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To: <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>

Subject: suggestions

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Finance Committee:

I respectfully submit the following suggestions:

- 1. Please forward fund education. As an eighteen year educator, it is heartbreaking to see the pink slips given to the beginning teachers at the end of each school year. This act discourages them and results in many leaving the field of education.
- 2. Get rid of Daylight Savings Time. It was enacted in 1918. We live in a different era and this process of gaining and losing an hour costs businesses money and does little other than to disrupt life.
- 3. Repeal SB91. There is a murder committed in Anchorage every day by criminals who have been arrested several times prior. It is expensive to house these criminals overnight only to release them the next day to commit more crimes.

Meth use is at an all-time high. Something has to be done to control it. A law that simply slaps the wrist of the users is not the answer. Stiffer laws and jail time are the answers. Car theft is also at a ridiculous level. Perhaps this crime also must be met with stiffer punishment to discourage the criminals.

4. There must be an alternative route to and from Anchorage on the Glenn Highway and it should incorporate the Alaska Railroad. In the past, cars were placed on the train to go to Whittier. If those rail cars are still available, providing a rail service to and from Anchorage would be a lot cheaper and easier to institute instead of building the Knik Arm Bridge, which will have to be supported by tax payers and mainly benefits those Senators who own property on the other side of the inlet.

Thank you for considering my suggestions.

Sincerely,

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