



Senate Labor & Commerce Committee

**House Bill 115 – Income Tax**

***Written Comments - Support***

## STATEWIDE INCOME TAX

**WHEREAS,** The State of Alaska is currently in a financial crisis that impacts all State residents; and

**WHEREAS,** The impacts of a statewide sales tax would place a great burden on the rural residents in the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** Most of the wealth in the State of Alaska is produced in rural Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** A statewide income tax is a viable opportunity to be fair to all state residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors shall work with all the villages and advocate to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the State Legislature in support of a statewide income tax; and

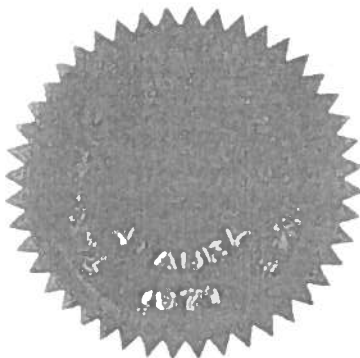
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports a per head statewide school tax, solely dedicated for schools.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2017 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.



PJ Simon  
Secretary/Treasurer



Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group  
Resolution in Support of a Sustainable Long-Term Alaska State Fiscal Plan to  
Address the Fiscal Budgetary Gap

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group recognizes the current State of Alaska budgetary fiscal crisis and the need for the Alaska State Legislature to provide leadership in this time of difficult decisions facing our state;

Whereas, it is imperative for the future of the State of Alaska and its people that the Legislature develop a sustainable long-term fiscal plan for FY 2018 and beyond, during this legislative session;

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group is committed to providing support to the Legislature in developing a long-term fiscal plan that minimizes costly unintended consequences;

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a long-term fiscal plan that invests in our human infrastructure, specifically young children and families, and includes revenue generation to minimize the use of the Budget Reserve;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group urges the Legislature to make budget decisions that maintain or increase services and support for young children and their families, often among the most vulnerable Alaskans; that do not incur the loss of federal matching dollars or otherwise jeopardize leveraged revenue to the State and to early childhood service providers; and that maximize all available funding opportunities;

Be it further resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a plan of revenue generation that may include a combination of strategies: use of permanent fund earnings reserve, capping the permanent fund dividend payouts, income tax, sales tax (seasonal or year-round), gas tax and other creative solutions, such as endowments or social impact bonds; and

Be it further resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a Legislature that puts Alaska's young children and families, our future, first by taking the necessary steps to provide all Alaskans with a long-term fiscal plan during the 2017 Legislative session creating economic viability for this year and years to come.

Alaska Children's Trust  
All Alaska Pediatric Partnership  
Best Beginnings  
thread

Alaska Head Start Association  
Alaska Infant Learning Program Association  
Parents as Teachers Alaska State Office  
All Alaska AEYC Affiliates



## Azachorok Incorporated

Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

April 24, 2017

Dear Senators:

We are submitting this written testimony on House Bill 115 on behalf of the shareholders of Azachorok, Inc. Our ANCSA Native Corporation serves approximately 512 shareholders of which 51% live in the Kusilvak region and approximately 900 residents who live in Mountain Village.

The top legislative priority for our community and shareholders is to protect and preserve Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend. **We urge you to fight to protect the principal of the PFD and to support annual dividends to be at least \$1500 every year, not just for the next few years but for decades to come.**

It is a well-known fact that Western Alaska, particularly the Kusilvak region, is among the poorest and most economically depressed regions in the entire state. We should not enact policies that make our economic challenges worse.

The PFD is critical for residents in our region and has been extremely effective in offsetting the high cost of living in rural Alaska. A gallon of milk is as high as \$10 and gas can be as high as \$9.00 per gallon. Also, stove oil is currently \$6.50 per gallon in our community. Even a dividend of \$1500 will help people afford the heating oil they need to get through the long, cold winters.

### **Other Sources of Revenue to Consider:**

**Oil Tax Credits should be removed.** We keep hearing there is no way to provide essential state services without taking the PFD away from all of us. That is simply not true. There are other huge sources of revenue that would not force the people of Western Alaska to choose between heat and groceries. Our state is expected to pay oil tax credits in amounts between **\$500 million and \$1.2 billion a year until 2026**. What is the return on this investment, you may ask? **In 2018, the state of Alaska will only receive \$89 million dollars in production tax revenue.** We are effectively paying companies to take our resources while legislators are telling us that Alaskans must be willing to give up half of their PFD. This is not fair to all Alaskans.

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**An income tax must also be on the table.** No one wants to be taxed, but an income tax spreads the costs of funding our state's most critical expenses in a way that doesn't take as much from those who can afford it the least. Representative Seaton's plan, for instance, would generate between \$650 and \$750 million a year. Part of that revenue includes the billion of dollars of payroll on the North Slope that leaves the state in the form of out-of-state workers. 36-percent of the workforce is from outside Alaska. That should change, and if Alaskans are being asked to give up half of our dividend, the out-of-state workers should have to pay a little too.

**Cuts are not a silver bullet and must be done with care.** We cannot cut our way out of this problem alone. Additional huge cuts to state government could prevent the flow of federal dollars to the Alaskans who need it most. The State administers millions of dollars in public assistance to rural Alaska and any staff reduction would slow down and make access to these dollars more difficult. With continuing job loss, we cannot afford to reduce this lifeline to Alaskans.

**The PFD grab is bad for the private sector.** Businesses in Alaska are already feeling the effects of a stagnant economy. Cutting the PFD is only going to make it worse for our private sector. When less cash comes into rural businesses such as a fuel station or small grocery store, prices for commodities and for merchandise rise, adding to the already high cost of living for rural Alaskans. We need to protect against further job loss and keep the private sector as healthy as possible.

The purpose of the PFD is to shield Alaskans' from the boom and bust of oil. By paying for government because oil prices have dropped, lawmakers are violating the very premise the PFD was founded on. It was intended to make sure government doesn't squander it away. If Governor Jay Hammond intended the PFD to be used to run the government, he would've put the money in the general state fund.

**Draining the PFD including its principle for government spending is a disservice to all Alaskans. The PFD should be no less than \$1,500 a year as the market allows.**

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very salient matter that affects all Alaskans. We urge you to vote no on House Bill 115.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loren Peterson".

Loren Peterson  
Chairman & C.E.O

4-25-17

Comments to the Senate Labor and Commerce hearing on HB 115, April 25.

Dear Chair Costello and Committee members:

First I want to thank all for their diligence and perseverance taking ALL testimony tonight - I appreciate your dedication and respect for the public.

I am life-long Alaska resident born in Anchorage in 1954.

I am a retiree from Alaska Fish and Game after 22+ years of service.

I have lived in Dillingham since 1989.

I speak only for myself.

I support HB 115 and the other bills designed to build a comprehensive LONG TERM fiscal solution to the State funding. I support an income tax and oppose a sales tax. I'm opposed to Senators Dunleavy and Kelly's approach to resolving the budget.

I am currently listening to the testimony to the committee.

A number of improvements and good suggestions have been made in testimony - especially by a guy out of Juneau about 6:15 pm. An accountant Mr. Boyer also made some good suggestions and comments.

1 ) As I have written to many of you before - in my time living all over SW Alaska from Dillingham to Dutch Harbor, I see LOTS of income and profits hauled out of this state tax free. I want to see those workers pay a full share for the benefits they enjoy working in Alaska.

2 ) I fear many many of those folks opposed to income tax and demanding more cuts to government live in the larger communities where the already-made cuts are not as visible hence their demands for more. Big cuts have been made and we are feeling them in the bush.

-Here in Dillingham the cuts are already very visible and becoming difficult.

-Our road maintenance has declined noticeably, our city services are reduced and more cuts are coming. Our harbor needs repair we can't afford, some city "paved" roads in downtown are horrendous and nearly impassible during rainy times. The list goes on.

-Our schools have cut personnel and programs, and maintenance. Teachers already often dig into their own pockets for the class needs.

-Our community library is cutting hours and staff and is teetering on the edge of being closed.

-If you go to the Fish and Game office there are far fewer workers. **Projects critical for Bristol Bay salmon management that had run since shortly after statehood have been cut** - in some cases industry is stepping in to help. Good young biologists are quitting as they see no future working for the state - we are losing upcoming talent and finding it very difficult to recruit qualified talent when there are positions to fill.

-We have lost one State Trooper position and the remaining 2 are rapidly burning out. We lost the WAANT officer just when the program was starting to have some effect in slowing the flow of drugs

and alcohol to the bush. Other cuts are being made throughout bush Alaska where the population centers don't see or feel the pain but local impacts are growing painfully fast.

-The local campus outpost of UAF is cutting heavily and offering less services which is affecting locals' ability to get post secondary education economically and while supporting their families.

- The cuts already made by the State, plus further cuts to the levels many advocate would collapse smaller and remote communities. We need to bring in new revenues to maintain a functional state.

3 ) I supported the POV approach to the permanent fund when it was first brought up years ago - I still do. It may be a harsh change and unfortunately far too many Alaskans have allowed themselves to become dependent on it. It is something that I always regarded as a lucky bonus and nothing to build my life around. Certainly many bush dwellers with very very limited incomes naturally did become dependent but the PFD is one place that can help fix our dilemma and must be used to some extent. Its my impression that HB115 offers a reasonable approach to this problem. I still support Hammond's concept of providing a dividend and "clawing it back" I was in his presence when he said that at least once.

4 ) I believe an income tax is the most fair way to collect from most Alaskans and NON Alaskans and set us on a solid long term track for a stable future for the state. I want to see Alaska capture the approximately \$80 MILLION potential from non Alaskans .

5 ) I believe some reform must be done on oil taxes but they have to be useful and then left stable. I appreciate how hard it must be on companies' efforts to operate and plan.

6) Cutting some or all of funding to the Gas Line may be in order and other fixes are worth considering.

7) Eliminate or raise the age at which free hunting & fishing licenses are allowed. It won't save much money but may result in the State qualifying for more Federal excise tax funds. There may be other special treatment for seniors that could be reduced or allowed on an income level basis instead of age only.

Please move ahead and pass HB115 and the rest of the House package designed to complete a comprehensive sustainable fiscal plan. I'd love to see a reconciliation committee of House and Senate members work out a compromise - hopefully adopting some of the suggestions offered during this testimony to make it better.

Some references that challenge the benefits of no income tax check out this link:

<http://www.bankrate.com/finance/taxes/state-with-no-income-tax-better-or-worse-1.aspx>

Note the table in this article showing the impacts of sales and other taxes on the low income people in states without income tax- see following page.

to explore the impacts of sales tax on the lower income folks look here:

[http://itep.org/itep\\_reports/2017/01/fairness-matters-a-chart-book-on-who-pays-state-and-local-taxes.php-.WQAjehiZNzA](http://itep.org/itep_reports/2017/01/fairness-matters-a-chart-book-on-who-pays-state-and-local-taxes.php-.WQAjehiZNzA)

Thank you for your consideration. Please pass HB115

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As relates to states without income taxes and sales taxes only.

## The "Terrible 10" list

The most regressive state tax systems in the US

Rank	State	Taxes as a percentage of income on the poorest to the wealthy		
		Poorest 20%	Middle 60%	Top 1%
1	Washington*	16.9	10.5	2.8
2	Florida*	13.2	8.3	2.3
3	South Dakota*	11.6	8.2	2.1
4	Illinois	13.8	11.1	4.9
5	Texas*	12.6	8.8	3.2
6	Tennessee**	11.2	8.6	2.8
7	Arizona	12.9	9.7	4.7
8	Pennsylvania	12.0	9.8	4.4
9	Indiana	12.3	10.7	5.4
10	Alabama	10.2	9.4	3.8

\*Does not levy a personal income tax.

\*\*Income tax only for interest and dividend income.

Source: Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy

Read more: <http://www.bankrate.com/finance/taxes/state-with-no-income-tax-better-or-worse-1.aspx#ixzz4fJeN5bQm>

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Submitted as written testimony to the SLAC for the 4-25-17 hearing regarding HB 115:

Dear Labor and Commerce Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify this evening. My name is David Brighton. I am a father of three students at our local schools, a Special Education teacher, and I am currently the President of Kenai Peninsula Education Association.

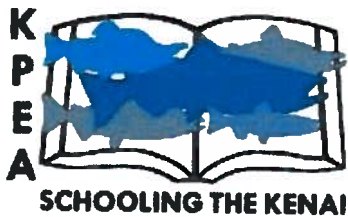
Today I encourage you to pass HB 115. I know this is a controversial topic and no one likes to a taxes however we are currently the only state that has neither an income nor a sales tax. I enjoyed the days when oil revenues paid for the services we enjoy. That hasn't been true for a few years now and it is time to act.

I know some Senators have said that they preferred a sales tax to an income tax, but there is no sales tax bill this year and we have waited long enough to address the revenue side of the deficit.

I congratulate you on cutting the budget over the last 3 years. The reductions were an important step in the budget process and while we should always continue to find sensible reductions and efficiencies the big costs savings have been found and we need to increase state revenue. I support the POMV as big step in the right direction. I have enjoyed the years I got a large dividend check but the simple fact is we can't afford them, \$1000 is enough.

I don't want to see a further reduction in services. The 5% cut to schools would massively affect my children's education. The Kenai Peninsula School District would be forced to cut 50 teachers. That is over 8% of our current certified staff. Such a reduction would force the board to consider cutting programs or drastically increase class sizes. We know that would harm the education of our children. My youngest son will never have a second chance at second grade. Please make sure we get it right the first time by fully funding the status quo budget for K-12 education.

Again thank you for taking the time to listen today and for your dedication to our state.



David Brighton

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April 25, 2017

To: Senate L&C / Chair Costello & Members

RE: HB-115 (vs Senate plan)

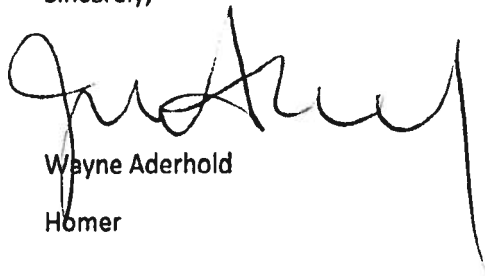
**I support HB-115** (aka "income tax" for Education).

I know it will hurt some, but these are tough times and drastic problems require comprehensive (and believable) solutions. It's time we (citizens & out-of-state workers) have some skin in the game. We've had a great ride over the "oil years" but times have changed and it's time to get realistic.

Regarding HB-115 vs the Senate version of a "plan", I trust the work done by the House and the Governor over that by the Senate. I think the House solution is comprehensive and realistic. I want to be told the truth, not what others would like to hear & believe.

I don't believe we can make more significant "cuts" without turning Alaska into a place that I don't want to live in (aka "structural changes").

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Aderhold', with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Wayne Aderhold

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**From:** LIO Fairbanks  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** Senate Labor and Commerce  
**Subject:** FW: HB115 Testimony

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:31 PM  
**To:** LIO Fairbanks  
**Subject:** HB115 Testimony

April 25, 2017

Dear Members of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee,

Regarding HB115, the income tax bill, I support a broad-based income tax. Alaska needs to raise some revenue, and an income tax is the fairest way to do that. An income tax would be proportional based on income, so those with the least ability to pay wouldn't pay as much as someone with more income. Also, out-of-state workers would contribute to our tax base.

State spending has already been cut by over \$700 million in the last two years. Balancing the budget by continuing to cut state spending is wrong-headed and shortsighted. More cuts equal job losses, a continuing recession, and the loss of intelligent and creative people as they flee Alaska for a place with a stable economy and jobs.

Continuing to cut the University of Alaska is a foolish idea. In the last three years the university system has sustained \$53 million in cuts and 900 jobs have been lost statewide. According to a McDowell Group Report from May 2016, the University generates substantial economic activity statewide. In FY 2015, the university system was responsible for \$1.1 billion in economic activity. We should be supporting a strong university, not weakening it.

For those who say an income tax would have a negative effect on Alaska, consider the example of Minnesota. Prior to 2011, under Governor Pawlenty, Minnesota had a \$6.2 billion budget deficit and the unemployment rate was 7%. When Governor Dayton was elected in 2011, he raised the state income tax rate from 7.85% to 9.85%. Naysayers said corporations, people, and jobs

would leave the state. They were wrong. Between 2011 and 2015, 172,000 new jobs were created (as opposed to only about 6,000 under the previous administration). I suggest we follow Minnesota's example.

We do not need more cuts to K12 education or to our university. The fiscal plan the Senate has proposed is an attempt to diminish quality of life for Alaskans. Even with an income tax in place, Alaska's tax burden would still rank 50th in the nation, below all other U.S. states.

Sincerely,

Linda Schandelmeier

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Written Testimony for the Record

Date: 4-25-2017

Your Name: Joann Thomas

Your Address: PO Box 284

Representing: Thomas family

To Whom: Senate Labor and Commerce

Bill Number or Subject: HB 115

Committee & Hearing Date: 4-25-2017

I support the passage of HB 115. A state income tax is in my mind the fairest way to spread the budget burden over all income groups.

My husband and I have been Alaskans for 47 years. Our children and now our grandchildren have benefited from excellent education and other state benefits and now we stand ready to pay into a state income tax.

Thank you  
Joann Thomas  
Joann Thomas



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE LABOR & COMMENCE

Committee on CS HB 115 (INCOME TAX) (EDUCATION) Committee Name SENATE LABOR & COMMENCE

Bill / Subject FUNDING ACT Dated 4/25/17

PLEASE SUPPORT EDUCATION. PLEASE <sup>MAKE</sup> NO MORE CUTS TO K-12 & TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. RATHER, PLEASE INSTITUTE A SIMPLE INCOME TAX SUCH AS WE HAD BEFORE OIL. AS CITIZENS, WE SHOULD PAY FOR WHAT WE GET & WE SHOULD GET WHAT WE PAY FOR.

WE REACHED PEAK OIL IN THE 1980'S AND HAVE PRODUCED LESS AND LESS EVERY YEAR SINCE THEN. WE ARE EARNING LESS FROM OIL TAXES THAN WHAT WE PAY IN TAX CREDITS TO BIG OIL. IN SUM WE ARE EARNING LESS INCOME FROM DWINDLING OIL SUPPLY. WE MUST FIND ~~ANOTHER~~ OTHER SOURCES OF STEADY INCOME. ~~FROM~~ A PROGRESSIVE STATE INCOME TAX COULD HELP BRIDGE THIS DWINDLING SOURCE OF REVENUE. PLEASE CONSIDER HB 115 IN CONFERENCE & COME UP WITH A SIMPLE, EASY TO IMPLEMENT, STEADY SOURCE OF INCOME.

SIGNED: MIKE MUSICK

Testifier

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DATE: April 26, 2017

TO: The Honorable Senate Labor and Commerce Committee Members  
Senator Mia Costello, Senator Shelley Hughes, Senator Kevin Meyer  
Senator Gary Stevens and Senator Berta Gardner

CC: My district representatives:  
Senator Cathy Giessel, Representative Jennifer Johnston

RE: Fiscal Gap

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

I'm a small business owner, I've lived in Alaska for over three decades and have a commitment to remaining and investing in our state. I greatly respect the very difficult job you have, to craft and fit together the pieces of a very complex puzzle, our state's fiscal gap. This year I've had multiple debates with friends, colleagues and family members on the pros and cons of the options to address our growing fiscal gap. I've remained silent on this issue, but now it's time to share my opinions.

Over the past few years, significant cuts have been made to state government and its services. We've reduced the size of the state workforce and trimmed government services significantly. I believe, we've made the needed cuts. Further reductions in state services, especially to education, will negatively impact the *future* health and vitality of our economy, workforce and citizens.

The time has come to implement other actions to balance our budget. We need to turn our attention to significantly increasing revenues in ways that are reasonable, fair and equitable. Therefore, I support the following actions:

- Using a portion of the PFD earnings
- Reducing the Gas and Oil credits
- Establishing a progressive income tax

I know that each of these options are complex, yet they provide opportunities for fair-minded negotiations on all sides.

Many of us have come to the realization that, *we may not like these choices, but we will support them*, because it's the right thing to do, to invest in Alaska's future. Please seriously consider this combination of revenue generating options in your deliberations to address our fiscal gap.

Sincerely,



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Presna Litzentberger  
REPRESENTING: myself  
BILL # or SUBJECT: HB 115  
COMMITTEE: Senate Labor and Commerce DATE: 4/26/17

I strongly support HB115. I live in Alaska because of the communities, natural resources, and amazing opportunities residents are offered here. I feel very lucky to be here and I'm more than willing to pay my fair share. This income tax offers a more fiscally balanced future for Alaska and I appreciate you all working so hard to try and come to a solution to our current budget.

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: DONALD G. FREDERICK

REPRESENTING: SELF / FAMILY

BILL#/ SUBJECT: NB 115  
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 4/25/2017

IF I HAVE TO PAY INCOME TAX ON MY RETIREMENT INCOME I WILL LEAVE THE STATE AFTER WORKING HERE AND BEING A RESIDENT SINCE 1967. I PAID STATE INCOME TAX, FEDERAL INCOME TAX AND WILL NOT STAY HERE AND PAY AGAIN ON THE SAME DOLLARS (SOCIAL SECURITY) AGAIN. TWICE ON SS IS ENOUGH. YOU WILL LOOSE @40-50K THAT I SPEND HERE EACH YEAR. MY CIVILIAN, GERMANY, CALIFORNIA AND FRIENDS COME TO VISIT EVERY YEAR. WE BUY AIRPLANE TICKETS, RAILROAD TICKETS, FISHING LIC, FISHING GUIDES, ROOMS IN SEWARD, KENAI DENALI PARK RAILROAD TICKETS, ETC. I WILL ENJOY THE SUNSHINE, NOT SHOULD SNOW. NO MORE INCOME TAX!!! THANK YOU. JON

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: JENNIFER JOLLIFFE

REPRESENTING: SELF

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 115  
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: APRIL 25 2017

I support HB 115. While I do not love the idea of an income tax what is even less appealing is to continue along the same path we are on - relying on the volatile ups + downs of oil production + price. With that strategy, in lean times we just keep cutting an already pared down budget, while in good times we seem to spend indiscriminately. An income tax would be a predictable source of revenue and would keep us spending in a restrained + fiscally responsible manner.

I am a self-employed small business owner. Daily I hear customers of mine speak directly + indirectly <sup>of</sup> the effects of our economic uncertainty in their lives. For example, just yesterday, a customer told me if the state makes additional cuts to education funding he and his family (all life-long Alaskans) will relocate to Colorado in order to establish residency there so their children can go to a "decent" state higher education institute. He felt

UAA/UAS/UAF were about to be ~~made~~ marginalized. My <sup>business</sup> ~~business~~ depends on people living + thriving in Alaska. HB 115 would allow all of us to continue to do so.

through additional cuts.

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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REPRESENTING: SELF

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 115  
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 4-25-2017

I SUPPORT HB 115. ALASKANS HAVE THE  
ABILITY TO PAY THE TAXES LEVIED UNDER  
THIS PROGRESSIVE TAX PROPOSAL. ~~WE ARE NOT~~  
IT IS TIME WE ALL PAID OUR WAY.

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Ceryl Westley

REPRESENTING: self

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COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 4-25-17

I support HB 115 as a comprehensive measure to increase revenue to the State.

I am retired and very willing to support services for young children, youth, and elders. My children benefitted from the excellent education available to them ~~which~~ ~~was paid for~~ and I want my grandchildren to have the same benefits. Please keep all options open to help pay for and support our strong community & keep it strong.

Again I support HB 115 and want all Alaskans to support the State of Alaska with their presence and their financial resources.

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

8:55 PM

NAME: Barbara Hood

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 115  
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 4-25-17

I've waited nearly  
three hours to  
testify but am  
unable to stay longer.

I strongly support HB 115, especially the income tax. Alaska has been my home for over 50 years. I was raised in Fairbanks and attended elementary school, middle school and high school there in the 1960's and 1970's. I also received an undergraduate degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I attended graduate school out of state with the help of state loans and programs. ALL OF MY EDUCATION has been possible because of the generous assistance of the State of Alaska during the years we had an income tax. I remember the days when Alaskans supported taxes as a way to support important government services. I paid them myself, and was proud to do my part; it seemed only right as a citizen and recipient of state services. I also remember when Alaskans proudly supported education as a way to invest in our children, our young people, and our future. The state of Alaska invested in me and I've always been deeply grateful. I've tried to honor their investment. I've served the public sector as an attorney for 25 years. I've owned a successful business in Anchorage for over 23 years. I've worked hard to contribute to my community and state. As a citizen and a business woman, I

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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MATTHEW FINK

REPRESENTING:

MYSELF

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Simply put, the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) gives every resident in Alaska free money for just living in this great State. The money is not earned, not deserved nor merited. We citizens have no right to this money. It is simply free to all, move to Alaska get free money. On the other hand, some in the legislative body want to tax Alaskans who have earned, deserve, have rights to be compensated for their work and hopefully merited by their pay check, so the State can continue to hand out free money. This proposal is absolute lunacy.

They argue reducing the PFD check is a regressive tax on the needy. Receiving less of absolute free money is not a tax. Additionally, last year's State budget accounted for over \$1.5 Billion Dollars being spent on entitlement programs for the poor: Medicaid, food stamps, low income housing assistance, and other welfare programs. If the State legislators enact an income tax on producing Alaskans, all they would be accomplishing is putting in place yet another layer of welfare in one of the most, if not the most, highest per capital per person welfare states in the United States of America. This would turn the PFD into the PFWC: Permanent Fund Welfare Check.

Legislators, please do not tax, what is estimated to be only 45% of Alaskans, to continue handing out free money. With an income tax, the PFD would no longer be free money to all, but result in earned money being taken from the minority and re-distributed to others that pay no tax. Please Legislators, use the earnings of the Permanent Fund for their originally intended purpose: State Government spending for all Alaskan citizens when the oil money runs dry, which much of the State spending already encompasses helping those in need. If the earnings of the Permanent fund are no longer enough to cover the cost of State Government, I will agree to pay an income tax to help pay for my share of State services, but no income tax is needed until then, specifically while the free money, which is not earned, deserved, or merited continues to be paid to all.

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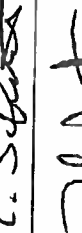

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Seldotna	<i>[Signature]</i>	Alayne Pearson		99669	4/25/17
KENAI	<i>[Signature]</i>	MICHAEL CRAWFORD		99611	4.26.2017
Kusilof	<i>[Signature]</i>	Janice Waldron		99610	4/27/17
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Soldotna		Iris Fontana
Sterling		Peggy Peterson
Soldotna		Susan Larned
Kenai		Erik Hebsel
Kenai		Linda Tanner
Kenai		Susan Cassidy
Kenai		James Cassidy
Soldotna		Megan LaCrosse
Kenai		Keston Munson
KASILOF		LIZ SCHMITT
SOLDOTNA		JOHN MORTON
Soldotna Kenai		Doreen J. Damschordley

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Homer	Carol Ford	Carol Ford	99603	April 20, 2017
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Kenda	Roger Benson	Roger Benson	99611	4-22-17
Hope	Diane O'Hara	Diane O'Hara	99603	4-22-17
Seldovia	Carolyn Brach	Carolyn Brach	99665	4-22-17
Jeffrey	Jeffrey	Jeffrey	99672	4/21/17

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Anchorage		
	<i>[Signature]</i>	William B. Waples
KENAI	<i>[Signature]</i>	GERALD R. PROCTOR
Kenai	<i>[Signature]</i>	Connie Hattley
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Kenai	<i>[Signature]</i>	Sandra Flegg
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SOLDOTNA	<i>Barbara J. Jones</i>	Barbara A. Jones
SOLDOTNA	<i>Richard Johnston</i>	Richard Johnston
NIKISKI	<i>John Dahl</i>	John Dahl
SOLDOTNA	<i>Denise Newbould</i>	Denise Newbould
SOLDOTNA	<i>Jill Paul</i>	JENNIFER PAUL
SOLDOTNA	<i>Ed Schwilke</i>	Ed Schwilke

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Kasilof	Gail Knob	Gail Knob		99610	3/10/17
Kenai	Aileen Smalley	Aileen Smalley		99611	3/10/17
SOLDOTNA	Robin Ross	ROBIN ROSS		99669	3-9-17
SOLDOTNA	Margaret Muller	MARGARET MULLEN			3/9/17
	Maya Chay	Maya Chay		99611	3/9/17
WIKISKI	HS Norwood	HS Norwood		99635	3/9/17
Soldotna	Cathleen Rolfe	Cathleen Rolfe		99669	3/9/17
Kenai	Heidi Chay	HEIDI CHAY		99611	3/9/17
Kenai	Patrick Malone	Patrick Malone		99611	3-15-17
Sterling	David Atkinson	David Atkinson		99672	3-15-17
Kasilof	Donna Rea	Donna Rea		99610	3-16-17

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SOLDOTNA	<i>[Signature]</i>	KAREN HUMMEL		99669	3/9/17
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SOLDOTNA	<i>[Signature]</i>	BREAN LITZBERGER		99669	3-9-17

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Soldotna	Michael Merrill	Michael Merrill		99669	3-18-17
Soldotna	June A. Sullivan	JUNE A SULLIVAN		99669	3/18/17
<del>Soldotna</del>	Richard D. Beger	Richard D. Beger		99668	3/20/17
Soldotna	Maria Dixon	MARIA DIXON		99669	3/20/17
Kenai	Elaine Larson	Elaine Larson		99611	3/22/17
Kenai	Dorothy Gray	Dorothy Gray		99611	3/22/17
Kenai	Susan Bradley	Susan Bradley		99611	3/22/17
Soldotna	Lois P. H. Farn	Lois P. H. Farn		99669	3-22-17
Kasilof	Gail Knott	Gail Knott		99610	3/22/17
Soldotna	Sherry Kasorakis	Sherry Kasorakis		99669	3-22-17



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Anchorage	<i>Kathy Kelly</i>	Kathryn Kelly		99517	3/24/17
Anch.	<i>Jim Munger</i>	Peter Wipig		99508	3/24/17
Anch	<i>Stephen Livingston</i>	Stephen Livingston		99517	3/24/17
Anch.	<i>S. Thorne</i>	Schauna Thorne		99517	3/24/17
Anch	<i>Dana Durham</i>	Dana Durham		99587	3/24/17
Anch	<i>Evan Anderson</i>	Evan Anderson		99504	3/24/17
Anch	<i>Kevin Cassidy</i>	Kevin Cassidy		99516	3/24/17

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Anchorage		Barbara Hood
Anchorage		SARAH MCCABE
Anchorage		Deborah Van
Anchorage		Patrick Carah
Anchorage		ANNA CARAH
Anchorage (Minto)		Adler Carah
STERLING		REESE C. KASHI
Sterling		Joseph C. Kashi
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K. n. n. n.		Paul D. Kashi

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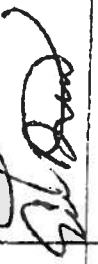
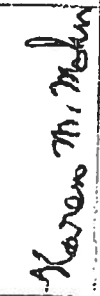
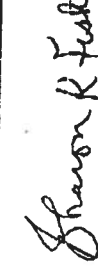
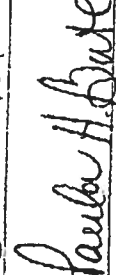

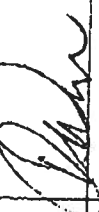
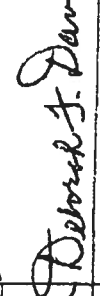
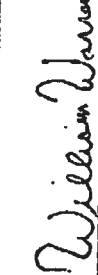
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Kenai	<i>Jenula Dale</i>	Jenula Dale		99611	3/23/17
Sterling	<i>Catherine Turner</i>	CATHERINE TURNER		99672	3/28/17
Sterling	<i>Mary Stowalter</i>	MARY STOWALTER		99672	3/28/17
Heimer	<i>Eileen Mullen</i>	EILEEN MULLEN		99603	3/28/17
SOLDATWA	<i>Jean M Broedel</i>	Jean Broedel		99669	3/29/17

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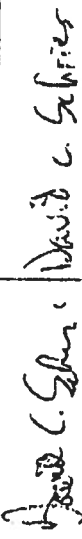


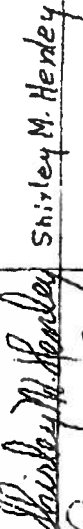
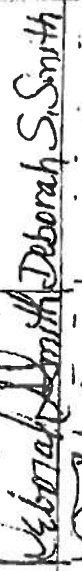
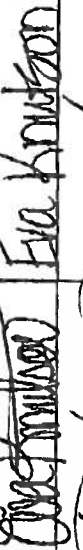

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Seldovia	Sherril Muller	Sherril Muller		99669	3-22-17
SOLDOTNA	Rosemary Reader	Rosemary Reader		99669	3-22-17
Kenai	Loreanne Crawford	LOREANNE CRAWFORD		99611	3-22-17
SOLDOTNA	Jeff Fox	JEFF FOX		99669	3/22/17
Seldovia	Laurie Williford	Laurie Williford		99669	3/22/17





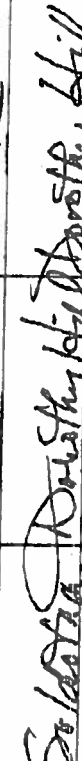



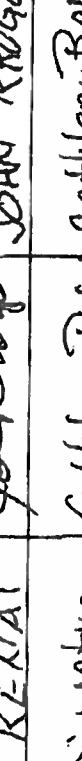



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Nikiski		Chris Jensen		99635	8/4/11
Sterling		Cynthia Detrow		99672	4/1/17
Kenai		Karen M. Mohr		99611	4/2/17
Nikiski		Sharon K Fisher		99611	4/2/17
Nikiski		PAULA H. BUTE		99611	4/2/17
Kenai		William Nelson		99611	4-2-17
Soldotna		Chuck Davis		99669	4-3-17
Soldotna		Deborah F. Davis		99669	4-3-17
Nikiski		William Warren		99611	4.3.17

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Kenai		Joannaki Hollen-Joanna M. Hollen		99611	3/30/17
Kenai		Laura Knackstoft		99611	3/30/17
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Fairer		Deborah S. Smith		99603	3/31/2017
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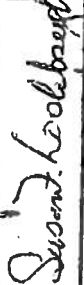



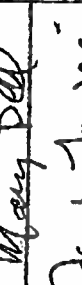
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Kenai		Elizabeth Leduc
Soldotna		Dorothy Hill
Copper Landing		Dorothy Hill
Copper Landing		Theo J. Leonard
Kenai		Beverly Kruger
KENAI		JOHN KRUGER
Soldotna		Cathleen Boland
Centrus		Sharon Wilson

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Seldovia		Stephanie Queen	99669	4/4/17
Fairbanks		Susan F. Loshbaugh	99709	4/4/17
Kasilof		Steve O'Hara	99610	5 APR 17
Ridgeway		Martha J. Wallace	99669	4/4/17
K-Beach		Mary Bell	99669	5/4/17
K-Beach		Judy Fanore	99611	5-6-17



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Sitka	<i>Ramona Foxbox</i>	Ramona Foxbox	998669	4/10/17
Anchorage	<i>Elizabeth D. Mally</i>	Elizabeth Belgard-Mally	99501	4/10/17
Palmer	<i>R. Jones</i>	Kathleen R. Jones	we 99645	4/10/17
Palmer	<i>W. Chris Jones</i>	W. Chris Jones	99654	4/10/17
Sakaton	<i>Mike Burnham</i>	Mike Burnham	99669	4/10/17
Bird Creek	<i>John Brock Peter Bionde</i>	John Brock Peter Bionde	99540	4/11/17

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ANCHORAGE, AK	Susan K Metcalf	SUSAN METCAL		99503	16 APR 2017
ANCHORAGE, AK	Aaron Elliott	Aaron Elliott		99561	April 16, 17 <del>12-20-16</del>
ANCHORAGE	Debra M. Mabe	Debra Mabe		99515	4/14/17
ANCHORAGE	Indira Feller	RACHELI FELLER		99501	4/10/17
ANCHORAGE	Cynthia Westlund	Cynthia Westlund		99540	4/10/17
ANCHORAGE	Mary Eickme	Mary Eickme		99540	4/17/17
ANCHORAGE	Joan Daniels	JOAN DANIELS		99540	4-14-2017
ANCHORAGE	Mei Mei Evans	Mei Mei Evans		99507	4-17-2017
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ANCHORAGE	Rita Eagle	RITA EAGLE		99508	4/17/2017
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