



## Marvin Roberts

Yesterday at 10:17 PM · 

That first night I spent in jail was one of the hardest moments in my life. I had serious charges, murder was one of them. After being "Booked" I was put in the drunk tank at F.C.C.. I was not drunk. The tiny room smelled funny and the mattress was torn up. It was my first time in jail. I never got in trouble. Being only 19 and on the skinny side you could say I was scared. I told the Guard (C.O.) that I wasn't supposed to be in there, that I was innocent. Nobody heard me. I layed down on that torn mattress and had sad thoughts. Who could sleep in a situation like that? I prayed and asked God to get me out...please get me out. I prayed and still my spirit was breaking. I was hurting real bad. I don't know when I started crying or how long it lasted. My world was upside down. I'd love to say I was released the next day and that was that. No, this is not a happy ending. We spent over 18 years trapped in that nightmare. Fighting for our lives and never giving up! I say we because I was not alone. George Frese, Kevin Pease, and Eugene Vent were trapped with me. But we knew we were innocent and kept fighting. The Fairbanks Four we are called now. Back than we were lost boys. Lost, but still we kept faith. Finally, God answered our prayers. In December of 2015 our lives were given back to us. And I know this would not have happened without all of our supporters. Thank-you. I will always be grateful to all who brought us home to our families. I share this story because I wanted you to know what it was like for me, an innocent persons first time in jail. It really could happen to anybody. Can you imagine? We spent all of our twenties and most of our thirties in prison. All that lost time with our loved ones. We could have been building a retirement, mastering a trade. Instead I find myself working two jobs right now. Barely any time to spend with my family. The Fairbanks Four did not get compensated. Another reason I share my story is because there are currently two "House Bills" in the beginning stages in Juneau that could benefit The F-Four. 'HB 118' would compensate the wrongfully convicted, including us. 'HB 126' would let the wrongfully convicted receive all back dividends, including us. I once again ask for your help....please. If passed, these 'Bills' could do wonders for the boys and I. I'd love to spend more time with family. I want to get professional counseling for this trauma we endured. The 'Bills' would also be a deterrent against wrongful convictions. I would never want to see another innocent person locked up. Please, contact your local State Representative and/or Senator. Letters, e-mails, ph calls, anything. Ask them to support HB 118 and HB 126. Please, please, please...thank-you for believing in us..God bless all of you!

## Olivia Garrett

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**From:** emerson <emersonheads@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public record comment

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Dear Representative Kawasaki, ( please feel free to amend the introduction to properly reflect decorum)

I write in support of both Alaska House Bills 118 and 127. I think they represent what is right and just in the heart of Alaskans.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am a doctoral student at the University of Notre Dame. Fairbanks is my home, and Alaska will always be where my heart is despite me being away from her more than I would wish. I have inaugurated the Fairbanks Symphony chorus and was it's chorus master for three season, and I was the chorus master for numerous Opera Fairbanks productions, including conducting a few productions which included my own opera, commissioned by Opera Fairbanks.

I wrote Mass for the Oppressed for the release of the Fairbanks Four, which was premiered in Fairbanks in the summer of 2016 under the baton of Houston Symphony conductor, Robert Franz. The performance was attended by the Fairbanks Four. The audience gave the Four not one standing ovation, but two. The tears and palpable empathy which came from all those present was unforgettable, and as such, represents in artistic form, what these bills represent in hard, political and social currency.

I write in full support of these bills. They underline what is best about Alaskans: we are bigger and capable of embracing cultural divides, we are capable of ameliorating injustices, and we lift up the weak and underrepresented. This has been my experience in Fairbanks, and it has been my great pleasure to know that these traits don't just represent the Interior of Alaska, but rather, they are unequivocally Alaskan.

Thank you,

Emerson Eads  
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**Olivia Garrett**

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**From:** Morgan VanHatten <morganvanhatten@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:56 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** Fw: HB 118 and HB 127

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 11:13 PM, Morgan VanHatten  
<morganvanhatten@yahoo.com> wrote:

To the state of Alaska:

I'm writing on behalf of those who have been wrongfully convicted for crimes they didn't commit. The depth of what these people have gone through is indescribable to say the least. They have been cheated out of time that can never be gotten back. It's important to let those people who have been wrongfully convicted know that they haven't been forgotten and we are all still fighting for justice. It's only right that the state pass HB118 and HB127 so that people like the Fairbanks Four can go on to lead healthy, productive lives and inspire others that through faith and the right people, anything is possible. I've always been a supporter of the Fairbanks Four and hope that you, Mr. Kawasaki do everything in your power to see that these young men get compensation for their time served. Thank you for all that you do for our state.

Sincerely,  
Morgan King

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Olivia Garrett**

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**From:** Mona Nollner <Mona.Nollner@tananachiefs.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** letter

Dear Representative Kawasaki,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Mona Nollner, Thank you for your work on the bills to seek compensation for the Fairbanks Four. These men are very important people to me. I realize this may be an uphill battle due to the current state budget and other factors. If there is anything I can do to help with these bills please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and best wishes this session.

Respectfully,

Mona Nollner

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## Olivia Garrett

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**From:** CLARISSA GUNTER <cgunter2014@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:28 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** Support letter

To whom it may concern:

I believe it is very wrong to be accused of such horrible crimes that the Fairbanks Four were accused of. First your name is smeared all over the news papers and everyone is judging you. Then to sit in jail for 18 years for a crime the Fairbanks Four did not commit. Their whole lives were destroyed by this. At the very least they can be compensated for the pain and suffering they had to endure for 18 long years! They never got to learn a trade or go to college and starting life over in your 30's is not easy. They have endured enough pain and suffering they should at least be compensated and get their dividends from the past years.

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*Sincerely,  
Clarissa Gunter*

**Olivia Garrett**

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**From:** ava vent <acv7@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** Fw: Support of HB118

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Dear Legislative Staff,

My name is Ava Vent and I support HB118 which will help provide compensation for those who have been wrongfully convicted in Alaska. The Fairbanks Four were wrongfully convicted of a crime they did not commit. These four young men spent over a decade of their lives in jail. They did not receive the compensation that they are in need of today. Therefore, it is only moral to help the men regain their rights as citizens of the State of Alaska to compensate them by helping them receive their dividends from the years that they did not get the State of Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends. These men need support in regaining their lives that they had missed in the past. Please help these men regain from a mistake that was made in the past. Enaa' Basee for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ava Vent, Huslia Tribal Member

## Olivia Garrett

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**From:** Princess Lucaj <princesslucaj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** Fwd: HB118

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**Due By:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:34 PM  
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Hello Rep. Kawasaki,

After reading the language for HB118 I want to write my support of such straight-forward, reasonable, and morally sound legislation. Thank you for introducing this bill and you have my full support as your constituent.

Mahsi' choo! Thank you very much for your thoughtful leadership,

Princess D. Johnson (Lucaj)  
Fairbanks, AK

## Olivia Garrett

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**From:** Richard David <davidrichard401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 2:28 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** The Fairbanks Four support group

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Dear Representative Kawasaki,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Richard David Sr. I want to thank you for your work on the bills to seek compensation for the Fairbanks Four. These men are very important people to me. I realize this may be an uphill battle due to the current state budget and other factors. If there is anything I can do to help with these bills please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and best wishes this session.

Respectfully,  
Richard David Sr.





## Olivia Garrett

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**From:** Julian Thibedeau <jrthibedeau09@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** Representative.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** Fairbanks Four Compensation Bill

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Representative Kawasaki,  
I hope you're doing well. My name is Julian Thibedeau. I was born and raised in the district that you represent. Thank you for your work on the bill to seek compensation for the Fairbanks Four. These men are very important people to me and though nobody could put a price on 18 years of wrongful incarceration, something needs to be done. That is just too long without so much as an apology. I realize this may be an uphill battle due to the current state budget and other factors. If there is anything I can do to help with introducing this bill on the ground or any grassroots effort, please feel free to contact me. I am more than happy to volunteer in anyway to help ensure the Fairbanks Four dont get forgotten. Thank you for your time and best wishes this session.

Respectfully,  
Julian Thibedeau

[jrthibedeau09@hotmail.com](mailto:jrthibedeau09@hotmail.com)

Sent from my LG Mobile

## Olivia Garrett

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**From:** Tillila Beetus <tilbeetus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 6:38 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** RE: Compensation for the Fairbanks Four

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Thank you, Kevin has lived with me since the day he was released. We were very good friends before they went to jail. He has been deeply affected by this incarceration. I am working to support our whole family and, between you and I, we have been struggling lately.

On Jan 24, 2017 6:25 PM, "Rep. Scott Kawasaki" <[Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov)> wrote:

I don't know them personally but I believe the State owes them something for the many years of wrongful imprisonment. I will submit a bill sometime next week for them personally and another bill to protect Alaskans who are wrongfully convicted in the future...thanks for your support...sjk

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** Tillila Beetus <tilbeetus@gmail.com>  
**Date:** 1/24/17 18:21 (GMT-09:00)  
**To:** "Rep. Scott Kawasaki" <[Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Compensation for the Fairbanks Four

Dear Representative Kawasaki,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Tillila Beetus, I live in the district you represent. Thank you for your work on the bills to seek compensation for the Fairbanks Four. These men are very important people to me. I realize this may be an uphill battle due to the current state budget and other factors. If there is anything I can do to help with these bills please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and best wishes this session.

Respectfully,

Til Beetus

## Olivia Garrett

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**From:** Clara Perdue <claraperdue@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** I support the Fairbanks Four!!

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Representative Kawasaki,  
I hope you're doing well. My name is Clara Perdue Thank you for your work on the bills to seek compensation for the Fairbanks Four. These men are very important people to me. I realize this may be an uphill battle due to the current state budget and other factors. If there is anything I can do to help with these bills please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and best wishes this session.

Respectfully,  
Clara Perdue

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone