

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
EMAILS RECEIVED IN SUPPORT OF SB 196 APPROPRIATION LIMIT
MARCH 6, 2018

From: Patrick Cockrell <patricksr.52@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 6:02 AM
To: Senate State Affairs <SenateStateAffairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB196

I am in favor of passing SB196 please pass this bill.

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EHS Program Coordinator

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From: Michael Tavoriero <michael.tavoriero@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Dennis Egan <Sen.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. Tom Begich <Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lora Reinbold <Rep.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Senate State Affairs <SenateStateAffairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: Let's have a Reality Check

Dear Senators,

Let's have a reality check. Your constituents were all working or busy with your families, when more people took the microphone to tell House Finance members to fund every pet project under the sun. These people testified that they wanted income tax. The people who called in to urge members to reduce spending were drowned out by the majority and you appear to have forgotten who put you in office. You are continuing to drive us into a recession with your good intentions and disregard for us at home.

The governor's proposed budget is HIGHER than last year's and he wants a payroll tax and more than half our PFD over time.

Our Alaskan government has only reduced 3% of daily operations of the departments and agencies over the last 3 years . You have plenty of fat left to carve down to bone, yet you are either reluctant to do it or you do not understand what you are doing, in which case we as your constituents are in the worse trouble we have ever seen.

I urge you to support the spending cap bill SB196

Best Wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sara Jokela <sjjokela@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Senate State Affairs <SenateStateAffairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB196

The spending has GOT TO STOP! Please cap the spending and be responsible with the money we do and DO NOT HAVE.

Be a blessing today!

Sara

From: Kathy Williams <kathydotk44@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Senate State Affairs <SenateStateAffairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB196

Good afternoon,

My name is Kathy Williams and I am writing this email to state my support for the spending cap bill SB 196.

As a wife, mother and grandmother I have to consider capping spending in my own family unit. I believe the government is no different and there should be transparency and accountability for said spending.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Eric Wright <eric.gl.wright@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 1:28 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson
<Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB196

This email is to support spending cap SB196. We urge you all NOT to vote on any kind of Income Tax and also give the Alaskans back their Full PFD.

You have only reduced 3% of daily operations of the department and agencies over the last three years. There is so much more that can be reduced. You all can do it. Stop taking from the people to run the State. Our Governor loves to spend tie his hands. Stop spending. We do everyday at home if we cannot afford we do with out.

Thank you for listening and hope you will all stick together and do the right thing.

Sincerely
Eric Wright

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mike Coons <mcoons@mtaonline.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 1:22 PM

To: Sen. Kevin Meyer <Sen.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>

Cc: Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Senator Mike Shower
<Sen.Mike.Shower@akleg.org>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support SB 196

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

We are in a recession and this Governor wants to increase spending while talking our PFD, taxing the hell out of us and dipping into the ER and CBR more!. One tool in the tool box is SB 196 . The previous appropriation limit has not worked because we had legislators working around it.

This is like when my wife and I got our act together to fill in the hole we had dug with our debt. We finally figured out that if we kept digging then the deeper in debt we got. So we stopped digging and started filling in the hole!

Like what our State has done, we had a pile of money coming in and we spent more than we had coming it. But no worries, we could always pay that off later! Then later came, income decreased and all of a sudden we had to use our savings and more credit to stay above the hole we had dug, really we just thought we saw over the hole.

The State needs to set a solid budget that is less than you take in. Pay off the debt and stop with the frills. If we didn't work in a restaurant, we didn't go there. It took grit and hard decisions but slowly we were able to not only pay off debt, but to fill up our savings. We filled the hole we had dug and now we have more coming in than going out. It still takes a solid "appropriations limit" even now because we are human and can slip back. For us, nice things are paid for cash, not by credit!

No difference with us vs the State of Alaska. You have Constitutional mandates and then you have the frills that at one time you had the money to do. Now you don't and those frills are now seen by those who got those nice things as mandated entitlements! Enough! Nicely and firmly inform those that have expected those "entitlements" that they need to take responsibility for those nice things. Then cut off the funding and return to what is only Constitutionally mandated. You will find that the ability to fulfill those mandates will be more effective and may even be more cost effective!

Support SB 196 and lets get our State back in the green!

Mike Coons
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