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1.

**From:** Allison Griffith [  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:25 AM  
**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>  
**Cc:** Allison Griffith <  
**Subject:** HB 111 Oil & Gas Taxes

Honorable Members – House Resource Committee,

Please consider my input in this written testimony, as an objection to the consequences that would be caused by enacting this legislation as currently drafted.

I can support, to some degree, careful modification to the current cashable tax credit formulas and the current pay-out plans.

Other proposed changes effect the fundamental tax policy that was enacted through voter supported SB21, and HB247.

Please drop or significantly reduce the proposed tax increase in HB 111. We must continue to show Alaska is open for business, and support our resource development industries.

*Thank you,*

*Allison Griffith*

*Anchorage, AK 99516*

2.

**From:** Kevin Gunnip [  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:22 AM  
**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB111 Testimony

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Although I do agree that some careful modification to the current cashable tax credit formulas and the current pay-out plans may deserve some adjustments.

Other proposed changes effect the fundamental tax policy that has been enacted through SB21 (and supported by the voters), and HB247.

Please drop or significantly reduce the proposed tax increase in HB 111. We must continue to show Alaska is open for business, and support our resource development industries.

We are operating in a world economy, we must keep Alaska competitive, and not push businesses away.

Kevin Gunnip | Account Manager | Lynden Transport

3.

**From**

**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 5:04 PM

**To:** lhsres@akleg.gov.

**Subject:** Opposed to HB 111

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a constituent in South Anchorage and am opposed to HB 111. Please keep oil taxes the same.

Almost exactly one year ago, my position with an oil and gas support company was eliminated due to the lack of work from clients because of the low oil prices. Please do not add any more burden to these companies who fuel jobs and Alaska's economy.

I believe HB 111 will NOT make Alaska better and will likely result in less investment, less production, fewer jobs, and a deepening recession. It will create more situations like mine: job losses to an educated workforce who contribute to the economy and community.

Unfortunately, due to my teaching schedule at UAA, I am unable to testify in person. Please accept this email as my testimony against HB 111.

Thank you,  
~Josie Wilson

4.

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

From: Rosemary Tower

Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 9:23 PM

To: House Resources <lhsres@akleg.gov>

Cc:

Subject: HB 111

I oppose HB 111

Rosemary Tower

Sent from my iPhone

5.

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**From:** Guy Turner

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 7:19 AM

**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** Budget

Exxon makes major investment, but not in our state! No pro-business, consistent plan in Alaska! Increasing oil flowing through the pipeline can be done, but the budget committee must get their act together quickly, without taxing the people and destroying the PFD. Cut 20% across all state agencies, and we will balance the check book. The sucking sound in this state otherwise will be do to the **budget committee**.

This particular project from Exxon Mobil goes back a couple of years. However, management felt compelled to say it's confident that it can comply because it anticipates pro-business, pro-American worker fiscal policies. So yesterday it announced MAJOR investment in the lower 48. Sadly the proper actions by the budget committee does not include Alaska in their announcement.

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Get the oil we have flowing with an increase in volume created by pro-business policies, and the increase in volume will help pay once again for our operating budget that is over bloated currently. The increase of activity to get more oil flowing will off set the jobs cut to the state agencies.

Regards, Guy

6.

**From:** Akers, Randall

**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 4:17 PM

**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Dean Westlake <[Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <[Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Justin Parish <[Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Birch <[Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov)>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <[Representative.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. George Rauscher <[Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Talerico <[Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Mike Chenault <[Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Tuck <[Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** re: HB11

Dear Respected Members of the Alaska State House Resources Committee

I am writing this letter to fully oppose HB11. I am very cognizant of the budget deficit we Alaskans face and understand we are all “panicking” a bit. However, to take our spending woes and simply pass them onto our most valued businesses and resource is not only wrong, but quite foolish.

With the ongoing decline in oil prices and the already loss of jobs and income here in Alaska due to these low oil prices, and now to think it is sound legislation to simply tax the oil / gas industry more is just the wrong thing to do at this juncture.

As I pondered writing this letter I began to look at how many times we have changed our oil tax structure, and not surprising to many of you, but to me it was, we have changed this structure 7 times in 12 years. How do we expect anyone to plan a future with that many changes in this many years? I liken this to raising my daughter, if I gave her rules to live / abide by and every other year changed my mind and gave her a new set of rules, she'd probably need a counselor by now.

We came together as a community, and as a State and passed SB21. After which we experienced a slight revitalization in the Oil / Gas sector. And now only a year later we are again wanting to change the structure? What message does that send to any / all perspective investors or companies regarding looking to Alaska as a possible location to invest in? More importantly what message does that send to those companies that HAVE invested in our State? This is NOT the message nor the time to hamper, hinder or further erode the business we have within the Oil / Gas Sector.

We have dug a hole with this deficit, to try and fill that hole with a bunch of “oil” is not what is needed. We need these producers to increase production, increase development, increase their stake in our State, and HB11 will do exactly the opposite. Please send the right message to our biggest resource and job sector, send the message we WANT them here.

I respectfully ask that you to PLEASE REJECT in its entirety, HB11.

Sincerely,

**Randy Akers**

Technical Sales Representative

State of Alaska

**Pentair Valves & Controls**

Anchorage, Alaska 99518

United States



7.

**From:** Dana Hahn

**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 4:28 PM

**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** HB111

Hello Representative Josephson,

Thank you for taking my input regarding HB111.

While my wife and I do not work for the oil industry, we are very concerned about jobs for our fellow Alaskans. Increasing taxes yet again on an industry that is struggling to compete with other projects, will not encourage investment here and therefore cost even more jobs. More investment means more production and more revenue for the state.

We encourage you to look at the long term in regards to taxation on the oil industry.

Sincerely,

Dana and Deborah Hahn

Eagle River AK 99577

**8.**

**From:** Josie Hickel [  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** House Resources <lhsres@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony HB 111

March 8, 2017

House Resources Committee

Alaska State Capital

Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Tarr and Josephson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Josie Hickel, and I am the Senior Vice President of Energy & Resources for Chugach Alaska Corporation (Chugach). As an Alaska Native corporation, we serve the interests of the Alaska Native people of the Chugach region and represent more than 2,600 shareholders. It is our duty to provide opportunities to our shareholders to support our culture and values. As such we are committed to profitability, celebration of our heritage and ownership of our lands. A healthy Alaskan economy is key to our ability to maintain our commitment to our shareholders and to our heritage.

Chugach companies have supported the oil industry for more than 25 years. Our services include drilling support, oil spill response, project management, safety, administrative and other professional services. Chugach businesses employ more than 6,000 people worldwide, and over 600 Alaskans, many of whom are shareholders.

I am writing in opposition to HB 111, and to voice concerns over the proposal of yet another change in the oil tax structure in Alaska. Our state has long been dependent on the oil and gas industry to support our state government and to provide jobs and other economic and social support for Alaskans. Businesses look for political and economic stability when making decisions on where to invest. If Alaska can't be competitive and provide a stable cost structure, we will lose investment dollars to other states or regions that can provide stability. Less oil in the pipeline increases cost and creates greater challenges related to maintaining infrastructure.

Another change to Alaska's oil taxes will further compound these challenges, which, in turn, will lead to lower throughput.

Alaska needs the investment and stability of a healthy oil and gas industry for the future of our State and our people. Simply put, HB 111 bites the hand that feeds, with no long-term benefit. Any fiscal plan for the State should take into consideration the negative impacts we will face by driving away an industry that has long sustained our way of life.

Respectfully,

**Josie Hickel**

SVP Energy & Resources  
Chugach Alaska Corporation

[www.chugach.com](http://www.chugach.com)



Anchorage, AK 99503

9.

**From:** Paul Friese [  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:51 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>  
**Cc:** Paul Friese <  
**Subject:** Subject: HB 111

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Please consider my input in this written testimony, as an objection to the consequences that would be caused by enacting this legislation as currently drafted.

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Other proposed changes effect the fundamental tax policy that has been enacted through SB21 (and supported by the voters), and HB247.

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They are operating in a world economy, we must keep Alaska competitive.

Best regards,

Paul Friese |VP Alaska Sales | Lynden Transport, Anchorage

[www.lynden.com](http://www.lynden.com)

**10.**

**From:** Ella Ede

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 4:17 PM

**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** NO on HB111

Dear Representative Josephson,

I strongly oppose HB111. Our state needs stable tax policy, not more changes for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in 12 years. Increasing taxes and decreasing incentives for the oil and gas industry is not the right approach to get more oil in the pipeline or more revenue for our state.

As a life-long Alaskan, I have first-hand experience working in the industry. I am also one of those over 9,000 people laid off in the past two years due to cuts. My family has made major adjustments to our personal budget and expenditures. As I have personally made hard choices, the industry has done the same. They have cut budgets, contracts, and staff because they had no choice.

HB111 would be a detriment to an already struggling industry. Raising taxes on companies that are reporting negative cash flow positions is not sound tax policy. Raising taxes and eliminating tax credits could slow or stop investment. Alaska needs that investment now more than ever to keep oil production up to protect Alaskan jobs and businesses as well as the revenue that production generates for the state.

The current oil tax system is balanced, setting a higher minimum floor than the previous tax system, while setting a stable and predictable rate when oil prices rise again. At current prices, Alaska's oil tax policy has brought hundreds of millions of dollars more in tax revenue to the state than it would have under the previous system.

It takes an annual industry investment of \$3 to 4 billion to keep production levels stable on the North Slope. This requires a durable and competitive tax policy to fund Alaska projects. The investment in Alaska and Alaskans is what we need – **more investment, more oil in the pipeline, more jobs for Alaskans.**

Please kill HB111.

Thank you,

Ella Ede

Anchorage, Alaska 99508

11.

From: Neal Collins [  
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:22 PM  
To: Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>  
Subject: HB111 please do not support

Increasing taxes on an industry that is already in a high cost environment will only serve to decrease investment in Alaska, and reduce revenue for the state in the long run. Companies will choose to spend money elsewhere.

Industry makes investments based on an agreed tax burden, then we change the rules on them every couple of years when we don't like the outcome. I am surprised they even bother with us anymore.

Oil companies are the main non-government economic driver for the economy. Their jobs support lots of other Alaska jobs.

Please do not push HB111 forward and risk further damage to Alaska's economy.

Neal Collins  
Chugiak, Alaska

**12.**

From: Anne Seneca [  
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:41 PM  
To: Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>  
Subject: A Letter in Opposition to HB111

Dear Representative Tarr,

Please find, attached, a letter in OPPOSITION to HB111. Thank you.

Anne Seneca

President  
Consumer Energy Alliance – AK  
Anchorage, AK 99503



13.

**From:** Teri Mentzer []

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:49 PM

**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Dean Westlake <[Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <[Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Justin Parish <[Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Birch <[Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov)>; [Representative.Delana.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Delana.Johnson@akleg.gov); Rep. George Rauscher <[Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Talerico <[Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** HB 111

Dear Committee Representatives:

I am writing as the representative of a 100% employee owned, 100% Alaskan hire construction company. We have been struggling to make ends meet during the last several years since the decline in oil prices. We have hung on through a combination of tenacity, hard work and the good prior planning of our founding principles. We cannot continue under the current climate for much longer.

HB 111 will lessen Alaska's ability to compete against other states that are currently seeing a steady incline with the slow increase in oil prices; we have already lost a great deal of our work force to these other states and I fear, unless something is done rapidly that the decline in skilled labor will reach critical mass as they seek employment elsewhere.

An increase in taxes, driving the oil industry further away from a state where business is already difficult, will do more harm than good to Alaska's economy. Allowing the oil industry to once again increase investment dollars means more productions and more revenue for the state, in turn more jobs for those Alaskans that have not yet left the state, but that are in the process of packing up.

You, as the representatives of Alaska's future, have to set controls on the kind of business climate that encourages investment of this state's largest resource. You should not allow yourselves to be the political body that taxes Alaska out of the future of American's oil industry and renewed interest in independence from foreign governments. Under the current system, Alaska's share is higher than the producers' at every price point; Alaska is paid even when producers are operating at a loss – where else is this possible and where else would you even begin to think about adding more burden to a losing proposition such as that if you were a

producer? You simply would not. This is not the time to slow up or put further roadblocks up to the oil industries production or investments in Alaska's future.

If HB 111 is passed, you will find yourselves as the shepherds of a barren State simply because if I cannot afford to keep my 150 employees fed, they will go elsewhere. I am not the only employer struggling, I haven't stopped fighting yet, but it is close.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Teri Mentzer

President,

The Superior Group, Inc.

*"Commitment to Quality Through Pride of Employee Ownership"*

**14.**

**From:** John Condio [<mailto:jwcondio@icloud.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 5:04 PM

**To:** Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** HB111 and SB21

Dear Citizen Representative

I am opposed to both pieces of legislation. I believe this will make Alaska oil companies less competitive. This state depends so heavily on oil tax revenue, as well as, the jobs created by this industry and the money that flows into the economy from good paying jobs for Alaskan residents. Increasing taxation will only hurt the economy of Alaska in the long run, a short term gain, but long term damage overall.

As representatives of the people and the overall health of the economy, please don't strangle the golden goose and vote in opposition to these tax increases.

John Condio

4272 E. Serendipity Loop

Wasilla, AK 99654

15.

**From:** Kathy Gray [

**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 8:21 AM

**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Dean Westlake <[Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <[Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Justin Parish <[Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Birch <[Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov)>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <[Representative.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. George Rauscher <[Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Talerico <[Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** HB111

HB111, if passed, will be at least the seventh oil tax change since 2005 and more importantly the third change since 2013.

HB111 increases taxes in an already high cost environment. Increasing taxes could result in less investment which leads to less production which leads to less revenue to the State which leads to less jobs. Oil company job losses also leads to other job losses throughout the State. HB111 makes Alaska less competitive and could drive investment to other places.

What we need to do is encourage other investment and you can only do that with a level playing field in the tax arena for all businesses. If we become a state with a reputation of not being consistent in our tax structure it will not help promote an increase in all companies wanting to do business in Alaska. Oil is a commodity and it is price driven. Historically the oil industry has provided over 85% of the State's General Fund. At today's low prices the industry is still providing over 65% of the General Fund revenues. Attempting to balance the State's budget through increased oil taxes will not fix the budget deficit and it will hurt the State when the oil industry investments decline.

Please, do not pass HB111.

Kathy Gray

**16.**

Good morning!

Attached you will find the letter from the Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center opposing HB111.

Please let me know what questions you have.

Thank you,

**Johna Beech**

President/COO

Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center

Kenai, AK 99611

17.

**From:** Ken Hall

**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 11:09 AM

**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>; [representative.DeanWestlake@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.DeanWestlake@akleg.gov); Rep. Harriet Drummond <[Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Justin Parish <[Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Birch <[Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov)>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <[Representative.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. George Rauscher <[Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Talerico <[Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Mike Chenault <[Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Tuck <[Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov)>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** House Bill Comments HB111

Hello House Resources Committee Members,

Thank you for stepping forward to serve the State of Alaska during these challenging times. It may not seem it at times but your time and service is appreciated, Thank you.

I would like to comment on HB111 of which you are taking comments, regrettably I will not be available to speak in person but wanted to have my opposition to the bill noted. I see yesterday was the comment period but feel compelled to send a short note regardless.

I am disappointed with the introduction of HB111, I and feel that the bill is a distraction from truly addressing the State's economic challenges. It is no surprise the State is in a difficult financial position the current financial problems before the State are not new, they have been brewing for years. Yet turning to the only industry that has supported Alaska for the past forty years is narrow and short sighted for a long term solution

The solution will not be solved by yet again firewalling future development by changing and yet increasing the tax on the largest economic driver the State has. For the long term it will be important for companies to invest in Alaska and continue to develop new resource prospects in the State. This bill effectually increases taxes on the oil resource industry. In spite of what some may say increasing taxes will not save the State nor increase production of a needed resource, simply put we need to increase production. We have the means to increase development that will lead to increased production but we need to let the current setting under SB21 continue to work. There are those that contend that the oil industry is well prepared and verses in dealing with changing economic conditions since they operate on a global scale yet I have issue with being cast the same as some other regions or third world countries in with the industry operates, we are

better than that. We need to maintain a solid economic basis and be seen as a reliable region in which to operate and not vilify the very industry we rely on for funding our most basic of needs.

There are those that contend we need to “Have our Fair Share” yet when you look at the division of revenue it becomes apparent the pie is not evenly divided. Between the Federal tax liability, State and local tax obligations the government takes, 55% of revenue, seems to me the government has what most kids on a playground would consider a larger portion of the pie. Often you hear that it is “our oil” yet we have sold the rights to develop the resource to an industry assume yet we assume none of the risk yet have enjoyed a pretty good life the past forty years.

Looking at HB111, there is a considerable increase to the base tax, it cuts the ability of many of the companies to apply or be eligible for any tax credits. The issue of tax credits admittedly is contentious yet we created them to attract smaller companies simply out of disdain towards the large three producers. We got what we asked for now we are not living up to our obligations, in no other terms the State’s behavior is shameful hopefully this year the State will at fund the minimum amount it has promised to pay in an effort to be seen as a good place to invest.

The key to Alaska’s future is to do whatever it can to foster and develop industries that can provide a solid economic base to the State of Alaska and not continue to change the terms nor stand up to its obligations. I have worked in private industry my entire working career which is now forty years long, I have been able to raise a family and have life a lifestyle that enables me to enjoy some of what Alaska has to offer. I do not believe my children have the same opportunities to grow living in Alaska that I had simply because the State has enjoyed living off a single industry and seems reluctant to do everything with its power to create a healthy business environment and now seems to feel it is owed more.

I do not support HB111 and urge that you do what you can to balance the budget, work to create an environment that will foster development that will allow industries to consider Alaska as a good place to do business and not pass legislation that hinders the ability of the people of Alaska to live and enjoy Alaska.

You have an awesome responsibility I hope that the decisions of the Legislator today will reflect in a healthy Alaska tomorrow

Thank you

Ken Hall

Fairbanks, AK 99709



