



**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**RESOLUTION # 17-06**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A SUSTAINABLE BUDGET PLAN FOR FY 2018 AND FUTURE YEARS.**

**WHEREAS**, due to the drastic drop in global oil prices the State of Alaska continues to face a daunting \$2.8 - \$3 billion budget deficit for FY 18; and

**WHEREAS**, the price of oil has dropped significantly over the past few years and is not expected to rebound to adequate levels in the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, this drastic drop in oil prices has resulted in huge budget deficits for the State of Alaska resulting in the State funding essential state services primarily with its savings, and

**WHEREAS**, while the State enjoyed robust savings they have been drawn down considerably and it is estimated those budget reserves will be nearly drained by the end of FY 18 if prices continue to remain low and a sustainable budget plan is not adopted by the Legislature and Governor in the 2017 Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, since FY 14 the Legislature has reduced state spending by 44% making considerable cuts to both the State's Operating and Capital budgets and the Governor has instituted further programmatic efficiencies and reductions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature is expected to continue to make cuts and find further operating efficiencies within State government; and

**WHEREAS**, while it is expected further cuts to the State's Operating Budget will help reduce the cost of government, cuts alone will not solve the State's enormous fiscal gap; and

**WHEREAS**, Catholic Community Service is concerned about the state's fiscal challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the state's fiscal challenge, the Catholic Community Service will continue to provide an array of quality services to Alaskan families in need ranging from children and families, seniors and adults with disabilities, to people who need in-home care and/or end of life palliative care; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the State's fiscal challenge more responsibilities are being passed down to the local level putting considerably more pressure on community care organizations, we must be given the ability to continue to provide the essential safety-net services to Alaska's most vulnerable populations, and

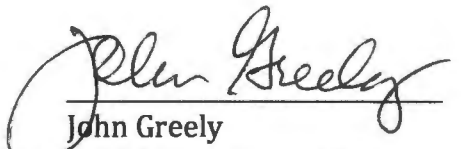
**WHEREAS**, Catholic Community Service opposes shifting more costs to municipalities which play a critical role in assisting community care and safety net programs such as CCS providing services to vulnerable Alaskans; AND

**WHEREAS**, shifting more costs and burdens to the local level reduces municipalities' ability to continue that assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's economy and community care organizations need certainty from the Legislature and Governor to remain sustainable and provide basic, essential, safety-net services, and

**WHEREAS**, Catholic Community Service believes that the Legislature should use excess Permanent Fund Earnings as a revenue source to maintain current and future essential state services; and

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, that Catholic Community Service urges the Legislature to adopt a sustainable budget plan for FY 18 and future years.

  
John Greely  
President, Board of Directors  
Catholic Community Service

Feb 27, 2017  
Date

February 27, 2017

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**From:** Jenny Martin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 7:42 PM  
**To:** House Finance Legislation  
**Cc:** Jane Pierson  
**Subject:** FW: State Day Habilitation cuts to medicaid waivers.

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**From:** Bradee Luhr [<mailto:bradee.luhr@gmail.com>]  
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**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton <[Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** State Day Habilitation cuts to medicaid waivers.

Representative,

I know that our state currently in a fiscal crisis and that talks of financial cuts are taking place. I have recently heard about a proposed cut to Day Habilitation for medicaid waivers to 8 hours per week of community based activities. As a physical therapist in this State AND a family member of a person who will be affected by this cut, I urge you to vote against this.

Our society has been working very hard to take away the negative stigma having a disability comes with, taking people out of their house and integrating them into the community is essential to this forward progression. I work daily to help my patients gain more independence to allow them, and encourage them, to go out into the community and participate in social activities. This cut would be sending Alaska back into the past where individuals with disabilities are not able to lead normal, social lives.

My mother worked hard to ensure that my sister, Sabrina, whom is in a wheelchair lives everyday to her fullest potential. Sabrina has been able to move away from our home in Petersburg to live in Juneau with staff. She participates in special olympics, college classes, art classes, she teaches Sunday school and volunteers in kindergarten in addition to going to lunch with friends or the movies. She lives a NORMAL life, and why should she not, why should her disability stop her from that type of life. With this cut to 8 hours, she would be able to leave her house only TWO HOURS a day. Tell me, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO BE SOCIAL AND LIVE A NORMAL LIFE ONLY LEAVING YOUR HOUSE FOR TWO HOURS A DAY. The answer is NO.

This cut is inhumane and a direct statement saying the people with disabilities are less than us "able bodied" individuals.

Don't allow or participate in making people with disabilities second class citizens.



Don't allow Alaska to go backwards.

Thank you for reading this letter,

Bradee Luhr, PT, DPT

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March 1, 2017

To The House Finance Committee,

Once again you are stealing from us. **YOU NEED TO PASS A BUDGET.**

**THAT MEANS REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING.....**

**IT DOES NOT MEAN MORE TAXES AND STEALING THE PFD FROM US.**

The reduction in the PFD amount last year took over \$10,000.00 from our immediate family **NOT** counting the rest of our relatives and friends.

This money is NOW LOST and is money that would have been spent in the local economy.

**THAT ACTION ALONE** impacted the private sector, which employ a lot of us and I wonder how many people were laid off because of your actions, or shall we say **lnactions** in standing up to Governor Walker and telling him NO, do not steal the peoples PFD checks.

**YOUR ACTION IS IRRESPONSIBLE, REDUCE THE BUDGET FIRST BEFORE TRYING TO STEAL IT FROM THE PERMANENT FUND AND STEALING MONEY FROM ALASKANS IN THE FORM OF A PFD CAP.**

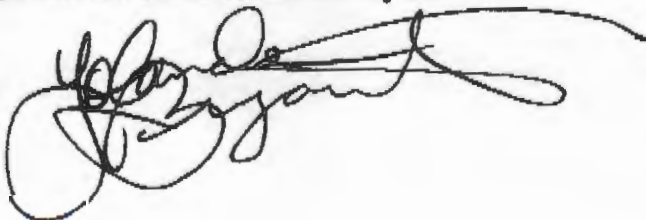
Trying to remove a Constitutional Budget Reserve draw from the table as a way to fund your current budget is **NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

**RESCIND YOUR ACTION.** The State survived \$9.00 barrel of oil and we will survive this, if **YOU DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE AND REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING** and quit trying to tax the hard working Alaskans.

**THANK YOU** to the **REPUBLICANS** who have been standing firm and **ARE AGAINST** this Democrat budget and theft of Alaskans money.

Thank you, we are praying that you do the right thing for **ALL ALASKANS!!!** and **NOT** just for your special projects, people you owe favors to or the Lobbyists.

Yolanda Bryant  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda Bryant', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.





Juneau School District  
Cumulative Budget Reductions -- Operating Fund  
FY 2011 (Base Year) Through FY 2017

provided by 3/4/17  
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during Juneau  
Public Testimony

Reduction Description	Positions Eliminated					Cumulative Budget Reductions
	Cabinet	JSAA	JEA	Exempt	JESS	
Assistant Superintendent	1.00					178,000
High School Assistant Principals		2.00				275,000
Administrator (Coordinator): Facilities Planning		1.00				128,000
Coorrdinator: Education Technology		1.00				128,000
Administrator (Coordinator): Student Safety & Climate		1.00				128,000
Classroom Teachers because of change in teacher allocation			13.80			1,434,000
Special Education Classroom Teachers			11.50			1,195,000
Cultural Specialist Teacher			1.00			104,000
Elementary Extended Learning Teachers			3.00			312,000
Extended Learning Counselors			2.00			208,000
Middle School Counselors			2.00			208,000
Elementary Instructional Coaches			3.00			312,000
Science Instructional Coach			1.00			104,000
Art Specialist			1.00			104,000
Secondary Literacy Coaches			3.00			312,000
HomeBRIDGE Teacher			0.50			52,000
Combine RALLY and Community Schools						
Supervisors (not operating fund)				1.00		0
Assistant Superintendent Admin Assistant				1.00		100,000
High School In-School Suspension Staff					3.00	194,000
HomeBRIDGE Support Staff					0.50	35,000
Special Education Para-educators					13.33	837,000
Truancy Officer					1.00	69,000
Administrative Assistant in Teaching & Learning					1.00	70,000
Information Technology					6.00	685,000
Data Assessment Support Staff					1.00	87,000
Middle School Office Support Staff					2.00	138,000
High School Office & Library Support Staff					6.00	415,000
Accounts Payable position					1.00	87,000
HR Substitute Caller position					1.00	86,000
Custodians					8.00	657,000
Maintenance Staff					2.00	114,000
Maintenance Admin Assistant					1.00	54,000
Auditorium Staff					1.00	104,000
5 Fewer Nurses Replaced with 5 Health Assistants						125,000
Interventions for Middle Schools						60,000
Summer Scholars Program (summer school)						52,000
Allocations to School Budgets						166,000
Extended Learning Supply Budget						15,000
College Connection						5,000
HomeBRIDGE Supplies and Services						170,000
Contract for Substance Abuse Counseling Svcs						84,000
Drug Testing Contract						89,000
District-Wide Library Services						13,000
Next Generation (Non-Salary)						91,000
Professional Development (Non-Salary)						41,000
S.C.O.T. Program (Now RTI)						18,000
Coaching/Mentoring Teachers						7,000
Equity Training						20,000
Board of Education						9,000

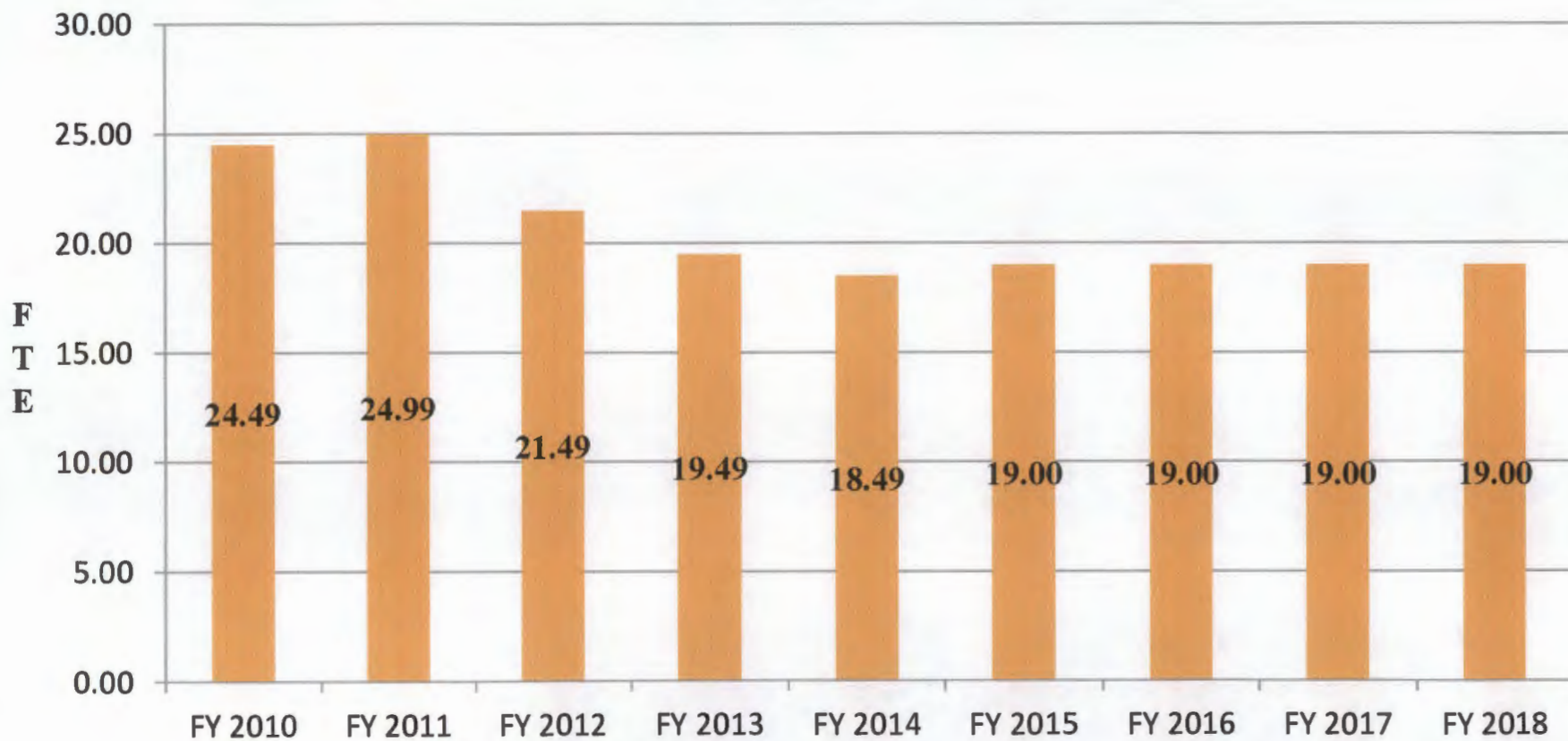
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**Juneau School District**  
**Cumulative Budget Reductions -- Operating Fund**  
**FY 2011 (Base Year) Through FY 2017**

Reduction Description	Positions Eliminated					Cummulative Budget Reductions
	Cabinet	JSAA	JEA	Exempt	JESS	
Superintendent Supplies and Services						66,000
Administrative & Fiscal Services: Supplies and Services						117,000
Human Resources Supplies and Services						59,000
Custodial Supplies and Services						15,000
Maintenance Supplies and Services						290,000
High School Intramurals						20,000
High School Activity Support						619,000
Middle School Coaches						0
Pupil Transportation Fund subsidy						75,000
<b>Totals</b>	1.00	5.00	41.80	2.00	47.83	11,140,000



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Hello representatives of the House Finance Committee,

As a resident of Fairbanks for 20 years and mother of two part-Native Alaskans, I don't believe that any more state money should go to the Mental Health Trust for DNR to administer their lands. Or if the money does get to them, there should be some kind of regulation of how much they can charge public utilities for easements for existing powerlines, some of which were built in the 1950s for the mining operations.

I work at GVEA, so I am aware of these easement fees that are being charged, in excess of \$100,000/year, to be increased every 5 years and back-rent added on. These fees are to cover powerlines that were previously permitted by BLM. Some permits had an expiration date, some permits the MHT brought lawsuit over and were declared invalid because they were lacking an indemnification clause and/or term limit. Interior residents pay the bulk of these fees since the majority of MHT land is in the interior.

GVEA is member-owned, and members sign an agreement to give easement to GVEA in exchange for service. The MHT avoids this mandate by saying they "are not members" (only their lessees are members). GVEA believes that providing electric service adds value to the land. This is evident by the fact that the MHT is selling parcels in Salcha at \$35,000/acre. They would not get this price without power. Usibelli Coal Mine, Skiland, and other companies would not be doing business on MHT land if it weren't for power.

They have threatened lawsuit for trespass if we don't pay these fees. These easement fees translate to higher rates for the members. If GVEA was a private utility, it would make more sense to stop providing power anywhere north of Fox; but the utility cannot just cut people off for power. In this sense, it is a kind of tax on Interior residents to pay the bill of MHT programs across the state.

I don't know if the legislature has any power over the MHT, but I do see that \$4.5 million goes to DNR to administer the lands. If the legislature cannot regulate the MHT, then I would suggest that the portion of the \$4.5 million that is attributable to Interior residents go to the Pioneer Home or something, since we are already paying our portion of the bill.

I am not speaking on behalf of GVEA, just as an Alaskan resident.

Thank you,

Jacquie Goss

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