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TESTIMONY AGAINST SB 186

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Subject: Revise Opposition to SB 186

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

I have read the bill carefully and several things stand out to me. First off is the registering to vote by applying for the PFD. A problem we have now with the PFD application is that a criminal with wants and warrants can receive the PFD, so that said, a criminal who happens to be a convicted felon then can register to vote when by law he/she can't vote.

The other concern is this opens the way for illegal aliens. Going to DMV to get a Drivers License is at least one opportunity to find any

fraudulent form of ID, i.e. birth certificate or false out of State ID.

This bill allows one form of ID, so a fraudulent ID may well be easier to pass through in applying for the PFD and thus getting the ability to take part in one of our most sacred rights, the right to vote.

There is voter fraud throughout the US. Why in the world would we want to make it even easier here in Alaska? Just because liberal States, like Oregon register to vote and vote by mail, why would we want to copy what they are doing? We do have voter fraud in the State, Senator Lisa Murkowski's election as an "independent" raised that question, but sadly our Lt Governor refused to investigate. This bill opens the door for even more likelihood of voter fraud.

It has came to my attention that Lexis Nexis has a program to stop fraudulent PFD applications. An Article dated Dec 2, 2017 "PFD fraud detection program falls short of promised savings" states: "New data published Monday by the Permanent Fund Division show that Lexis Nexis' software stopped 224 ineligible dividend payments in 2016.... The state is trying to collect another \$435,000 in dividends from the preceding six years that the software identified as ineligible, including 111 from 2015."

So that means that this program alone stopped around 570 fraudulent applications. If this bill was in effect now, but no safeguard like Lexis Nexis, that means 570 people illegally voted! In several races that means someone wins because of fraud!

What is the means today of stopping fraudulent voter registration via the Alaska.gov website, where one can register to vote on line in either the PFD home page or the Register to Vote Web page. Since that can be done now through those websites, why do we want to add another avenue and layer?

We have a dismal voter turnout as it stands. So, even if this passes and more people choose to register through the PFD, does that mean they will vote or will all it do is show X number of registered voters and a even worse percentage turnout to vote?

Do not pass out of committee. Do not pass if on the floor.