

**SB 70, 26, 21**

**Opposition**



## **Doniece Gott**

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**From:** J. Cassellius <jcassellius@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** S21, SB26, SB70 Comments - NO PASS on these bills.

Senator MacKinnon, Senator Hoffman and Finance Committee,

Alaskans own the Permanent Fund. If you pass SB21, SB26, and SB70 you are usurping their rights by changing the Fund and PFD without consent. Stop this plan to restructure the Permanent Fund and PFD without a public vote.

Sen. Cathy Giessel stated on TV news that Alaskans don't understand budget issues in order to vote on Fund changes. Even if this false generalization was true we have many Alaska leaders who are experts on budget issues that advise and confirm the public opposition to these restructure plans. These Alaskan leaders include former legislators Rick Halford and Clem Tillion, former banker Jim Crawford, economist Gregg Erickson who have decades of experience with the Permanent Fund and budget. They have published columns and interviews rejecting these bills and confirm that the budget must be reformed, agencies can be consolidated to free up revenue for government, taxes can be levied, the PFD must be preserved to PROTECT the Permanent Fund, and a POMV is not needed at this point, and the PFD must be secured in the Constitution.

If the Legislature chooses to use Fund earnings for government, Alaskans need a Constitutional guarantee vote for the PFD (SJR1) to pass this year. This is the only way Alaskans will trust that the government will not continue to raid the earnings from their share of resource wealth in the Commons.

I request that you stop these bills and adopt a better plan that most Alaskans support. Before putting a POMV to the people for a vote you must continue to reform state programs in education and healthcare, union wages, and sell and lease government assets.

Below is a petition started last month with 1,300 signatures that supports a public vote on any change to the PFD, support for SJR1, and asks you to stop the plan to restructure the Fund. Economist Gregg Erickson's column in the ADN (3/5/17) pointed out that the Permanent Fund money is not the answer to the decline in oil profits and the PFD has greater benefit to the economy than government spending.

In 1999, Gov. Knowles said that "Alaskans voted to create the Permanent Fund so they should vote on any changes to the Fund and PFD."

Thank you for considering the best course for ALL Alaskans not favoring special interests and status quo government funding

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# **DEFEND Our PFD and Fund NOW**

Permanent Fund Defenders



Tell the Legislators to save our PFD and Permanent Fund in the 2017 Session!

As the Owner State, Alaska's resource wealth belongs to all Alaskans. Governor Walker and the Legislature are planning to restructure and spend the PFD and Fund earnings without public consent. This theft endangers the Fund and blocks the rights of Alaskans.

We have other solutions to Alaska's fiscal problems including getting a fair share for our resources, budget reform, and raising revenues in ways that Alaskans choose.

Alaska Legislators, as our elected representatives, we urge you to do everything in your power to protect the public interest for Alaska voters and Permanent Fund shareholders through the following actions. We strongly support these votes:

**OPPOSE THE PFD AND FUND RESTRUCTURE: VOTE NO** on Governor Walker's plan to restructure and spend from the PFD and Permanent Fund without public consent. Don't allow this!

**SUPPORT RESTORING PFD MONEY: VOTE YES** on House Bills 21 & 22, Senate Bill 1 and 2 to pay back Alaskans the \$670 million cut by the Governor in 2016. Return the Peoples' money.

**SUPPORT A PUBLIC VOTE ON PFD USE: VOTE YES** to pass legislation requiring a 2017 PFD Advisory Vote by the People of Alaska to decide if PFD money will be used for government spending this year. No PFD change without the Peoples' consent!

**SUPPORT A CONSTITUTIONAL PFD GUARANTEE: VOTE YES** on Resolution SJR1 to approve a 2018 public vote for a Constitutional Amendment to guarantee our PFD in the future. The PFD will never be safe without this.



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**From:** Sen. Anna MacKinnon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony for SB 21, SB 26, SB 70

**From:** Emery Schramm [mailto:2010.eschramm@gmail.com]  
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Testimony for SB 21, SB 26, SB 70

Do Not Pass these Bills.

The Permanent Fund should be left alone. The formula works and takes into account the market.

The fund helps the people of Alaska and in hand also helps the Alaska government. The only thing that should change is making the Permanent Fund permanent by placing it into the Alaska Constitution as it was before Gov. Walker's illegal cap.

Thank you,

Emery Schramm

Wasilla, Alaska

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**From:** Full Name <tigressden@excite.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Please vote No to restructure the PFD. The Alaskan government has been fixated on the PFD for too long, think outside the box. What about a state lotto or legalize gambling? There are many other ideas to solve our state budget that have even been looked at. Our state's economy already has taken a big hit from the PFD being lowered to \$1000. Let's lower the legislative per diem? The Governor could lower his salary too. Please vote no to restructure the PFD and explore other ways to balance the budget.

Sincerely  
Kim Alman

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**From:** winforhim@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 4:54 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** SB21,26,70 Testimony

Dear Elected officials,

“We the people!” There are no more powerful words in our society than these words. The people’s voice is the cornerstone to every part of our society regardless of money or stature of a person. We are not like other countries in the world where the people simply accept what government gives them and hope the government is generous. I oppose any re-structure of the PFD until state government has been structured where the people can afford the level of government with current revenue the state receives. The people of our nation stand on liberty and freedom individually instead of dictatorship or socialism. Our state since the first governor (William Eagan), has demanded that the people of Alaska know that their government was nothing like any other state in the nation. When our state drafted our constitution, and approved that document, it is clear that the people’s voice would always echo from the lands of this state and have the ultimate authority how our state supports Alaskans. I wished I could say that our state is honoring that commitment today, but I simply cannot see that occurring any longer; especially with the PFD and the spending of this state over several decades that has driven people away from this great state and generated those left as forgotten and ignored.

I speak the words above first as a platform to my email today to the senate body of our state in regards to the PFD (SB 21,26 and SB 70). The people of this state should be heard and the government should be trusted to act on the voice of the people not simply appease in public forums but in action. I could simply write about the adverse conditions that Governor Walker’s reduction of the 2016 PFD has made on individual household funding, economy, stealing, or even placing some areas in this state on the brink of collapse. The PFD belongs to the people not just elected officials and any form of PFB structure should be brought to the people for vote at the ballot box. The PFD affects every Alaskan and every Alaskan should be heard fully by vote to any changes to the PFD. The "P" stand for permanent but for it also stands for people's dividend fund and not the government. I could dig deeper in these areas and I know the senate and house have heard all of these in great detail in committees and in public town hall meetings across this state. Personally, I have heard the outcry of the PFD at my place of employment, social media, church, restaurants, and other places that my family are exposed. It simply has been a tragedy in the voice of the people in which I interact on a routine basis and a majority of them have no idea why the reduction happened, why the reduction occurred with little notice, and how one person has the power to remove all Alaskans from the role of their individual PFD. It simply has been disappointing to my circle of influence that our state government would turn their backs, close their eyes, and plug their ears of the people they serve.

Breaking the backs of Alaskans to balance an unsustainable budget in government is not what our founding leaders of this state would have tolerated or accepted. Alaskans have always been a free-spirited people and we always side on liberty and freedom that this great land has provided each one of us in so many ways. The PFD is simply a reflection of the commitment that was made to Alaskans many years ago, that we would always come first regardless of the circumstances we found ourselves. The word Permanent in that name of PFD is simply not a slogan or passive identifier. Rather it signifies a deep understanding between the people and government that we are in this together and everyone will always benefit from the resources of our state. To unilaterally take that commitment from the people makes it clear that government no longer wants to walk beside the people of Alaska but rather remove its commitment in a divorce without any ballot box cast from the



other side. The PFD reflects our values of this state more than just money. It reflects who we are and what we are like no other state in the union. The PFD stands as a reminder that all Alaskans matter regardless of who you are, where you live in this state, or what your ethnic identification. The PFD unites Alaskans like no other issue and it assures the next generations that common ground can be found if we desire to reach across. The PFD is too large to be decided in the halls of Juneau and must be taken to the streets, the villages, the cities and towns of this state. Every voice in this state must have a say on something that truly speaks to everyone in this state. The PFD must be restored to its full glory before Governor Walker's pen touched the lives of so many. It must be restored because the money of the people, by the people, and for the people was never heard or considered. This issue is about restoring confidence in our government and the people witness that government does not have the final say, we do!

Like so many Alaskans before me, I stand and shouting from the Matsu of my home in a state that I love hoping that our elected leaders will once again turn around and open their eyes, open their ears, and open their voice to advocate for the most precious resource we have in this state and that is life. The life of people is the heartbeat and backbone to this state. Please restore our faith and hope that government is truly for the people of all Alaskans and your commitment to us is first priority. We need to invest in our state by opening our resources not killing our private sector to uphold the public sector. We hear all the time that we all share in this state pain of budget, but I see very little sharing of job loss and cuts like the private sector has already seen and felt. Just today, we see that Alaska has the largest unemployment in the nation. With that news, the private sector in this state has taken 65 to 70% of that employment loss and it still keeps coming. The public sector is not even a fraction of that loss and frankly it is frustrating to see our elected officials would rather kill one part of society entirely so another sect of society can flourish. If we are all to accept the pain, then it is well time the government cut as the private sector has done and continues to do and we will have enough revenue to afford that level of government without touching one dime of the PFD and more taxes. If you want to kill the economy and keep our current recession going and stop growth, then passing these bills and other tax bills will accomplish that mission. Please be leaders and not managers and do what is right for all Alaskans not just the campaign funding you receive from special interest groups.

Thank You,

Greg Pugh

District 12

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR;**

**COMMITTEE: SENATE FINANCE;**

**Chair, Senate Chair & all Committee Members**

**BILL: SB 21, 26 & 70**

**SPONSER: Senator Stedman, Gov. Walker & Senate Finance Committee**

**DATE & TIME: 03/06/2017 @ 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

My name is DENNY KAY WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** SB 21, 26 & SB 70 as written. I believe Senator Stedman & Gov. Walker are both wrong & only looking for easy money to target. As for SB 70 it is poorly written, confusing & contains way too many issue for one bill & I think this was done purposely. Maybe we could look more at Senator Dunleavy's ideas; even though he does not represent my district I find he tends to represent more Alaskan's views.

The Legislature always wants the PEOPLE of Alaska to pay for government or cut others in the government but the legislators never wants cuts to their own funds.

According to the recently released 2016 Alaska Legislature Salary and Business Expense Report you all receive a salary of \$50,400.00 for your service in Juneau but then comes the extras; Travel expense reimbursements, the highest travel reimbursement was \$24,486.58 and that did not include the relocation reimbursement, the highest relocation reimbursement was \$31,532.23. Then you have your Office expense allowance with a few of you being reimbursed up to \$20,000.00. Last but not least is the now known PER DIEM Legislature scam; the highest Per Diem reimbursement was \$35,450.00. But on the bright side one Juneau legislator (Cathy Munoz) DID NOT take Per Diem in 2016.

But the one the irks me the most is Representative Paul Seaton who reaped Alaskans for \$110,750.92 in 2016 which did not include his state retirement benefits, special interest groups contributions, gifts and perks. This is the same person who blocked the proposal to reduce lawmakers' expenses, defected from his own party after being elected and wants the People of Alaska to keep paying for his bloated government. I did not even get to vote for this man, his district voted him in. But I feel like he is stealing from all Alaska.

I believe Gov. Walker was wrong when he vetoed half of Alaskans' Permanent Fund dividend checks last June instead of reducing government as he had promised during his campaign. In a News article on October 11, 2014 "Bill Walker answers questions about the issues in 2014 election for Alaska governor" and question 7 asked "The state's savings is being depleted. How low should the savings go before you begin to seriously discuss implementing a widespread tax,

such as a sales or income tax, or reducing Permanent Fund Dividend checks to help pay for services? Bill Walker's response: **"I have no intention to implement a statewide tax or paying for state government by reducing Permanent Fund dividend checks.** If we properly develop our natural resources and put in place a sustainable budget that should not be necessary." Apparently Gov. Walker forgot what he said or just plain lied to get votes.

As for Why Alaskans created the PFD; during construction of the Pipeline in the 1970's oil companies' flooded the state coffers with \$900 million and the Legislature spent it all within a few years. Alaskans knew they had to do something to safeguard the robust income forthcoming from the pipeline. Alaskans voted in 1976 to amend the constitution to put at least 25% of the oil money into a dedicated fund. The constitutional amendment was designed to keep the government from spending the oil wealth recklessly. Alaska does not need any new taxes nor do we need to surrender the PFD. What is needed to stop the shortfall is to **CUT GOVERNMENT** and stop the **OVERSPENDING**. I ask you now to PLEASE kill all three of these bills.

Thank you for your time. Any questions call me at 907-253-3745 or email me at [alaskanortherngirl@gmail.com](mailto:alaskanortherngirl@gmail.com)

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**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Alaska Permanent Fund

We feel the Alaska Permanent Fund should be left alone, as it generates a lot of revenue in the state of Alaska each year.

The state should find other ways to balance their budget just like we all do. Down on the Peninsula between Soldotna and Homer

they did road repair and then the next year they had forgotten culverts so they tore of good road to fix the problem. A total waste of

money. Also, they put in pull out areas for slow drivers, no one uses it except locals. Your still have many RV's you follow who will not

pull over. Just a few examples of waste. Maybe Pres. Trump needs to show the states how to save money!!

Thanks for your time.

Richard and Bonnie Andersen

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**TESTIMONY TO SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE:  
SB21, SB 26, & SB70  
March 6, 2017**

**To: Senator Lyman Hoffman (Co-Chair), Senator Anna MacKinnon (Co-Chair),  
Senator Click Bishop (Vice Chair), Senator Peter Micciche (Member),  
Senator Mike Dunleavy (Member), Senator Natasha von Imhof (Member),  
Senator Donald Olson (Member).  
(Email: [Senate.Finance.Committee@akleg.gov](mailto:Senate.Finance.Committee@akleg.gov)).**

**My name is William Topel from Anchorage, representing myself, and having arrived in Alaska in 1966. I'm testifying today regarding SB21, SB26, & SB70. I urge a NO vote on all three of these bills to restructure the Permanent Fund and to cap the PFD. I also urge you to seriously consider Sen. Mike Dunleavy's SB1 & SB2 bills to bring some fiscal sanity to Alaska's state government budget problems and to restore the half of the PFD that was vetoed by Gov. Walker last year.**

**You legislators need to listen to the people, not special interest groups. You legislators are not listening to the studies of your own state economists in ISER (Institute of Social and Economic Research) when they told you last year that capping the PFD would have the most disastrous impact on the overall Alaska economy. You legislators are also not listening to them when they report that imposition of income and sales taxes would increase income disparity among Alaskans and produce more job losses, especially in the private sector. You legislators are not listening to accountants who warn you of the "capital flight" from Alaska should there be new capital gains taxes on Alaskans. Instead, many of your proposals to address the State of Alaska will continue the largesse of unsustainable state government spending with no spending**

caps to the detriment of average Alaskans, which will increase income disparity, will produce more job losses, and will continue Alaska's recession into a depression.

Here's what you should consider instead. First, continue to reduce the size of state government by continued cutting of \$1.1 B over the next four years, as we have a government we cannot afford. For example, you can also forego the automatic 3.5% merit pay increases to state union employees, or cut all departments across the board by 3.5%, which will save an estimated \$110 million on the Governor's budget. Another example would be to eliminate the optional Medicaid programs that are a part of Obamacare, which will save an estimated \$300 million. Still another example would be to adjust or eliminate the oil and gas tax credits program before it gets any costlier. Second, there should be NO new taxes, fees, or fines until you reduce overall state spending to well under \$8.3 B. Third, DO NOT TOUCH either the Permanent Fund corpus or the Permanent Fund Dividends, as both of those programs are working as intended. A vote of the people of Alaska should be required before you tamper with either program, including any consideration of a POMV withdrawal concept. Fourth, to achieve a sustainable budget over the next four years, you should adopt Senator Mike Dunleavy's fiscal plan with no new taxes or PFD caps (Attachment 1 in my follow-up email). A sample 10-year Budget Plan is included which shows a sustainable under \$8.3 B overall budget by FY 21 onwards (Attachment 2 in my follow-up email). Fifth, focus on economic growth through resource development.

The State of Alaska has a bad track record of managing its spending over the past decade. Don't continue that trend by shifting the burden to the average citizen through taxes and tampering with the Permanent Fund or capping the PFD. Please don't pass SB21, SB26, or SB70 as presently proposed out of committee, but consider Sen. Dunleavy's SB1 and SB2 instead by giving his bills a fair hearing. Thank you for your time.

## Attachment 1

### Overview of Senator Mike Dunleavy's Fiscal Approach

This approach is comprised of the following:

- **Senator Dunleavy's approach includes no new taxes.** No income tax, no state sales tax, no broad-based taxes. No new taxes are required.
- **Use of existing savings to help bridge to a sustainable budget within four years**
- **A revised constitutional appropriation limit**  
The central element of Senator Dunleavy's plan is repairing our existing constitutional appropriations limit that is meant to cap the size and growth of government. This is needed in order to guarantee fiscal restraint and protect against future runaway spending. The measure would be presented to the voters in the next general election (November 2018).
- **A revised statutory appropriation limit**  
Largely mirroring its constitutional cousin by enacting this statute, elements of the plan would be put into practice beginning this year.
- **Making reasonable spending reductions over four years totaling \$1.1 billion**
  - \$300 million each year for FY18, FY19, and FY20 (or 7% per year)
  - \$200 million in reductions in FY21 (or 4.6%)
- **Protecting the PFD & Using the Earnings Reserve Account (ERA)**  
50% of the utilized amount goes *first* for payment of the dividend, then 50% for essential state services. The Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation has provided data showing that the PFD transfer amount and the ERA both grow over 10 years using this approach.
- **A biennial budget**  
Instead of adopting an annual budget, Alaska would transition to a biennial budget process. As of 2010, 19 states utilize this more efficient approach.
- **Statutory changes to foster true collaboration on the creation of the budget between the Legislature and the Governor**  
A committee chosen by both bodies of the Legislature would work together with the Governor during the interim to build a budget from the ground-up, earlier in the year. This approach improves the existing process, which condenses a deep dive into the state's finances to the constraints of the busy 90-day legislative session.

## Attachment 2 - Sample 10-Year Budget Under Dunleavy Plan

Sample 10-Year Budget Sample 10-Year State Budget  
 (not including federal, state, CIP, CIP)

	FY0	FY1	FY2	FY3	FY4	FY5	FY6	FY7	FY8	FY9	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Current Budget	\$ 2,282.1	\$ 2,282.7	\$ 2,283.3	\$ 2,283.9	\$ 2,284.5	\$ 2,285.1	\$ 2,285.7	\$ 2,286.3	\$ 2,286.9	\$ 2,287.5	\$ 2,288.1	\$ 2,288.7	\$ 2,289.3	\$ 2,289.9	\$ 2,290.5	\$ 2,291.1	\$ 2,291.7	\$ 2,292.3
Proposed Budget	\$ 2,282.1	\$ 2,282.7	\$ 2,283.3	\$ 2,283.9	\$ 2,284.5	\$ 2,285.1	\$ 2,285.7	\$ 2,286.3	\$ 2,286.9	\$ 2,287.5	\$ 2,288.1	\$ 2,288.7	\$ 2,289.3	\$ 2,289.9	\$ 2,290.5	\$ 2,291.1	\$ 2,291.7	\$ 2,292.3
Total Revenue	\$ 4,028.6	\$ 4,029.2	\$ 4,029.8	\$ 4,030.4	\$ 4,031.0	\$ 4,031.6	\$ 4,032.2	\$ 4,032.8	\$ 4,033.4	\$ 4,034.0	\$ 4,034.6	\$ 4,035.2	\$ 4,035.8	\$ 4,036.4	\$ 4,037.0	\$ 4,037.6	\$ 4,038.2	\$ 4,038.8
Proposed Expenditures	\$ 4,028.6	\$ 4,029.2	\$ 4,029.8	\$ 4,030.4	\$ 4,031.0	\$ 4,031.6	\$ 4,032.2	\$ 4,032.8	\$ 4,033.4	\$ 4,034.0	\$ 4,034.6	\$ 4,035.2	\$ 4,035.8	\$ 4,036.4	\$ 4,037.0	\$ 4,037.6	\$ 4,038.2	\$ 4,038.8
Miss Reductions	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 200.0
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,028.6	\$ 4,029.2	\$ 4,029.8	\$ 4,030.4	\$ 4,031.0	\$ 4,031.6	\$ 4,032.2	\$ 4,032.8	\$ 4,033.4	\$ 4,034.0	\$ 4,034.6	\$ 4,035.2	\$ 4,035.8	\$ 4,036.4	\$ 4,037.0	\$ 4,037.6	\$ 4,038.2	\$ 4,038.8
Budget Surplus/Deficit	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0

Sample Budget that would maintain the FY0 and the current trends for calculating a

baseline projections as provided by Legislative Finance & Debt, see separate tab: Revenue

\*See separate tab: Savings

\*See separate tab: Expenditures, FY16/17 in previous year's starting budget minus previous year's reductions

\*Sample budget reduction amounts

\*Sample/placeholder: sample decreased rate CIP



SB 70, 26

Opposition

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**From:** Jonathan Faulkner <landsendjdf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to re-structure

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

I'm opposed to re-structuring the PFD program. It is a right of the people, not subject to taking. I am opposed to SB26 and SB70.

Furthermore, a full PFD is vital to the economic well-being of our citizens. Alaskans are the best and proper custodians of this money.

Dividends from last year must be restored.

We need to cut our operating budget by \$400m a year for 3 years to bring it into balance with our population and our needs. That's what the private sector does.

We need to ask government employees to fund 25% of their health care, now.

Governor Walker's proposed gas tax is small, but small contributions add up.

We need to increase mining and fishing "landing tax" to 4%.

We need to phase out the Cook Inlet subsidies, not kill them.

We might consider foregoing inflation proofing one more year, and balance our budget with the CBR.

Then, the legislature needs to get to work removing the obstacles in this state to growth, jobs and opportunity.

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**From:** Sen. Anna MacKinnon  
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**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** FW: SB 70, SB 26

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Penny Nixon [mailto:pennynixon@mac.com]  
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**Subject:** SB 70, SB 26

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please oppose SB 70/SB 26 or any other bill which doesn't reduce the budget by at least \$1B. The governor's plan is DOA.

Please oppose any proposal to enact an income tax. The legislature has done nothing to substantially reduce the state's grotesquely bloated spending.

Whatever the current left wing crop of historical illiterates say, the problem in this state is not a lack of income; it's a lack of fiscal planning for what we all knew was coming. No amount of income tax can support Alaska's massive per capita government.

Spend down the Permanent Fund, the Constitutional Budget Reserves if you must, but you must first dramatically reduce state spending to have any hope of long term fiscal solvency.

More taxes will only prolong the agony and make the problem worse.

Fraternally,  
Penny Nixon  
Wasilla

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**From:** Sen. Anna MacKinnon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:07 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: SB 70, SB 26

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**Subject:** SB 70, SB 26

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please oppose SB 70/SB 26 or any other bill which doesn't reduce the budget by at least \$1B.

Please oppose any proposal to enact an income tax. The legislature has done nothing to substantially reduce the state's grotesquely bloated spending.

Whatever the current left wing group say  
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problem in this state is not a lack of income; it's a lack of fiscal planning for what we all knew was coming. No amount of income tax can support Alaska's massive per capita government spending

Spend down the Permanent Fund, the Constitutional Budget Reserves if you must, but you must first dramatically reduce state spending to have any hope of long term fiscal solvency.

More taxes will only prolong the agony and make the problem worse.

Fraternally,  
Keith Forsgren

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