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Senate Finance Committee

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Subject:

HB 111

My name is Mike Coons from Palmer and speaking for myself.

I voted for SB 21 to continue. We the voters voted to maintain the economic positives of SB 21 with a wide margin. HB 111 from the House reversed what we the voters said. Senate version is pushing back on that, but frankly, this isn't needed.

What I found terrible was yesterday's testimony from a seismic company that is still owed 66 Million dollars. Then the aspect of not being able to pay the subcontractors and even the villages on the slope was even more outrageous!

I hold Governor Walker responsible for not paying our bills. I hold the Democrat House responsible for attempting to not pay our bills! I also hold the Senate Majority responsible for not fully standing with those contracts.

For me to get into the weeds on this bill to say vote for or against, my gut says, kill this here so SB 21 and the bills we owe the oil industry for doing what they said they would are paid fully! To even stop future exemptions to those who risk millions I think is short sighted. The difference is stark for me. Business' put it on the line with their money. Government puts nothing on the line with Other Peoples Money and when that doesn't work can renege on the "promise" to those business! It is too bad that when our government violates a contract that the business' can't sue like they would any other business for violating a contract.

Bottom line is this process is one sided for the government!

Lastly, the legislature has violated their contract with We the People and our only recourse is to wait 2 years to fire those whom violated that contract. Sadly that isn't always the case but that is the process that we have to work with.

Send this bill back to the House so changed that the House can't vote for it, thus this dies.

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To:

Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Anna MacKinnon

Subject:

Senate Finance Testimony on HB111 - TODAY 9am

Good Morning Senators,

A life-long Alaskan from Sitka, I write this on behalf of my employees, especially my dozen or so Kodiak folks, and on behalf of my 3rd generation Alaskan Born and Raised Daughter and my 4th generation Alaskan Born and Raised grand-daughter, along with my two other Alaskan Born daughters and the other 4 grand-kids. May they all return to Alaska after graduating from college or during their active duty in the US Coast Guard.

I believe their return to Alaska or their willingness to stay in Alaska depends heavily upon what you and your colleagues do over the next days or weeks.

Oil is the lifeblood of Alaska. It pays for everything. We need more oil in the Pipe to put more money out on the street in Alaska. Incentives are critical to getting more oil out of the ground and into the pipe where we can turn it into cash. You all are considering how you might squeeze another few dollars out of the margins of what we are doing now. I believe this to be incorrect thinking.

Rather, I encourage you to think as the person who owns the oil and wants to turn it to cash. Anyone anywhere should be encouraged in every way possible to put more oil in the pipe. It helps with operational costs for the rest of the folks shipping, it helps with royalties, it helps with property taxes, and it helps with jobs. Why focus on maximizing the margins when production does so much more for us?

My other simple point is this. I spent a lot of the past decade in Kodiak. The negative attitude toward the Oil Industry by most folks in Kodiak, especially public leaders, is frustrating. Oil pays for everything.

In the decade I've lived and worked in and around Kodiak, I have seen an incredible amount of new construction paid for by Big Oil proceeds flowing through State Coffers and into the Kodiak Community. Big Oil has built 100s of millions dollars worth of new public facilities 1) New Police Station, 2) A New Swimming Pool, 3) A New Fire Department, 4) A Newly Renovated High School, 5) A Newly Renovated Middle School, 6) A Spectacular New Library, 7) New Additions to a Rocket Launch Facility, 8) Windmills, 9) an Airport Runway Expansion, 10) A New Container Dock Facility, 11) A New Ferry Terminal Dock Facility, and on and on. It is truly amazing what Oil has done for that Fishing Community.

Why not be appreciative and thankful to the industry? It makes no sense to be otherwise. Please embrace the Industry in every way possible. Please encourage and incentivize any and all of them to come help us get our oil out of the ground and turn it into cash.

Thank you for your hard work on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Best Regards,

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Subject:

HB 111

• The new version of HB 111 is less harmful to future investment than the bill passed by the House which would have put jobs and new oil production at risk.

- The new version of HB 111, through modification of the oil tax credits program, limits future financial exposure for the State while at the same time leaves the voter approved oil tax structure in place which encourages production and jobs.
- The Senate did good work in eliminating the provisions of the bill that would have significantly raised oil taxes at prices below \$100.
- Our current, voter-approved tax policy is working. Oil companies have responded with over \$5 billion in new projects. We are on track to mark the second consecutive year of increased production on the North Slope. More oil is the answer!

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