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To: Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>
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Dear Senator MacKinnon:

I have read SB 186 and CSSB 186. I wish to offer the following reasons to state my support for SB 186 and my opposition to CSSB 186:

1. SB 186 is designed to provide more efficiency to the PFD registration process in addition to offering PFD registrants an opportunity to register to vote at the same time. This will save substantial Division of Elections staff time and administrative costs. It will also increase the number of Alaska citizens who will be able to vote.
2. It appears that an obvious sub rosa to CSSB 186 is to further obfuscate the options before a potential PFD registrant who can automatically become a voter in Alaska. How many citizens in Alaska understand the "opt-in" and "opt-out" concepts? Just why would a legislator want to do this without offering clear definitions and clear alternatives to the registrant?
3. If we want to truly engage in and enable "participatory democracy", it would seem entirely reasonable to define these possibilities on the PFD registration form by asking the registrant to be clear with four questions:
 - I request to also register to vote in Alaska
 - I do not wish to register to vote in Alaska
 - I am already registered to vote in Alaska
 - My updated physical address in Alaska is as follows _____

I respectfully ask that you seriously consider these issues and oppose CSSB 186 to affirmatively support SB 186.

I will be pleased to answer any questions you have that I might address. I request that this communication to you be placed in the official records as appropriate. Thank you for these considerations.

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