

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Lisa Sadler-Hart

Address

[REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

I'm a 30 year resident of Alaska. I am alarmed by the  
Dunleavy's administration's draconian cuts resting squarely  
on the back of <sup>preschool</sup> K-12 and post secondary education. A  
41% cut to the university - the largest cut in the university's  
100 year history - is not acceptable. UA is a leader in Arctic  
research and has built an international reputation that attracts  
students, faculty & researchers. I am personally willing to take  
a reduced PFD and GoGo back payment from previous years.  
I am also willing to entertain the reintroduction of  
State income tax.

Dear Legislature Members and Governor Dunleavy,  
I am a Sitka retired teacher with 4 grandchildren in Sitka schools. Dunleavy's budget is absurd. This is a dishonest attempt to achieve some unfathomable purpose. There is no rational or legal justification for a mindless and destructive Dunleavy budget that would turn Sitka into a ghost town. Article VII of the Alaska Constitution mandates public funding of education. Dunleavy's oath of office mandates that he meets this constitutional requirement in his budget. So, I am not here with my hat in my hand to beg you to demonstrate that you, Governor Dunleavy, have the character and integrity to keep your word. I am here demanding that you, Governor Dunleavy, keep your oath of office to support and defend the State of Alaska Constitutional mandate to fund education. Either keep your oath, or resign. I will do whatever is necessary to defend my rights under the Constitution of the State of Alaska and in turn save my community and my family from Dunleavy's dimwitted budget!

*Signed,*

*Patricia P. Dick*

*[Redacted Address]*

*Sitka, AK 99835*

*email: [Redacted]@gmail.com*

*afternoon,*  
Good ~~morning~~. My name is Cathy Bagley. I am a 48-year resident of Sitka. I am here to address the future of the Sheldon Jackson Museum.

The SJ Museum is not only listed as a historic building, but houses one of, if not the most, renowned selection of northwest artifacts in the world.

Maintaining the knowledge of a state's history is done by collecting, storing and displaying the physical artifacts of its people. The SJ Museum has been doing this for over 100 years.

Doing so is a reflection of the pride, importance and value we, as Alaskans, place on our collective history - from the first people to inhabit our state to more recent times. You cannot put a dollar value on this.

To sell the museum and disperse its collection would be a complete travesty. It would be similar to England suddenly selling the crown jewels, one gem at a time.

The cost of the state continuing support pales in comparison to the damage done if the museum is lost. If sold there would be no turning back. It would be lost today and for all generations of Alaskans forever. Such a collection simply could not exist again.

To destroy the museum would be what I call a political sin.

*For god's sake, please pay an income tax & less on the RSD than loss*  
I invite all of you to visit the museum, talk with the curator and employees and experience the fascinating collection.

Thank you.

*Cathy Bagley*

[REDACTED]

*SITKA 99835*

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Name

Victoria Curran

Address

Sitka AK 99835

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The Governor's Budget shows a fundamental lack of understanding about how the State works and what is important to Alaskans. We need ferries, medicare, Education K-12 + College, a healthy clean environment and well managed resources, and senior care!

To pay for these critical services we should

- #1 →
- (1) repeal the oil & gas tax credits and do not pay "back" Pfd...
  - (2) institute a state income tax and school tax
  - (3) impose fee on out of state workers
  - (4) cap Permanent fund returns in situations of budget stress.
  - (5) stop spending state money on Gov. office propaganda.

→ ~~For~~ support a 630<sup>3</sup> PFD while you wait to implement income tax etc

All of these critical services support a vibrant economy and a path to sustainability. I have lived here for 40 years, my children were born and raised here and have returned to work and live as adults, contributing to the community and state. My granddaughter was born here in 2018. If they and others are to stay we need to support communities through investment in ~~the~~ health, social services, natural resources, and transportation services.

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Name

ANDREW THOMAS

Address

21 Jeff Davis Street  
Sitka Alaska.

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I DO NOT FAVOR Full PFD NOR getting past  
PFDs. Please put all PFD Revenue into state  
operating Budget.

I believe in Alaska as a collection of Alaskans, I believe in  
investments made in the benefit of all and taxes and  
investments like the PFD paying for this. I do not favor  
getting rid of all the public assets and infrastructure  
we currently have to shift the state back to  
territorial days.

I reject Gov. Dunleavy's proposals.

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Name MARK GUILLORY

Address [REDACTED]  
SITKA, AK 99835

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We have to thank the Governor for bringing us face to face  
with our financial situation. Our Legislature will need to  
make some hard choices and balance our budget. My family  
& I would gladly give up all or part of our PFD to fund  
critical services such as education and health care.

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Name

Kent Hanson

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka

747-6989

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Priority - Education Support

Protect Health Program

Education & Health - are top priorities

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Name JIM STEFFEN

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA, AK 99835

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I AM A 42 YEAR RESIDENT OF ALASKA, 41 YRS IN SITKA. I OWN TWO  
BUSINESSES. I SUPPORT THE ALASKA HOUSE MAJORITY BUDGET PROPOSAL,  
FULLY AWARE THAT IF PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN A \$630M PFD FOR 2019,  
THE FULL COST OF THE BUDGET PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR HAS NOT BEEN  
DETERMINED, THE LOSS OF JOBS WILL RESULT IN THE CRASH OF CITY BUDGETS,  
REAL ESTATE MARKETS, SMALL BUSINESSES MUNICIPALITIES AND THEIR  
SUPPORT SYSTEMS, OUR AIRLINES - ALL OF IT!

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Name DOLORES FARRELL

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA, AK 99835

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1. Listen to the people rather than oil companies.
2. Resist the often incalculable, ill-thought proposals of a governor who appears to be way over this board. He is dangerous!
3. The proposals presented today were reasonable, wise, and feasible!
4. We cannot afford a "scarce earth" budget!

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Suffer House Finance Committee  
~~Public~~ Town Hall Form  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Name

MARNIE CHADMAN

Address

SINAI, AK 99835

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I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED CUTS TO THE BUDGET. I THINK THEY ARE NOT WELL CONSIDERED AND WOULD BE DEVASTATING. THEY AFFECT MUCH THAT I CONSIDER CRUCIAL TO MY WELL BEING & TO MY FAMILY, FRIENDS & ENTIRE COMMUNITY. EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE CRUCIAL ARE PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE PIONEER HOME, STATE FERRIES & THE UNIVERSITY.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET GO INTO EFFECT. IT WOULD CREATE TREMENDOUS WASTE & LOSS. WASTE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH FUNDING FROM OTHER AGENCIES, WASTE OF THE MANY DEDICATED ALASKANS WHO WILL BE FORCED TO MOVE, WASTE OF THE POTENTIAL OF OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH WHO WON'T HAVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL PROGRAMS & EDUCATION. I SUPPORT DECREASED PFD RETURNS & INCREASED TAXES. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS WASTE IT WILL CREATE IN THE STATE OF ALASKA. I KNOW THERE ARE BETTER SOLUTIONS THAN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET & I SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE WORKING TOWARDS THOSE SOLUTIONS.

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Name Don Muller

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, Alaska 99835

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Education is one of the most important priorities of state and federal government. Any government interested in a strong democratic society should/must invest in a superior educational system. To reduce funding for education is very dangerous - extremely dangerous.

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Name Rebecca H. Mischew

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

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1. Please fund state services.
2. Reduce PF dividends as needed, ~~and~~
3. Oil companies make their greatest profit ~~in~~ in the world here in Alaska. Please tax them equitably so we are not getting oil company money against Alaskans' PFs.

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Sitka ~~Kenai~~ Town Hall Form

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Name

Katie Mulligan

Address

15 ~~Domin Dr~~

Sitka, AK 99835

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The PFD is not as important to me as the services that every other state in the union has. Alaska drew me in & kept me here because of the sense of community & people's ability to help each other. The services Dunleavy is proposing to cut are integral to keeping the remarkable people & future citizens here in Alaska to continue to make it the best state in the United States.

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Sitka ~~Ketchikan~~ Town Hall Form  
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Name

Phyllis Mulligan

Address

~~124 Marine St~~

Sitka, AK 99835

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I feel very strongly that ALASKA NEEDS  
to TAX the OIL companies.

we need to have an income tax, and  
school tax.

I am against all the ~~cuts~~ tax  
cuts the governor proposes.

House Finance Committee

Sitka Town Meeting

3.24.19

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DARRYL TREHKOPF

210 OBSERVATORY

SITKA

[REDACTED]

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PROTECT SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION,  
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, LIBRARIES and  
AK MARINE HIGHWAY. ALASKA SHOULD NOT  
BE GOVERNED AS A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT.

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Name

John Ingman

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

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I respectfully ask the elected officials of the State of Alaska to take a moment to create a vision for the State of Alaska which includes all Alaskans - young, old, poor, wealthy, all races, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ equally, and then move forward w/ a budget ~~that~~ and needed legislation to make that vision a reality.

I believe any vision for Alaska must include having a healthy, safe, and educated population - that will not happen with the proposed budget cuts. Our future is ~~here~~ <sup>lives</sup> within our state but only if we support, nurture, and educate all Alaskans w/ equity from birth to death.

I support a minimal PFD, progressive income tax, and eliminating oil tax credits.

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Name CLED BRYLINSKY

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA, AK 99835

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Yes  
☒

I strongly oppose the Governor's proposed <sup>distractive</sup> budget.  
To ~~part~~ <sup>part</sup> a reduced or no PFD at all in order to ~~reduce~~ <sup>reduce</sup> to  
~~part~~ <sup>part</sup>: NOT CUT: (1) fish tax and property taxes from flowing to  
local community governments. (2) medicaid & pioneer home  
(3) funding to public schools, head start (our children are our future)  
(4) funding to support & maintain the Alaska Marine Highway

I am in favor of instituting a State Income Tax in the future  
and for the solution of this immediate budget "crisis", reduce the Permanent  
Fund.

I am strongly opposed to the sale of the Sheldon Jackson  
Museum.  
I support the repeal of OIL TAX credits.  
Thank you for offering the "Listening tour".

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Name

Math Trafton

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

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Please oppose the governor's proposed budget cuts. Our children, our students, our elders, and our needy deserve better. There are so many crucial services — it's our responsibility to take care of our fellow Alaskans.

Reinstate state income tax, cap PFD payouts, repeal oil tax credits, tax tourism, and diversify our energy economy.

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Name Renee J. Trafton

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka AK 99835

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I strongly oppose the massive budget cuts Gov. Dunleavy has proposed. K-12 education, the University system, Pioneer Homes, and the ferry system are essential to our state. I support a progressive income tax, repealing oil tax credits, and capping the PFD. ~~I wanted~~ I've lived in Sitka for 5 years, and I own a restaurant here. I find it crazy that, when I moved here, not only did I not pay <sup>local</sup> income tax, but the state would give me free money. I am absolutely willing to contribute to Alaska.

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Name

Chohla Moll

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka AK 99835

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We need to forward fund education not just fund it right now, but into the future. We need to work hard to grow our future leaders by keeping good/exceptional teachers in our classrooms. Educating our children and taking care of our elders need to be a priority!

Sarah Ferency

[REDACTED]  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@gmail.com

March 24, 2019

Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify. My name is Sarah Ferency. I oppose the Governor's proposed budget because it does not reflect Alaskan values. I came to Alaska 23 years ago as a visitor, and I never left. When asked why I stay, I often cite the sense I got that first summer, backpacking around the road system, that we're all in this together. Life in the North is too harsh for an every-man-for himself culture.

The Governor has framed this budget debate as a choice between PFDs and essential community services. This is a false choice, because it leaves out new revenue and oil tax reform. I urge you to develop a balanced system for supporting those services that are provided more efficiently and effectively by government, such as K-12 and University education, the Alaska Marine Highway, elder services, and Medicaid.

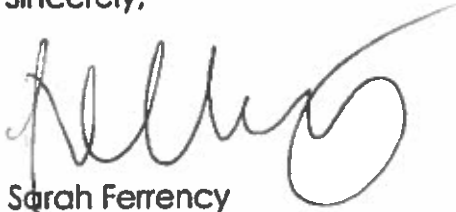
This system should include new revenue, such as a modest <sup>progressive</sup> income tax. Over 20% of the Alaska work force does not live in Alaska, including highly paid North Slope workers and itinerant medical professionals. Alaska has been good to these people, it is reasonable to ask them to pay their fair share. An income tax might cancel out my family's dividends, but I don't mind if it means we have schools worth sending our children to, and if it keeps money in the parts of the state with very small cash economies.

We also must reconsider the current oil tax credit system, which serves only to deplete our collective natural resources while enriching multinational corporations and their Outside shareholders. We have the lowest effective oil tax rate of any major US oil-producing state, and yet there is no evidence of increased production as a result.

In Alaska, we all pull together to survive and thrive. These are the Alaskan values that drew me to settle here, and that keep me here today. Please reject the Governor's proposed draconian budget cuts, and the false choice he would like us to believe in.

Thank you so much for your service.

Sincerely,



Sarah Ferency

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Name MICHAEL BROOKS

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka AK. 99835

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Its time for taxes, the state can't continue to ride on the backs of the oil company's. Go back to the "ACES" tax plan put in place by Gov. Palin, would help but not fix. Limit the dividend to \$1,000 range. the state budget is pretty lean now, any cuts in funding will begin to hurt people. Alaska is rich in resources, a moderate tax on those industries is only fair

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Name

Gretchen Clarke

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

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Part of the role of government is to provide for the public welfare of the populace. That means providing education, healthcare, public safety, public transportation and all of the many other social services that enable Alaskans to achieve their full potential. The choice is not between PFDs and social services - its between the public and oil corporations. What kind of state do we want to be? What kind of legacy do we want to leave for all who come after us? Social Services are critical to our well-being as individuals and as a community, a state as a whole.

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Name Eric T. Van Lise

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

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- AMHS original charter: SAFETY + commerce. From inception was not to be revenue neutral
- Public school funding + State Universities. Flat fund. It costs the SD in small percent increments yearly

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Name Grace Brooks

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

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The Governor's budget will dismantle the state of Alaska, service by service (~~healthcare~~ public media, ferry transportation, and education). The destruction of the state is not worth a larger FED. I would support bringing back the income tax, even though you say it will not help with this year it will help us get prepared for future years.

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Name

Elizabeth Will

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, Alaska

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Please fully fund the University system restore the \$134 million necessary to create a strong post-secondary system. We currently import skilled labor and need the capacity to train skilled workforce in state. For example we currently import 70% of the teachers we need and still over 200 positions are unfilled at the start of every school year. We need a university system capable of training our educators.

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Name

Patricia MacPike

Address

213 Lakeland Dr.

Sitka AK 99835

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Please stop slashing Medicaid without  
spending the time to get to know the  
recipients

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Name John Baciocco, M.D. → 22 yr resident and  
Address [REDACTED] Family Physician.  
Sitka, Ak. 99835

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- Our governor's proposed 25% cut in education is not compatible with maintaining our educational system. It will result in cutting of teachers and larger class sizes which will have adverse effects on our children's education. I am also against our governor's proposed cutting of funding for the UWAMI Medical Education program. 1 of every 8-9 physicians in Alaska is a UWAMI graduate! It is very challenging to recruit physicians to work in Alaska. Eliminating UWAMI will significantly hamper Alaska communities ability to attract physicians in the future. I support full funding for the UWAMI program in the 2020 budget. As a solution to our budget situation, I suggest institution of a state income tax with higher tax rates for <sup>graduated</sup> ~~increasing~~ higher income residents and Reasonable PFD's without retrograde PFD payments. Elimination of oil tax credits is also

very much needed.

**Comments concerning the proposed State operating Budget**  
**Presented at the House Finance Committee hearing on 3/24/2019**

**By John Bruce Gazaway**

Thank you to Representative Ortiz and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, and to all other members of the House, for providing this opportunity to speak on this important issue.

The Dunleavy Budget represents a radical departure from the practices of previous Administrations. Clearly our State is in the midst of a budgetary crisis that demands decisive action. However, not all decisive actions are equally effective. I believe that the budget proposed by the Administration will cripple the patient in the effort to cure the disease. There are other solutions available that will cure the problem without causing the same level of damage to Alaskan body politic.

The damaging aspects include the drastic cuts imposed upon education, devastating cuts to the Alaska Marine Highway system and the loss of funding to local governments across the state. These budget cuts will cripple the economies and the communities of South Eastern Alaska.

To me the obvious solution involves increasing revenue sources combined with the existing efforts by State agencies to control costs and create efficiencies. We must utilize some portion of the profits from Permanent Fund Dividend to support essential Governmental Services. We must re-impose a State Income Tax.

I grew up in the territory and then the State of Alaska. One of my first full time jobs was to process State Income tax returns. Every Alaskan paid state income taxes in the early days of this State. We each helped support the schools and the ferry system...and it did not hurt us to do so.

Submitted by  
John Bruce Gazaway

  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Libby Stortz

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99833

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I'm Libby Stortz a ~~30~~ year resident of Alaska. The Governor's budget is ill conceived and will destroy the economy and semblance of a rational society for decades to come. We must not cut health, education and helping the needy. We need <sup>a graduated</sup> income tax that taxes the highest incomes at the highest rate and includes non-residents earning income in Alaska as many states have. ~~We~~ we need the school tax. Repeal oil tax credits. We need to protect our ferry service, education fisheries ADWAR <sup>let pub museums & etc</sup> our rural and Native communities <sup>less fortunate</sup> and our wilderness. We need to help our Alaskans. We need to develop non-resource based economies that clean up our climate, air, oceans and are in the interest of our love of Alaska and not the interests of carpet bagger, money grubbing mentality. We need to get oil off our backs, from influencing our decision making.

~~Producing jobs~~

For this year I believe the PFD must be cut to the lowest amount possible, with <sup>financial</sup> help offered to families whose incomes require the PFD to get by.

Thank you for coming to give us an opportunity to help solve this massive ~~prob~~ problem.

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Name Cindy Litman

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, Ak 99835

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Thank you for holding this hearing. I understand that the state and people of Alaska are faced with difficult choices. I know there are people who depend on their Permanent dividend to meet their family's basic needs. But there is something very wrong in a state where we need to choose between feeding children & educating them. It's also true that both these things come with a price tag. I urge you to enact a progressive income tax so that Alaskans can contribute to the services we all need and use according to their ability.

Thank you,  
CJ

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Name

Phil Burdick

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

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Young people - Elders - Working poor Rural Alaska (primarily Native Alaskans)  
Once again we are attacking the LEAST privileged among us in order  
to ensure the corporations and capitalists can continue their unfettered  
access to resources. Once again we are willing to destroy communities  
so we can allow ~~the~~ the plunder of our State.

This is an immoral budget based on false choices.

Please ~~make a~~ ~~not~~

stand up for the least of us.

Please remember that ~~we~~ <sup>you</sup> have the privilege  
to stop this budget.

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Name

Amy Kane

Address

P.O. Box 6365

Sitka, AK 99835

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I support a \$630. PFD option for handling our budget issues. While  
it ~~is~~ seems attractive to have a short term increase in personal  
money, it does not pay off at all if it results in cuts to services such  
as education, health & social. These services have value far beyond  
the bottom dollar on any budget or a few extra dollars lining our pockets  
temporarily. And they are vital services for those who need them the  
most. Underfunding education in Alaska seems ludicrous to me. ~~the~~ Also,  
the ferry systems are the backbone of SEA Commerce. Please do not forget  
about us.

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Name

Dan Dunn

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka AK 99835

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Yes

☒

I support the \$630 PFD option. Indeed, I support doing  
away with dividends altogether, and providing some sort of  
needs-based public support for the poorest, those most in need  
of help in our society while providing an income tax on the  
folks that can afford it. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW OUR SCHOOLS,  
FERRIES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES TO DIMINISH & DISAPPEAR.

Tap the PFD; generate revenue with an income tax, please  
do not allow the Governor's budget or anything like it to become  
reality.

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Name

Angela Bowers

Address

2006 Cascade Cr Rd  
Sitka, AK - 99835

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I am speaking out as a concerned citizen for my  
community and state. The proposed budget has cuts  
to everything I find important, but most important  
to me is education - both K-12 and university.  
If my daughter can't get a quality education  
I will have to go somewhere else where she can.  
I love this state and my community but if you  
take away what ensures her future ability to  
be successful that's not ok. Take my PFD, I can't  
buy a teacher for that amount of money - only help  
cover my moving expenses.

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Name Amy Rowe Dankelson

Address 113 Brørha St  
SITKA. AK 99835

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I am opposed to the budget proposed by  
the governor. Education, Eiders, medicare  
ferries and more deserve to be funded. ways  
to fund our budget:

1. repeal oil tax credit
2. income tax
3. sales tax

Do not back pay dividends. Pay for  
the services all Alaskans deserve.

Thank you.

Amy Rowe Dankelson

\* limit dividends to \$630 PFD

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Name Kim Kirkcross

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka AK 99835

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Cuts to education are catastrophic!  
Cuts to healthcare are not acceptable.  
Ferry system cuts gut the heart of Alaska.

IN support of income tax,  
Stop oil company tax credits breaks.  
Local fish taxes should stay local.  
PFD supplement is a popularity contest - what happens when the promising graduates?

Dunleavy's budget will ruin Alaska long term. Why live here without education & healthcare, especially when we can't get anywhere?  
Please reject this short sighted budget!

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## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Keith Anderson

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka AK 99835

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I feel this is the greatest state and people here have survived & thrived by working together to accomplish great things. I think this budget will undo some of these accomplishments and create more individualism in turn making us much weaker as a community, a state and as a society. Many people will suffer hardships and loss of livelihood just for a bonus check. ~~as our state's budget is so tight, we should be~~ I feel the education of our youth, care of our elders and transportation to & from our communities is much more important than an individual's check.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Paula Clayton

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka AK 99835

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My name is Paula Clayton  
I have had the pleasure to work in the field  
of education for over 32 years. I am extremely  
grateful. I not only get to work with young  
people with beautiful personalities and souls  
but I get to see them grow in amazing  
ways. I see them grow intellectually, socially,  
emotionally, ~~and~~ behaviorally. ~~and~~ and in  
many other ways. They students everyday find  
thier potential. They deserve that. Please  
fund education ~~to the greatest~~

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Julia A. Smith

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka Ak 99835

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I encourage the House Finance Committee to continue supporting  
funding of the Safety Net Services for Vulnerable Alaskans, particularly  
Adult Public Assistance. Also, I work as a volunteer in Sitka  
working with homeless, I encourage you to support community  
programs for temporary, supportive and/or permanent  
housing to low-income, disabled, and senior Alaskans.  
Please reverse recommendations that reduce or eliminate  
these programs.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Patricia Alexander

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, Alaska 99835

*Please* Put people ahead of party concerns.

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~~Years of failure to balance the budget has brought us to this place. I am willing to take a smaller PFD. Progressive income tax is necessary. Swaged cuts will cause local economies to fail. Balance the budget over 3 years. School cuts are short sighted, especially head start & third language classes. Flat fund ferry, schools, third language classes at 2018 level. minimize Medicaid cuts and measure incremental budget cuts will preserve local economies. It took us years to get to this place and will take years to sustainably balance the budget. NO retroactive PFD. Reduce oil tax credits.~~

*Patricia Alexander*

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Makenzie DeVries

Address

PO Box 6727  
Sitka, AK 99507

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I do not support Gov Dunleavy's proposed budget cut.

These cuts would devastate not only Southeastern communities  
but communities across the State.  
Our ferry system needs to be funded - it is our highway!  
Education needs to be funded, not only because education  
is essential to a functioning democracy but because by  
cutting it you will drive people from this State.

I want to see an income tax! We need a revenue

stream to pay for essential services and that revenue  
stream must be progressive to insulate the lowest  
earners while allowing the wealthy to pay more.

Finally, get ~~xxx~~ rid of the gas tax credits! These  
massively wealthy companies work for us! Our  
natural resources belong to Alaskans and unless  
~~the~~ we are benefitting I see no reason for oil  
companies to get rich off our backs.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Simon Gorbaty

Address

510 Lake St. Apt B

Sitka AK 99835

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☒ yes

There are alternatives to these cuts  
Start with ~~the~~ the oil tax credits  
If you must, look at taxes for the general population.  
If you really really must, look at cutting the PFDs  
But please do not make such ~~cuts~~ cuts as  
this budget proposes

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee

### Sitka Town Hall Form

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Catherine Paulson

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka 99835

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The governor's proposed budget is simply hostile. Alaskans should be — and most are, I'm sure — content to pay for government services with a state income tax. Permanent Fund Dividend checks ~~are~~ do not need to be so high. (I'd wager most PFD checks are spent on things such as vacations out of state anyway — just a side note.) The families, our education system, systems that aid our elders and vulnerable populations, are not nice things to have; they provide a foundation to all Alaskans' lives, every day.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Gustav Bruhl

Address

111 Winchester Way  
Sitka, AK 99835

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I work as a drug and alcohol counselor with students that need a lot of assistance in getting ~~back~~ social services that are funded by medic aid. This budget would devastate many of my students. Not only would it worsen their options for social services, it would also worsen their options for education. If I get have to pay more in taxes (and have a smaller PFD) to keep my social services, medic aid, ~~and~~ education, and ferry system, then so be it. I will gladly do my part to keep my state funded, and my people covered.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Logan Wild  
Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

I support a reduced PFD (\$630) and the "Status Quo" FY19  
budget.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Lauren Wild

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

I support a reduced (\$630) PFD and full funding to state services. In particular, I support our marine highway, the Alaska Pioneer's Home (my mother's cost of residence is set to go from \$6800/mo to over \$15,000/mo.), K-12 education, the university, and other health & social services.

I support repeal of oil tax credits, a small state income or sales tax, and a reduced or needs-based PFDs.

My Name is Janice Michael

I live here in Sitka AK.

my address is 1713 Edgemoor Dr

I am favor of the lowest PFD  
pay out and keeping our

services : Schools, Ferry Medicaid  
Pioneer Home. And establishing

a fair income tax..

Thank you for giving us your time  
and listening to us..-

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Joanna Perenovich

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

I consider state supported services such as K-12 education, medicare, the Marine Highway System, the University of Alaska system and many other threatened services as essential to the well-being of all Alaskans. I feel it is short sighted to eliminate or severely reduce these services in order to pay an inflated PFD check to Alaskans. I would like to see a \$1,000 PFD every year, a state income tax levied on non-Alaskans, and the funding of ~~the~~ state services at a level which does not cripple every municipality in the state.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Inga Stromme

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

I am not in favor of the large PFD. As a mother of a child about to enter the K-12 system it would be a travesty to the future of our children if the proposed cuts to education were made. I am also horrified that the state would ever consider selling a priceless treasure like S.J. Museum. The collection is extremely important to preserve and protect our States history.

Please implement a state income tax.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee

### Sitka Town Hall Form

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Laura Rogers

Address 307 Marine St.

Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



The proposed increase to the FFD is not worth the cost to our state. Our local communities need the revenue the governor has decided to co-opt. Our state citizens need schools, the university system, the Marine Highway system and the health and social services that has proposed cutting. ~~Now~~ The time has come for Alaska to implement a progressive income tax and reduction in subsidies to oil companies.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee

### Sitka Town Hall Form

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Kathy Ingallinera

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, AK

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

So many issues but picking one - UAA. I live in Sitka but work for UAA school of nursing in Sitka. I have been teaching in the AAS RN program for 3<sup>rd</sup> years and a resident of Sitka since September 1996. There are 13 or so distance campuses in the state where nursing is taught, usually in the student's home community. It is important for these students, most of whom are adults & working in the community, to remain in their homes to attend & complete school, so they can remain there to provide care as RNs after they graduate. I am worried that Dunleavy will think that consolidating all nursing programs to Anchorage is a good idea. The programs in Anchorage have a hard enough time getting clinical experiences for their local students, & that is just one small issue with that idea. Thanks for your time. Kathy Ingallinera

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Marie Rofkar

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



Please reinstate the income tax and/or  
school tax before instituting such broad cuts

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

*Stephen Morse*

Address

[REDACTED]

*Sitka, AK 99835*

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



*Boothert is feeling the effects of  
an economic downturn. Further cuts  
to the ferry will be disastrous, as  
will cuts to the schools, public radio,  
and the Proser Homes. I will gladly  
reduce or eliminate my dividend & to  
keep these important services. Let's  
look at a tax for income if elimination  
of the dividend is not possible.*

# Alaska House of Representatives



House Finance Committee

Sitka Town Hall Form

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Barbara Morse

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



I believe it is true, the right thing  
to do to cut or eliminate the profits  
that we receive, rather than the  
drastic cuts to education, the marine  
highway and public roads. It cutting the  
dividend is not enough, I am willing to  
pay state income tax to keep our  
less essential services.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name ROBERT C. HUMMER

Address 725 ALICE WAY  
SITKA, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



THE ELDERLY ARE MORE PLENTIFUL, RETIRED, AND  
WEALTHIER THAN IN THE PAST. WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD  
TO GRANT SPECIAL PRIVILEGES BASED ON AGE. I ASK THAT  
YOU CONSIDER REPEAL OF THE STATE MANDATE OF \$900=  
REBATE FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.

# Alaska House of Representatives



House Finance Committee  
Sitka Town Hall Form  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Wayne A. Dye

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

I looked at state Budget a while back and found  
that fees for the ferry system payed about 30% of Expenses.  
vehical registration fee and gasoline tax paid about 7%  
of expenses for the roads. The governor wants the  
ferry budget to balance. Using that standard  
the state should raise the gasoline tax from  
per eight cents per gallon to over a dollar  
per gallon, or we need to start shutting

done the road in this state (start with  
Tudo Road or highway Anchorage to Wassilla,

It is time to start income tax and/or  
school tax again.

I am willing to give part or all  
of PFD for school funding

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Laura Schmidt

Address

[REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

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I strongly support reducing the PFD to  
the \$600 level in order that our state's  
people continue to prosper with a  
supportive system in place.  
Thank

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**March 24, 2019**

Governor Dunleavy has less than four months of experience in office- he is a greenhorn. He has no track record of success to point to- his resume' is too short to inspire confidence in his judgment and ability. He is pushing for catastrophic cuts in critical state functions such as education and transportation. Can he point to a state where his economic theory has been successful? I think the Legislature should allow him to test his ideas on one or two governmental functions- say, the Governor's House and the Office of the Governor- cut their budgets 41% and try it for a year or two- see if that unleashes the magic of productivity and prosperity- and if it does not, the Legislature should follow the example of other successful, prosperous and safe states that can't support important services on resource extraction alone- and implement a progressive, equitable income tax.

**Michael Litman**

**Owner, Precision Boatworks**

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name CHANDLER O'CONNELL

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA, AK 99835

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I support repealing the oil tax credit subsidies and implementing a progressive income tax. I support capping the PFD, but only alongside these two new revenue sources - the PFD remains an important source of household income for low-income Alaskans and Alaskans in rural communities with limited opportunities to participate in a cash economy. We should not balance the budget at the expense of those who can least afford it.

I do not support Governor Duthie's proposed cuts to education, public transportation (AMHS), and health care & social services. While some strategic cuts may be necessary, we must continue to invest in the infrastructure and services that make Alaska a desirable place to live and that can spur innovation and sustainable growth in the long term.

The 2020 budget must also include state funding for the prevention and mitigation of the impacts of climate change. At a minimum I would like the state to commit to reaching 50% renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 50% of 2005 levels (I believe we're already halfway there!) with specific actions funded next year. This will save us money in the long term and can not wait.

March 24, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Amelia Budd and I want to first thank you all for your time and your service to our state, and thank you especially for initiating this public process of visiting communities to collect testimony.

I live in Sitka and I'm writing to you on my own behalf and not in any official work-related capacity. I've worked in social services and education for most of my career. I am also a former small business owner and a current University of Alaska graduate student. I'm the parent of a child about to enter our school system, the child of a parent in the Sitka Pioneer Home, a Mt. Edgecumbe High School graduate, and a concerned community member.

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject Donna Arduin and the Governor's budget and support funding for pre-K, K-12 education, the university system, the Alaska Marine Highway system, the Pioneer Homes, public broadcasting, and the many other community services that have always been supported by the State of Alaska. Candidly speaking, it feels like a slap in the face to myself and to all Alaskans who in good faith, have built lives and invested in homes and businesses and careers here, put our children in Alaskan schools and our elders in Alaska's Pioneer Homes, and made Alaskan communities our homes.

The governor's plan would clearly have fallout including devastating Alaska's economy and quality of life. From campus closures to reduced home values, a shuttered Alaska Marine Highway System to classrooms with 45 students, the potential impacts are far-reaching. Even as a parent grappling with the high cost of living, I would strongly support a reduced or eliminated PFD and a broad-based tax over this devastating budget. I also believe we need to change the conversation and look to you, our legislators, to lead this charge.

Like many Alaskans, I see the false premise we're being delivered by the Governor's administration that we have two choices: we can have a PFD *OR* we can have funding for infrastructure. I believe we can have both, and I think the facts and numbers support this. Why are non-resident workers,

who make up approximately 21% of Alaska's workforce, not paying taxes on their often profitable seasonal jobs? Why are we continuing to pay over \$1 billion in oil tax credits?

Alaskans want a different conversation with all options on the table, with the people and communities of Alaska prioritized, and not outside special interests like oil companies. Like many Alaskans, I support and hope for growth in our communities, but innovative and sustainable growth that includes keeping teachers and a ferry system and a robust public university and public safety and broadcasting and elder care. This is the kind of state people want to live in, the kind of state people put down roots in, the kind of state people invest in.

Thank you for your time and again sincere thanks for your service, especially in these difficult and uncertain times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amelia Budd', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amelia Budd

[Redacted address line]

Sitka, AK 99835

[Redacted email address]@gmail.com

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Sherie Mayo

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

Education of our youth & future is the most important issue before the legislature. Will not implement some of the funding sources prior to the PFD? What about a standardized, stateable sales tax? How about standardizing sin tax on cigarettes. I believe the majority would be willing to give up some of their PFD to help up the budget & maintain some of our social services & educational system. How about putting a cap on our PFD of \$1,500, and excess can help balance our budget. I wouldn't mind an income tax. Again, where did our revenue come from before oil? Medicaid is important. The ferry system is essential. My top priority is maintaining our educational system.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Martha Pearson  
Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

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to present this issue as pfd vs cuts is misleading. Many Alaskans are ready to consider taxation to pay for services.

These drastic cuts harm rural Alaskans the most.

The PFD is great, but not sacred. Yes, many rural families depend on the pfd but they will not have live-able towns and villages if these cuts go through.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Dr. Cindy Westergaard

Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒ yes

I do not support the Governor's proposed budget, with an temporary increase in the PFD, and 7.25% decrease in education + closure of one or more Univ. AK locations, and a signif. decrease in funding for SE-AK ferry services. These cuts are reckless and unethical, as they unfairly discriminate against the citizens of SE-AK limiting access to education, goods + ability to afford to travel in general, and access to healthcare services @ SEARHC + SCAH.

and not have enough \$ in our budget  
I believe it is reckless & short-sighted to spend the PFD, to pay for basic necessities for AK residents.  
All residents should have access to ferries, healthcare & education services, not dependent on the PFD.  
Rather, giving away tax \$\$ to big Oil Companies is the problem, & I DO NOT Support giving tax breaks so the KOCH Brothers get richer & AK residents get poorer.  
STOP the tax breaks to big oil co's.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Don Surgeon  
Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

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- (1) Pay full PFD and back payments. Reducing or eliminating the PFD is a regressive tax and should not be used to fund state government.
- (2) Instead, it's time to return to a progressive income tax on all income created in Alaska, both from residents and non-residents.
- (3) The governor's message not should be rejected. They may return AK to a recession, and will turn AK into a poor state, like many in the South. Thank you.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Judith A Kearns-Steffen

Address

101 Harbor Point Rd  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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1. Fully fund public schools including:  
Arts, Music, Sports. Good schools bring families here.
2. Fully fund the Marine Highway System.  
This is the highway for S.E. Alaska.  
Without it we will lose population.
- \* 3. Alaska State Income Tax - Bring this  
into the conversation. Oil is not a part of  
the conversation any more. Building on  
melting tundra permafrost is not a  
wise decision. Drilling in the Arctic  
any where is not feasible considering  
the cost of a clean up.
- \* 4. Use the Alaska dividend money to  
help balance the budget.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Carolyn MacIntyre

Address 109 [REDACTED] Drive

Sitka, AK 99835

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I do not support SB 23 & 24 to "reopen" PFD money to Alaskans. That money needs to go for funding public education & services. I also support passing SB 14 to cut oil give-away. Keep this money in Alaska help fund our deficit.

Lastly, I do not support Dunleavy's private, special interest groups funding his budget meetings to promote his budget. Instead of listening to public opinion of his constituents. Shame on you Dunleavy... This compromises our democratic process & promotes governance via special interest.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name LUY K PHILLIPS

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

I think that Dunleavy's proposed budget is  
DISASTROUS TO THE PEOPLE AND STATE OF ALASKA.  
FOR

\* Just the loss of jobs from the proposed cuts to  
the university system alone is cause for alarm  
- and I am truly afraid that if the university is  
not functioning AS IT IS NOW OR EVEN BETTER  
with more funding that not only will we ~~lose~~ <sup>lose</sup> our  
young people - but when they go out to college  
in other places they will not come back to live  
and work and play while raising families in  
Alaska.

I am not afraid of an income tax for revenue -  
and I would give up my permanent  
fund dividend  
if it would  
help.

[REDACTED] @hotmail.com

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Kathryn Kyle

Address

2213 Summit Court

Sitka AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget

☒ Yes!

Large PFD's cannot replace vital government services such as education, ferry service, museums, fish & game management, and health and social services. The loss of teachers and government workers who are forced to move out of state will create a drain on Alaska's economy. It cannot be made up for by large PFD's which will be spent on trips to Hawaii, shopping, and purchases on Amazon. Please restore funding for government services. I will happily accept capped PFD's and an income tax to make this possible. Please stand firm and prepare to override the Governor's vetoes, if necessary. Likewise, do not pass supplemental funding for PFD's which would necessitate these cuts.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Lauren + Dave Allen

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



Our children are our future. The schools cannot function on the small budgets they currently have.

Please do not let our students + teachers down. Families will move away if we cannot provide a solid education.

Please do not fund the PFD at \$3,000.00.

Use the funds for K-12 + our University system.

Thank you.

March 23, 2019

Good afternoon, my name is Rosemary Carlton. Thanks to all the Alaska State Legislators for their work on the unusually difficult job of creating a workable budget for the state this year.

I am in favor of reinstating a state income tax. I also suggest you consider reinstating the "school tax". When I arrived in Alaska in 1969 \$10 was subtracted from everyone's paychecks in January to help fund education. Even though the tax would be higher now, it is still a bargain and an easy way to designate money for schools. As an historian I heard once say, "taxes are the price we pay for civilization."

I am not interested in the Governor's retroactive PFD payments. I would like to have small class sizes in our schools, fairly paid teachers, a ferry system, strong healthcare assistance, and the retention of the fish box tax that is shared with cities. And, I strongly support the continued **protection and full operation** of the Sheldon Jackson Museum and improvements to the Stratton Library allowing parts to be leased thereby providing the state with revenue.

Thank you.

*Rosemary Carlton*

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Ketchikan Town Hall Form March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Name

Kelly Buxton

Address

508 Shelton Way  
Sitka AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget

Vos  
☒

I do not support the proposed cuts by Gov. Dunleavy. This should not be a referendum about permanent Fund dividends and paying for social services. The discussion should be about the importance of freedom of people to have services provided by the State of Alaska. The oil tax cuts should be repealed. We should be seeking alternative energy sources like tidal generators and solar production. I also think the state could possibly save money if they offered a retirement buyout for some state employees that are in a position to retire. If we can lower the cost of government there is a hope for our future. Thank you for the work you do in listening to us and Please consider gaining the 45 votes needed against this budget.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Elvia Torres

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA, AK. 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒ Yes

Issues:  
1) Cuts of 25% Education & 40% UAS cuts  
2) Closing Ferry in October  
3) Cuts in medical/medicare

Solutions:  
1) Gradual % cuts over 5 years if needed  
2) Graduated PFV cuts: give Alaska choice  
cut 100% services

25%

100%

3) Abolish Tax cuts to oil companies  
or at least look at graduated  
changes.

# Alaska House of Representatives



*Sitka* House Finance Committee  
~~Ketchikan~~ Town Hall Form  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Name

*Kristin Hoke*

Address

[REDACTED]

*Sitka, AK 99833*

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



*I'm in favor of Law is NO PFD  
and Forward Funding Education*

# Alaska House of Representatives



House Finance Committee

Sitka ~~Ketchikan~~ Town Hall Form

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Name Jennifer Reid

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



Please support a low PED amount. I do not want backpay for the PED'S. I would like you to please support Education, H&S services & AMHS.

Future ideas: I would support a combination of revenue ideas & Equality based income tax. Also repeal Oil tax credits.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Address

Jayne Robinson

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget



For the people that use our  
resources!  
The Senator should be treated better  
and in favor of economic

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Linda Fredrickson

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

These cuts are so deep there will be no savings made. Our communities, especially in SF, will be devastated. It seems that we have money we can use w/ wisdom, we can look at the needs of the people on a daily basis. \$3000 is above and beyond... it's a short term Bonus w/ devastating costs. Unfortunately many will spend it impulsively.

Help guide the spending so it is used to keep our communities strong, not weaken what we do well.

I support a state income tax and a huge or complete reduction in the PDF. Exploring the PDF as a needed-based.

The oil companies need to pay their part.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Laurie A. Siska

Address

102 Johnson St

Sitka AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

Reinstating an income tax would be the beginning  
of the financial resolution. The cut proposed  
would devastate Coastal Alaska.

# Alaska House of Representatives



House Finance Committee  
Sitka Town Hall Form  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

PETER KENNEDY

Address

[REDACTED]  
SITKA AK 99835

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

~~I HOPE THE GOVERNOR HAS~~  
~~HIS SIGHTS SET ON MARS, BUT~~  
~~I HOPE WE CAN MEET AT LEAST~~  
~~PART WAY ON THE MOON,~~

*Peter Kennedy*

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name

Michelle Kennedy

Address

Sitka

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I don't mind a lesser RFD - \*What I mind very much is cutting education. These kids are our future. Families will leave if the school system goes downhill. No one wants a bunch of dumbasses running the government. We already have some of that.

\* I also mind very much losing the Alaska Marine Highway. Being a land locked community, flying or boat is our only means of coming & going. Besides being our highway - this goes full circle to our kids. The ferry system is one economical means for our children to take part in extra curricular activities that take place all over SOUTHEAST. Brain & body environment activities.

AND don't forget the visitors who come to Alaska - spend their money in all of the various communities.

Instead of promising this enormous RFD by causing great harm to the future leaders (the kids), THINK ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY IS BEING PROPOSED.

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name Summer Shen

Address

[REDACTED ADDRESS]

Sitka, AK

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I and my family would prefer no PFD, but more education  
funds for our children and future of Alaska

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name Brenda Campen

Address PO Box 1562  
Sitka, AK 99835

campen1562@icloud.com

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Governor's proposal to decapitating for Alaska - too many poor decisions which others will list. I propose:

1. Protect education, ferry system, VA, PCE, Raw fish tax for Coastal Communities, Pioneer Homes, Sheldon Jackson Museum.

2. I am retired - fixed income. I want to stay here. My two children have returned to Alaska - self-employed in fisheries and conservation. They contribute and are the future.

3. I support - Cap PFD at \$1000 - Reduce oil needs increase. Small income tax.

Small state sales tax - .5%

4. Please - fight against proposed challenges to the AK Constitution

5. Repeal state oil subsidies - bring to a level in balance with state needs.

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name

Janet Keck / we

Address

533 Dividit

Sitka, AK

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We need to do take action to reduce spending, AND increase revenue. I support income tax and a lower PFD. Freeze the PFD at \$1000 or \$1500. This is not a one year plan kind of crisis. Plan solutions over the next 5 years. Give us a path to stay on

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## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Christy Anderson

Address

511 S. Cain

Sitka, AK 99835

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\* Just say NO to anything that hurts  
Alaska's youth and Alaska's elders.

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name

Slater Anderson

Address

511 O'Connell

Sitka, AK 99835

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I am 14 years old, and I want to be ensured a good education. With this proposed budget, I will not get the education and attention needed to make it through school and life. This is the reason I am writing to you. Thank you for listening, and please don't cut teachers and schools and classrooms.

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name Juan Cediel

Address [REDACTED]  
St.

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There I don't approve of these budget cuts but that's  
~ given since it seems to be the majority's opinion as well.  
There are negative moral implications with these cuts  
but it's not like you don't know this. You also must know  
that it seems illogical since most people will suffer  
from these cuts. You equally must understand that  
these cuts benefit the minority of people vs the  
majority. When logic and emotion is left out of a drastic  
bill the only ~~person~~ word that is left in our question  
is "Why?"

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Name Nathan Bernhardt

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka Alaska

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I am Tlingit + Input I am 60 years old my heritage  
goes back thousands of years. The ferry system needs to continue  
People visit family, do business, get medical, food, clothes,  
and the native people have potlaches and funerals as celebration  
The Pioneer home should not be privatized, the schools should  
be funded and the SD library should be funded  
it has all of our heritage, and the old cannery building  
is clacking. Some of the permanent fund should be used  
for the budget

Thank you,

Nathan  
Bernhardt

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Name

Lisa Busch

Address

Sitka 99835

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The governor's Budget is totally unfair. There is absolutely no reason our wealthy state should cut education both K-12 & University of Alaska. ~~no reason at all~~ please do not cut education. The Alaska Marine Highway. The permanent fund should be used to operate government. 1/3 of the big "Redo" the governor proposes will go to the federal government. ~~they~~ That makes no sense at all. Once you gut the university system, it will be decades before it comes back. I support an income tax to capture the huge population of small employees who do not pay for the services they receive from our state government.

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Name Randy Hughey

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, AK

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Cap the Permanent Fund & Payroll  
Education & Health  
Work to impose an income tax in the  
future

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Name

Cheryl Starnme

Address

[REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

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I oppose this entire budget plan - we will never  
recover from the losses if this budget  
is adopted

no education means no reinvestment in Alaska  
I support an income tax and reducing  
the PFD payout.

A 4% budget to the university will be  
irrevocable. It will never recover.  
A strong public school system encourages  
investment in our state  
It would be criminal to sell the 5 million.

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Name Cheri Hample

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka AK 99835

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DO NOT BALANCE the budget on the backs of our  
children, elders and SE communities.

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Name Terry Perensovich

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, AK

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Please consider the impacts on our citizens when cutting budget items that collectively benefit everyone. I would urge you to think of remote and rural residents that rely on services of health care and public transportation (Ferries). I'm okay with a reduced P.F.D. and even an graduated state income tax for the benefit of us all.

Thank you,

Terry Perens

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Benjamin Miyasato

Address [REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

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Your budget as proposed, will cause all of Alaska  
serious harm.

Find the AMHS with a realistic budget.

Thank ya

# Alaska House of Representatives



*Sitka* House Finance Committee  
~~Ketchikan~~ Town Hall Form  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Name Theresa Heyburn

Address 

Sitka, Ak, 99835

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I support state income tax

Oil companies should pay tax

I support Reducing PFD

I think Dunleavy budget Propo  
al will annihilate the economy  
of Sitka

# Alaska House of Representatives



House Finance Committee

Sitka ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Town Hall Form

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Name

Laura Everson

Address

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Creek road

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I am currently attending college out of state, but it has always been my plan to return to Alaska to get my Master's degree and start a job. If the school systems get cut I will have to change that plan, both because it would destroy the UAS system and because I want to become a teacher. As a young college student I greatly appreciate the PFD but without a school system to return to I will be forced to take that money and spend it out of state, instead of returning and adding it to the Alaska economy. I am willing to give up the PFD if it means keeping my future in Alaska, and keeping the community of Sitka as vibrant and loving as it has always been. So many people depend upon education, without it there is no reason to raise a family in state. Destroying the education system will lead to more people who work in Alaska but live in/contribute to another state. ~~Destroying~~ the PFD has an impact on the current problems but does nothing to help our future.

# Alaska House of Representatives



House Finance Committee  
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Name LYNNE BRANDON

Address [REDACTED]

SITKA, AK

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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE  
CATASTROPHIC FOR RURAL COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIES.  
AS A 40 YEAR RESIDENT, I HAVE SEEN THE ENTITLEMENT  
MENTALITY OF THE STATE POST-PERMANENT FUND. EVERYONE  
NEEDS TO CONTRIBUTE AT A GRADUATED/PROGRESSIVE  
TAX TO SUPPORT SERVICES THAT BENEFIT THOSE WHO  
ARE VULNERABLE" LIKE CHILDREN, ELDERLY AND  
SICK AND IMPROVISED. CUT THE PERMANENT FUND  
CHECK TO A REASONABLE LEVEL AND INSTITUTE A  
PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX, DEVELOP & SUPPORT NEW  
ECONOMIES LIKE OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY.

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee Sitka Town Hall Form March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

Doug Osborne

Address

409 Hollywood  
Sitka AK 99835

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One the one hand this budget did start a conversation and the State can't just dip into savings year after year. However the cuts are way too deep and will cause massive problems now and into the future.

I would prefer

A) Have oil companies pay more.

B) PFD's in the \$1000 - \$1,500 range.

C) increase State Alcohol tax by 2 dimes, this

have a proven public health benefit.

D) increase State gas tax a little, we have one of the lowest State gas taxes in the country and consumers can manage the increase w/ conservation which also has a public health benefit.

This proposed budget has major problems. When people get the big PFD's they aren't going to put some of that money into ferry, or education, or houses or fixing our State really needs. Thanks for your consideration.

Why.....Why is our governor wanting to clean up the swamp? Those swampy things like education, ferries, swimming pools and towns??

He is doing this because he and his very financially well off associates do not want a state income tax. why,,they do not want to pay their share of a state income tax.

Yes,,, I am fully aware that many people do not like taxes. Taxes are what makes a government. Those that have little income will pay very little. Those that have a big income will pay much more.

Why are they quite so eager to increase the amount paid in the permanent fund. That is a bribe. That buys the vote of many that dearly need the fund.

Some of you will question the validity of some of these statements. I highly suggest you read by Jane Mayer, Dark Money. This is A hidden history of the Billionaires behind the rise of the radical right.

If that does not enlighten your mind, then I suggest you read " THE CORROSION OF CONSERVATISM" on "why I left the right" by Max Boot.

I have lived in Sitka for 78 years. After my dear wife Maryann and I had sold our Baranof Building Supply to Spenard, we traveled the world looking for a better place to live than Sitka. There isn't any place better Than Sitka.....

Larry Calvin

  
Sitka Alaska 9835

To Alaska Democrats:

Is this: **THE STINGIEST STATE IN THE UNION:** Alaska has more than 50 billion in a savings account..why can't it pay its bills? This state has more money in the bank than most small countries!!! Alaska is the only state in the union besides New Hampshire without sales tax or income tax. Levying taxes would be a quick way to bring in revenue, but Republican lawmakers have been quick to call for more spending cuts before any new taxes are introduced.

The statements above are from an Atlantic Magazine article by Alana Semuels, published in August 2015, predicting exactly what is happening now in 2019.

While Alaska was a territory, we had an income tax. The Alaskan government then was much more considerate of Alaskans than it is now. We had started the pioneers home allowing even people without money to be taken care of in their elder years. Our present governor is drastically raising the cost for older people. The governor is trying to greatly limit our ferry systems, our schools, our towns.

We must start a state income tax. That will take some time before it will start covering state needs. We should borrow enough money from the permanent fund to cover expenses. The state would provide the fund management with a promissory note to repay the amount borrowed. This will work for all Alaskans. It will not make the non-residence people happy that come up just for a season. They will have to pay taxes on their income.

Sincerely Yours,

Larry Calvin

SB63 Keep Fish Tax coming to Munis

Page 1 of 1

*This already sent*

From: [redacted]@netscape.net <[redacted]@netscape.net>

To: Senate Community And Regional Affairs <Senate.Community.And.Regional.Affairs@ak.leg.gov> [redacted]  
[redacted]@netscape.net

Subject: SB63 Keep Fish Tax coming to Munis

Date: Thu, Mar 21, 2019 2:57 pm

Do not REPEAL

1. Municipalities can BEST DETERMINE use of taxes collected on FISH DO NOT divert monies to hidden projects of individuals nor departments (after the money flows many places) before any gets back to our town.

2. Institute a State INCOME TAX statewide!! We're asking for it.  
Please quit reaching "low hanging fruit" by CUT, CUT but do the work of getting more REVENUE.

3. USE some PFD money for gaps in budgets. Send me \$500 PFD and use all supplements and remaining 2019 PFD for dire State needs.

4. Play FAIR.....

I do not own a cable TV  
Nor do I own computers with internet in my Home  
I'm doing my part to share State monies with my neighbors  
and share with those new comers (we want) to our community.....  
because we need to recruit more businesses & employees  
rather than "drive them away" because we have lousy schools,  
and no swimming pools, and no museums, and no ferries, and no affordable living.

KEEP FISH and OIL TAX MONIES COMING TO OUR MUNICIPALITIES! WE know BEST!

Marcia Strand

Sitka, Alaska 99835

*this already sent*

House.Transportation@akleg.gov

Keep the Ferries.....

Keep all my PFD supplementals and then

PAY for ferries with my PFD 2019.....send me \$500 PFD

See above to Pay for my Request to **SAVE FERRIES!**

DO NOT Take my PFD to move Legislators OFFICES North!

We're doing our part to bring in income:

1. New Hotel for visitors
2. Continue S.J. Museum so Visitors  
have places to visit!

REVENUE continued.....

For years NOW we (in this community) have continually

Sent you legislators messages..... SET-UP

! INCOME TAX.....do not be fooled.....we want it

For INCREASED revenue!

FAIRNESS.....

I am on a Fixed Income and do NOT HAVE Cable TV and

Do NOT HAVE computer NOR internet in my home.....I'm

doing my Part and want to SHARE ferries and museum

with friends and neighbors and new employees!!!!

Marcia Strand - [REDACTED] Sitka, AK 99835

3/13/19

*this already sent*

TO: All AK. State Legislators – 31<sup>st</sup> session  
(Senate Rules Committee)  
(State Affairs, Finance)

NO....NO.....to Senate Bill 23

NO....NO.....to Senate Bill 24

(No Supplemental funds of the Permanent Fund)

Instead take all monies intended in these bill & use for:

State Ferries

State Schools

State Fish Tax for Municipalities

State Oil Tax for Municipalities

Public Radio

My values include the health of all above.

**Do you not understand?**

We stand to lose our ONLY highway!

We stand to lose teachers (45 in Sitka, AND 100 in Juneau, AND  
72 in Ketchikan)!

We stand to lose a flow in information largely free of FAKE NEWS!

We stand to lose vibrant communities attractive to  
families and new workers! !

**VOTE NO.....** Marcia Strand, [REDACTED], Sitka, AK 99835  
[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]@netscape.net [redacted]@netscape.net  
To: HouseState Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov> [redacted]@netscape.net  
Subject: Resolution No.9  
Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2019 1:07 pm

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House Joint Resolution 9

Please vote YES  
to mint the \$1 coin featuring Elizabeth Peratrovich.

Definitely HONOR an Alaskan, her family is still in S.E.AK

- HONOR civil rights
- HONOR women, she comes from a matrilineal society, the Tlingit Nation
- HONOR a person who changed gloom into HOPE
- COINS are a powerful way to remind us of indigenous truths

Thank You,  
Vote YES

Marcia Strand, [redacted] Sitka, AK 99835  
[redacted]

Public testimony  
for: House Finance Committee  
March 26, 2019  
from: Martin Niemi  
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The people of Alaska coastal communities rely on the Alaska Marine Highway System just as many people from other communities rely on their road system. Recently, I was referred to Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle for surgery. For medical reasons, I was prohibited from flying home to Juneau after the surgery and returned home by ferry from Bellingham. We need our ferries! They are essential transportation services! Do not reduce service or funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Martin Niemi

Martin Niemi

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee

### Sitka Town Hall Form

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name

JOHN STEIN

Address

[REDACTED]

Sitka

Comments: *Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget*



Permanent Fund Dividends to individuals are subject to Federal Income Tax. That means taxpayers will send a portion of their dividend, out of state, to the federal government.

Working this in my head, if 700,000 Alaskans receive \$3000 each then \$2,100,000,000 might be distributed. Of that, depending on tax rate, perhaps 20% or \$420,000,000 might be taken for Federal taxes.

If this same amount were contributed to essential state services, that 20%, \$420,000, 000, could be retained in Alaska and help avoid any new individual Alaska tax obligations.

I think this "leak" should be calculated and considered.

A handwritten signature, likely of the person who provided the comments.  
3/24/19

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name JOHN STEIN  
Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Stein".  
3/24/19

Kate Johnson

Sitka, AK

79835

I read that these hearings are the first of their kind in Alaska. This means the House Finance Committee is going above and beyond to listen to the constituents of Alaska. Your dedication is appreciated and is heartening to us: Thank you.

I am here to speak against Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget. I believe it is bad for our state and our rural community. The cuts to public education, the University, health care, the Alaska Marine Highway, the Pioneer Home, and Medicaid are unacceptable.

The governor's proposed budget is creating a crisis for local communities, like Sitka, which will not be able to absorb the high costs of what will be lost.

I don't believe the impacts of this budget have been properly studied. The economic impacts alone seem yet unclear, even to those tasked with analyzing them. Putting these cuts into place without realistically knowing their affects is irresponsible. There is fear that these cuts will lead to continued migration out of Alaska. I believe these fears are valid- we need only talk to our friends and families to know how many people are thinking of leaving.

I do not support repealing the fisheries taxes and I do not support the retroactive payment of past PFDs.

I do support a broad based tax to pay for the services we want and expect in Alaska.

However, if cuts are to be made I expect them to be made with continued bipartisan cooperation and continued input from the communities and people who will be affected. I expect the impacts of these cuts to be realistically studied before being implemented. (I want any changes to be carried out in a way that cause minimal impact, rather than enormous cuts that will cause harm to our state and the people of Alaska.)

**We deserve better than what is being offered.**

Thank you again for your time.

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name James N Ryman  
Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK 99835

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My Name is James Ryman, long time Alaskan of 63 yrs - My wife Marta is in the Pioneer Home in Sitka. She entered the Home 11/3/17 - We were told the monthly cost for Level 3 care would be 6,795.<sup>00</sup> per month. I was fine with that. Now after 17mths the State wants to go back to the FIVE LEVEL system - that way the State can squeeze more money out of the elderly Alaskans. The rate for level 3 under the new proposal is 11,185<sup>00</sup> a month - and level 4 would be 13,333<sup>00</sup>. The State says this is affordable - Level 3 will go up 4,390<sup>00</sup> and Level 4 will go up 6,538<sup>00</sup>. That's almost 100% and the State says its affordable.

Get a copy of the Governor's Honest Budget - I don't mind paying 8 or 10% more but the new rate will force everyone to be subsidized by the State. Marta is a life long Alaskan.

Please keep the pioneer homes at a rate residents can afford. Thank you

# Alaska House of Representatives



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Name Thomas Hart  
Address [REDACTED]  
Sitka, AK. 99835

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I'm a 30 year resident of Alaska.  
I disagree with Gov. Dunleavy's budget proposal. It's cuts  
are too drastic. I support maintaining flat funding, no use  
of savings, lower PFDs, no retroactive PFDs, an income tax,  
eliminate oil tax credits, education support, ferry support,  
fish tax sharing, gradual budget reductions, pre-school support,  
healthcare support, Pioneer Home support, and school bond reimbursement  
support. Thank you.