

I am TOTALLY AGAINST this Tax Bill 115!!!!!! I can't believe this is what you believe to be acceptable!

Frustrated!,
Jacqueline Polis

I am 100% against this Tax Bill 115!!!! I can not stress enough how horrible this will be for a lot of working families just trying to get by. Tax on death?! Really! Everyone dies and it's a sad thing how could you tax someone who is dead! Their grieving family is supposed to pay it?! What a disgrace.

Very pissed off
Victoria Copple

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Jonathan Gration
Eagle River, AK

Dear Representatives,

May I ask that you review your decision to establish a tax during these times where most people do suffer from the negative effects of the current economy.

It is most a preposterous idea to add a sales tax to personal property sales, considering that every property owners has had to pay annual taxes on their properties to local governments already.

As long-time resident in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, I believe that I have paid more accumulated property tax to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough than what each parcel is worth now .

Thank you for your consideration

Brigitte E. Lively
Palmer AK 99645

I'd rather see the dividend go away completely than pay an income tax. And why are we not seeing corresponding cuts in spending? All I'm seeing is new ways to take our money away not how to run our government more efficiently. Take the dividend before instituting new taxes!

Clayton Arterburn

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I am writing to add my voice to the multitude who are absolutely against any form of income tax.

I am appalled that there are not more cuts to spending. If you can not budget the money you have, you absolutely should NOT have access to more. In every other area of life this is how it works. You don't get more money by being frivolous and allowing waste. It seems that because the money comes from off the backs of the unseen and unheard population our representatives (who are not actually representing The People) feel justified in acting irresponsibly with it.

We do not want you to keep spending, adding to the cost of government. We want you to be above reproach with impeccable integrity. Use what you have to do what you can do, and tough luck on what you can't afford. Is this not how you conduct your personal business? In everyone else's world you can not just collect money from people to cover whatever you want to do. You also can not keep every group happy, nor should you try. No one wants to see their pet projects end or get pared down but, we will never get ahead if you do not take the rougher, less popular road and act responsibly. Maybe if we could actually trust our representatives to do the right thing The People would be more inclined to give up more money, but as it is now ABSOLUTELY NOT.

Jaqueline Sexton

Palmer, ak

From a concerned citizen,

Please DO NOT pass HB 115. I'm sure you get plenty of these emails so that's all I'm going to say.

all the best,

Caleb Haley

Instead of a state income tax, have a state sales tax, why not have a state sales tax, which lets everyone pay. Those who buy more, pay more: much more fair. It even taxes those who don't declare all their income(such as criminals).

Sincerely,

Michele Entwisle

May God bless everything you do;may everything you do deserve to be blessed.

Remember that Jesus is Lord and He died for you.

I would like to express my concern as an Alaskan about SB115. As an Alaskan, I see the absence of leadership once again by this governor, and government officials willing to steal from the people they've been sworn to protect.

Explain how SB115 is a bill that aids the Alaskan Citizen. SB 115, is a bill that simply goes against the dreams of our founding fathers. After all, isn't this the same reason our forefather's fled England.

I am absolutly shocked how our elected officials believe taxing the people is the right way to go about correcting our States current deficit, or future.

As a Citizen, I am completely against the easy wrong, misguided, lazy, irresponsible approach to healing our state through the illegal taxation of our citizens.

Please reconsider the taxation of the Alaskan, but rather, roll up your sleeves and get to work looking for responsible ways to increase revenue by kick starting our enonomy, rather than, going the easy wrong route of taxing the already taxed people of this state.

Reduce the size of government, its bloated!

Stop pandering to the special interest groups and programs.

Get government spending under control. Needs, wants, likes!

No to taxes!

Bill Hilton

Wasilla

Stop taking our money and look for different ways to get the budget under control. When oil prices crashed oil field workers took an hour per day cut along with a wage cut to make up the difference were it needed to be made up. Stop using money to move villages off rivers. They built to close, dang that's their problem not tax payers. Stop putting millions into roundabouts in places that don't need them, like big lake. Not enough traffic to even need that. Take pay cuts from the top down., not the bottom up. Tax bill 115 is ridiculous and should not be passed. Take, take, take. Walker is out as soon as possible and he is insuring that with his stupid ideas that hurt hard working citizens. Tax and spend is not the way to get your budget under control. When I can't afford a new truck, I don't get a new truck, get it? Doesn't seem like something as simple as that would stump the smart minds of the politicians running this state.

Pissed off, sick of politicians that are in it for their own gains and not for the people.

Dennis Polis

Sent from my iPhone

I would like to strongly urge you to not support the purposes tax plan. This plan is bad for Alaska and bad for Alaskans. This is not a solution to our states issue. Cuts need to be made and frivolous spending must stop. Taxing the people in order to continue frivolous spending and potentially entice more is absolutely not the right solution. I beg you to please reconsider this house bill and find a better solution that will benefit us all.

Randall Smith

Good morning to whomever it may concern, I wanted to take a moment to express my objection to the proposed House Bill 115. It should not be up to the Alaskan people to pay for it's governments overspending! It wouldn't be so bad if it were solely a tax based on employment income earned in the state of Alaska, but to also tax earnings generated outside the state (ie. tribal dividends, investment/rental property income, monies generated in other states) is not right. To then further tax the people on their property sales and/or rental income is going to severely, negatively impact the state and it's people. All these taxes are going to cause stress and financial strain, cause less spending and will affect our local economy. Many people are already "living paycheck-to-paycheck" and the thought of owing additional taxes each year is devastating. The housing market for both sales and rentals are going to take a hit, this is just bad all around! People trying to sell their homes for various reasons not only will be crunching numbers to pay the already associated costs of selling (realtor, well/septic, surveys, prorated taxes & insurance, etc), many will now not have enough equity to also pay the real estate transfer tax - you will be asking people to come out of pocket to sell their own home!

Please please please take the Alaskan people into consideration before this goes through, these proposals are not good for anyone!

Felicity Russell, married stay at home mother of three whom all depend on husband's FULL sole income each year!

From today's Washington Post:

Key Metrics for year 2015		
Rank	State	Market Pension Debt/Household
1	Alaska	\$110,538
2	California	\$92,748
3	Illinois	\$84,353
4	Connecticut	\$81,273
5	Hawaii	\$67,638
6	Massachusetts	\$65,075
7	New Jersey	\$63,297
8	New Mexico	\$60,821
9	Oregon	\$57,844
10	Nevada	\$56,695
11	Maryland	\$52,454
12	Ohio	\$50,756
13	Mississippi	\$50,444
14	Kentucky	\$49,667
15	Pennsylvania	\$48,405
16	Colorado	\$47,445
17	Wyoming	\$46,927
18	Minnesota	\$43,490
19	New York	\$40,812
20	Louisiana	\$40,406

21	Rhode Island	\$40,098
22	Montana	\$39,797
23	Michigan	\$39,611
24	Missouri	\$37,530
25	Alabama	\$37,424
26	Virginia	\$36,055
27	Washington	\$35,443
28	Arizona	\$35,023
29	Wisconsin	\$34,494
30	South Carolina	\$34,394
31	Kansas	\$34,346
32	Utah	\$33,798
33	Georgia	\$33,590
34	New Hampshire	\$33,184
35	Florida	\$32,104
36	Oklahoma	\$30,928
37	Texas	\$30,175
38	Arkansas	\$29,883
39	North Dakota	\$29,354
40	Delaware	\$29,349
41	Iowa	\$28,749
42	South Dakota	\$27,850
43	Maine	\$26,764
44	West Virginia	\$26,539

45	Idaho	\$25,949
46	Nebraska	\$24,992
47	Vermont	\$24,326
48	North Carolina	\$22,066
49	Indiana	\$19,686
50	Tennessee	\$19,586
51	District of Columbia	\$14,020

What are we going to do, as a state to address this? Continuation of a PFD, significant budget cuts, sustainably tap the PF and a wide implementation of taxes and user fees are the minimum actions necessary BEFORE the car wreck of pension liabilities hits.

What's the plan.

Additionally I suggest leveraging the current fiscal crisis to negotiate, when contracts are due, of any pension multiplier that uses overtime to boost pensions.

Please submit this as a public comment on any House Bill that introduces any plan to implement new taxes or tap the PF.

Best Regards,

Doug Kelsch

Good afternoon,

The proposed income tax has certainly caused Alaskans to be in strong opposition, evidenced by social media and conversation topics. We are frightened: concerned for our financial well beings. The economy is not great, housing prices are high, as are gasoline prices and grocery prices. Alaskans can't afford another tax. My husband and I pay a ridiculous amount of tax to the Federal Government. To add on a state income tax would most certainly cause financial strain on our family.

I had a bone marrow transplant almost two years ago. I recently had to stop taking two of my medications because I simply couldn't afford the cost. That's WITH insurance! If you add a state income tax on top of Federal tax, I may have to go without more of my medications simply because we won't have the extra money. I am concerned about my 89 year old grandmother, and my parents who are in their 70's. Our seniors will have to choose between housing and eating.

This is not the way to go. Please do not pass the proposed income tax.

Sincerely,

Kelly Marre

We Vote No on HB115 state income tax
Heather Linden

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you to express my opposition to the State Income Tax as proposed. I am a hardworking Alaskan who is married and has no children by no choice of my own.

Implementing this Tax, which I will have to pay higher taxes than individuals with children is unfair and upsetting. I am less of a drain on state government than those with children or those who receive state funds via public assistance or other state resources. Why should I pay more? Especially when I simply cannot afford to.

Implementing this Tax will cause an even greater strain on our economy and a strain on Alaskan's households. What will I have to choose not to pay because of this Tax? My electric bill? My mortgage? My spending with local business? All not only hurt me but also the economy. This is a very real problem I will face and I have no doubt so will many others. It is likely to cause me and others to become an even greater strain on state resources.

I understand that there is a price for government and there is a need to help pay for it. Why aren't we pursuing a sales tax where everyone pays equally? Including the many visitors to our state. Why am I required to pay more than those with children in my tax bracket? Why are those who are unmarried without children required to pay even more than I am? Why isn't it equal amongst all Alaskans? I'm not happy that my PFD has been reduced but I understand it. What I would like to see is a concrete and complete solution to the problem presented prior to the state continuing to hack away at my income and my PFD.

Thank you,
Brianna Ridge
Wasilla, AK

Hello....I am writing to you to let you know that my husband and I are vehemently opposed to this proposed income tax in our great state of Alaska. The impact this would have on us personally...especially on our children and grandchildren and the overall state is devastating. There is no quick fix and the negative and lasting impact this would have will forever change the landscape of Alaska...the land that i love. Please stand up against this. Please vote against this. Please let us know who else we might need to contact to voice our opinion. So often, the lay person, feels rather helpless, not knowing how to help or stand up against such a devastating proposal.

Thank you.

Layne and Lianne Hobbs
Wasilla, AK 99687

"The opposition wants to tax according to each citizen's ability to generate income. This is a direct quote out of the communist manifesto. Is this the Alaskan future we want our children to have?"

Opposed to this bill. How about looking to specifically tax incomes from out of state slope workers?

Julia Magee

