lot more to say and a lot of good ideas on diversifying our economy but I'll save that for another time.

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Subject: Opposed to SB 123
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 8:34:09 PM

Dear Legislators,

It's absolutely unacceptable to take 1/2 of the PFD forcing families to pay for bloated and wasteful spending. Cut the budget first to sustainable levels: \$40/bbl oil or nothing will change with maximum damage to the private economy. You have no incentive or leverage to cut with SB 128.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Please support the Permanent Fund Protection Act, SB 128
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 10:55:34 AM

Dear House Finance Committee:

I'm asking for you to support the Permanent Fund Protection Act to save jobs and to protect the dividend for future generations of Alaskans.

The dividend along with a strong economy – including both quality jobs in the oil industry and in state government – have helped build a strong middle class in Alaska with one of the highest median incomes in the country. But now we need to protect that legacy. I therefore urge you to support the Act to make sure that we stabilize our economy this year.

The state estimates that this April there were 2,500 fewer jobs than in April last year. Each of these jobs means a person, a family, and now a very uncertain future. Unfortunately, we're already feeling the ripple effects in our community. My close friends have lost their jobs from oil companies and have been laid off from the state. I know of others who have left Alaska to look for work. The fact that Fitch Ratings is the third ratings agency to downgrade Alaska's credit makes it clear that we need to establish a comprehensive solution to the budget crisis before the situation worsens.

We are at a turning point, and – for those who have lost their jobs or are afraid of losing their jobs – I'm asking that you support the Permanent Fund Protection Act to invest in a stronger future for all Alaska.

Thank you,

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Subject: The Permanent Fund Protection Act is vital to a bright economic future for Alaska
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 4:46:26 PM

Dear House Finance Committee:

The Permanent Fund Protection Act, SB 128, is essential to steer Alaska on a path to a sustainable economic future. Today's news that Fitch Ratings downgraded Alaska's credit rating highlights the urgent challenge we are facing. To solve this \$4 billion budget gap, Alaskans are demanding bold leadership to build a bright economic future for our state with jobs, a thriving Permanent Fund, and opportunities for our families.

Passing the Permanent Fund Protection Act this year is vital to solving the budget crisis. On behalf of the 5,500 Alaska Laborers, I urge you to support the Permanent Fund Protection Act to safeguard our Permanent Fund, make sure Alaskans continue to receive their PFD checks, and reduce our rising budget deficit by half. Any delay will further jeopardize future dividend checks and our economic stability. With worsening credit ratings, higher interest rates could cost the state tens of millions of dollars each year, making it more difficult to pay for the Alaska gasline. Alaska's budget crisis is not just about this year – we need a long-term solution to guarantee that Alaskans have economic opportunities for years to come.

Finally, Alaskan families are struggling to cope with the hardship of job losses, which have already hit hard in the oil and gas industry and in state government. Alaska will save more jobs if the legislature has the courage to take action now to put Alaska on a path to a sustainable economy. The Permanent Fund Protection Act is a balanced approach and will save jobs, protect our economy, and safeguard dividends for all Alaskans. Today, Alaskans need you to show bold leadership by supporting the Permanent Fund Protection Act and steering our state on a course to sustainable economic growth.

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Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
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Subject: Support of SB128
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 4:32:16 PM

Dear House Finance Committee members,

Please pass SB128, with or without amendment and put Alaska on a track towards financial stability. The credit agencies are watching and we need to get our fiscal house in order.
Thank you for your service.

-Marcus

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Subject: My Testimony on the PFD
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:01:51 PM

Please include in public testimony tonight.

Dear Legislators,

My name is William Deaton and I am testifying on behalf of myself and my family. We are against SB 128. Our belief is that the Legislature should cut the budget to 4.5 billion dollars and then look at possible revenue sources, like the ISER model says. However, you chose to instead pass a budget that is above that number and then look at taking our money through the PFD, Income tax, and others. Yes, you did cut the budget. Thank you for that. However, you didn't cut Planned Parenthood funding, or education, or sell the Marine Highway System. These are all things that the State government needs to back off a little on. First, Planned Parenthood should be investigated because of the videos that came out last summer. Second, education should be left mainly to the local school boards. Funding should stay, but we believe that it can be cut minimally. Third, you should consider selling the Marine Highway System to a private company. You would make a lot of money and it would boost Alaska's economy. There are many paths to fixing this economic crisis, but the PFD is not one of them. What we would like to see you do today is vote no on this bill and kill it in this committee. We urge you to hold your objection and to not lift it. We want this bill to die. Please vote no! Thank you for allowing me to testify!

William Deaton

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Subject: SB128 Public Testimony
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:15:13 PM

NO! Do not steal the PFD!

Some of you keep telling me you have already cut the budget. You are not listening to the Alaskan people! You have not cut nearly enough!

If you are spending 3 times as much as you are bringing in, you can't just nibble around the edges and expect anything but total failure!

Cut 1/2 of the \$3.5B deficit this year, fund the rest from the CBR. Next year, if nothing improves, cut the \$1.75B deficit by 1/2, to \$875M and fund with the CBR. The following year if nothing improves, cut the \$875M deficit by half to \$437.5M and fund it with the CBR. Keep doing this until the budget is sustainable.

I don't care where you cut the spending. I would cut across the board, so that no ox gets gored any worse than another.

Seriously, DO NOT raid the PFD. You cannot pay for this bloated, excessive State government on the backs of the PFD recipients

Sincerely,
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Subject: Voicing in Opposition of SB 128
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 2:01:40 PM

Hello members of the House of Representatives,

My name is Chad Samskar, I'm a 28 year old resident currently living in Kenai. I would like to voice my concerns and opinion regarding Senate Bill 128 which you will all be voting on in the near future, pertaining to capping the PFD for the next three years at \$1000 to help fund the government. I can almost guarantee if the states capitol were located in a more central location (Kenai Peninsula or Mat-Su Boroughs), people would be demonstrating outside your office against this bill getting passed, but due to its current location the vast majority of the population is unable too.

My family moved up here in '91, where we have lived ever since. Growing up, the Permanent Fund Dividend was a hidden blessing for my family, especially during the winter when our utilities skyrocketed and us kids needed new clothes and supplies for school, or a couple toys from Santa. Without it we would have gotten by, but things would have been that much more of a struggle.

My personal thought, is that the Alaskan government and budget is bloated and needs to be cut. The PFD recipients will spend most of this money locally, supporting their local economies, and this would be money better spent than however the government plans on spending it. Painful cuts are necessary and should take place during this special session, in order to secure a prosperous future for all residents which live this beautiful state. When families are faced with financial bumps along the way, most result to cutting luxuries from their life's, since some of us don't have a rich uncle they can "borrow" money from.

Now is a perfect opportunity to address the serious issues facing the government; cut wasteful spending, postpone projects deemed unnecessary, address fraud, and any other issues the public does not typically see or have knowledge of. We must regain control of our state, and stop letting the federal government mandate what we should do, how we should live, and what laws we should abide by, all of this should be voted on by the people of this state!

If government positions are lost from addressing the budget, I'd encourage industry related

training for those seeking new jobs, and opening these doors by bringing in investors (O&E, mining, lumber, etc.) to work with Alaska so that we can all benefit. Not necessarily tax credits, but reasonable taxes that would be profitable for both sides. This state has so many natural resources that could be produced and marketed, there is no reason to be making withdrawals from an investment account due to the financial negligence and supervision of elected officials.

I encourage you all to be bold, and take a stance against this Band-Aid solution which ultimately delays the inevitable of cutting budgets or increasing taxes.

Thank you all for your time, and have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

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