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**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#)  
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Dear Senators:

Thank you for scheduling a public hearing on this bill for tonight. I will be unable to provide public testimony in person or on a call, but I want to let you know that I do not support a decrease in education funding. While I understand the fiscal crisis we are facing in our state, continuing to cut education is not the way to strengthen our state.

Support legislation like HB 111 and HB 115 to bring our revenues up to a level that will support a budget that keeps education funding at least at current levels.

SB 96 has some positive administrative provisions, but the overall decrease in the education funding simply is the wrong direction for Alaska's future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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