From: <u>Ingrid Petrie</u>

To: <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>

Subject: Education Funding

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Please fund education in our state. I am a lifelong Alaskan who grew up in our public schools, currently teach in our public schools, and send my own children to our public schools. The education of our youth and future leaders needs to be funded by the State of Alaska. Over the last 17 years as a public educator I have seen a drastic cuts to funds for education and have felt those impacts in my classroom. It is much harder to do more with less. Each year that my class size grows my ability to reach each child is challenged. If you want high levels of teaching to occur and want to see our youth become vested in the state they live in, then please fund education. Please show our children that their education is valued and that their opportunities for success are first and foremost.

Thank you for your time, Ingrid Petrie

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