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House Finance Committee ~~Ketchikan~~ Community Meeting Anch

Name Alexandra Davis

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I am a lifelong Alaskan and third year medical student. I represent the Alaska WNAMT program, the medical school for Alaskans who take care of Alaskans. WNAMT provides the opportunity for four years of medical school within our great state. This prepares myself and my colleagues to better serve our communities. I represent a rural training track to pursue rural family medicine in Alaska. For the past three years, I have periodically been learning from physicians at the critical access hospital in Ketchikan, AK. One of these physicians, Dr. Peter Rice, born and raised in Ketchikan, was one of the first graduating WNAMT classes and has since been serving his community for over 30 years. The WNAMT program is a medical school in Alaska for Alaskans partnered with a top primary care medical schools in the country, University of Washington School of Medicine. The state of Alaska grants a loan to Alaskan students in exchange for committing to return to practice within our state for at least 3-5 years depending on rural and urban locations. If the students do not return to practice within Alaska, they must repay the state in full for their loans with additional interest. The Alaskan WNAMT program is the largest provider of Alaskan physicians. Without this program, it will be even more difficult for Alaskans who want to be doctors and return to their Alaskan communities. For example, for this year's entering class of 2018, there were 28 Alaskans accepted into medical schools across the country, 20 of which were accepted to the WNAMT program alone. The WNAMT program is not a budget liability for our state! It is a pipeline for producing Alaskan physicians. Alaskans taking care of Alaskans improves our state healthcare. I urge you to please defend the WNAMT program and retain full funding.

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Name Amanda Mack

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I recently met w/ three friends to brainstorm a small business venture. Two of the three are married to public school teachers. Both families are looking for work out of state. Based on that, ~~our~~ our business idea is a non-starter. This budget is driving families out of Alaska. It is decimating education. It devalues what attracts & keeps people here and will destroy this state. I want the legislature to find new revenue streams. I want a progressive income tax law passed this year. Be brave, be bold, be the kamikaze leaders we need right now - the kind that do the right thing by passing a state income tax without caring about re-election. Alaska needs fearless leaders who represent the true values of Alaskans, not those of Americans for Prosperity. Represent a positive future for Alaskans.

as we know & love it.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Amy Klink
REPRESENTING: University of Alaska Anchorage (Biological Sciences department)
BILL#/ SUBJECT: Budget cuts
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: 3/24/19

As a graduate at university of Alaska I am focused on understanding the presence and movement of the influenza ~~viruses~~ virus across both wildlife and human interfaces. The influenza virus killed 1000 of people last year and is persistent in infecting many people this upcoming year. I am only one of many researchers/graduate students at the university of Alaska Anchorage who are actively trying to understand human, environmental and animal health throughout the state of Alaska. Alaska's diverse community and environment are a topic of interest for multiple researchers throughout the globe. As a student in Alaska I am on the fire front of the issues Alaska faces and ~~continue to hope~~ hope to continue the efforts and expand research ~~goals~~ goals to help address the many issues. By reducing the university's budget we will lose precious resources available to students/researchers to help sustain Alaska's unique environment.

Barbara Derr

I have lived and worked in Alaska for 40 years. We have 2 kids, one a senior at UAA the other a sophomore at Dimond HS. Our kids in Alaska are receiving an excellent education and the administrators, teachers, and professors are doing a great job.

Super-sized PFD payouts was a misguided idea and it is hurting our economy. Please vote against SB23 and SB24.

The budget cuts necessary to support Super-sized PFDs damage the state in too many ways. I support strong schools, a competitive University of Alaska, the Alaska Marine Highway, and Medicaid expansion.

Candidate Dunleavy did not enlighten us on where the cuts would be for the PFD payouts, so this budget was not approved by the vote of the people. You were also elected to represent us, to hear our comments and adjust the budget accordingly.

It is legal for the state to cap our PFDs to pay for necessary state services. I feel it is in our enlightened self-interest to continue with this policy.

Commentators have said that we the people will spend the super-sized PFD money smarter than government. In truth, we will spend the money with our own self-interest at heart. Self-interest will never pay for roads, road maintenance, schools, police protection, VPSO's, the Marine Highway system.

The prior four years have shown how difficult it is politically to re-enact the State Income tax, but this is what I believe should be done. It will even out the disparity between people who spend their PFD on trips to Hawaii and those who must use it to pay \$9 for a gallon of milk. It will gather dollars back from people who work on the slope and live in the lower 48.

Once we have re-enacted the State Income tax, then look to other revenue sources, perhaps adjusting the oil-resource taxes.

The misinformation about the quality and success of our schools and universities discourages our kids in their efforts to learn. Support the University of Alaska and 90% by 2020

Thank you for listening.

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Name

Barbara Hood

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yes
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I strongly oppose the Governor's budget because it represents a scorched-earth approach to the state that I love and have called home for over 50 years. Create a bipartisan budget that ^{ensures} Alaskans, not outside interests ~~represented~~ of Americans for prosperity and the tech business. Please implement a broad-based tax plan that ensures that all Alaskans have a stake in our future. An income tax, sales tax, and a PFD-cap are all reasonable steps that you ~~need to~~ ^{should} consider. Nothing should be off the table.

Thank you.

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Name

Barbara Reilly

(OVER)

Address

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- ① You cannot "cut" Alaska budget to obtain/perceive prosperity or a balanced budget
- ② Stop selling our State + population to corporations on the false promise of jobs. Jobs go to "Outsiders"
- ③ To raise dollars: a) support our fishing industry
b) have a flat tax on all Alaskans
c) tax all those people who fly into Alaska, make lots of money + fly out taking it elsewhere, spending + supporting nothing in Alaska.
- ④ Cutting education harms all Alaskans forever. Of course, dumb uneducated people are easy to control right?
- ⑤ When the PFD is gone it's gone. The PFD is a band-aid + a quick fix. It is not a solution.
- ⑥ Save \$ and no pay for special sessions when legislatures have not done their job. Reduce your salary.
- ⑦ No cuts to ferries, healthcare, senior care, education.
- ⑧ Put the Alaskan people before politics.
- ⑨ Stop outsourcing Alaska jobs - license plates,

- (10) Create jobs, repair our infrastructure. Tax us.
- (11) I have never before even heard so many people asking to be taxed, and are willing to want to pay taxes.
- (12) Education, ferry and social services cuts will devastate Alaska.

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Name Becky Carr

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I am a 32 year resident, small business owner,
and raised 2 daughters here.
I am against Governor Donleavy's budget
cuts.
I am for an income tax and using the
Permanent Fund earnings to pay for our
state services.

Testimony by Beth Rose

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99515

Thank you for holding these hearings. I am a lifelong Alaskan who cares deeply about the future of our state and am asking you to take a strong stand in reinstating funding to the proposed budget to education, health care, mental health care and other essential services. Without changes, this budget will cost jobs, hurt our economy, and make Alaska one of the worst places to live in our country rather than one of the best.

By asking you to reinstate funding to the budget, I know that we need to find revenues. I want to let you know very clearly that I am willing to accept a smaller Permanent Fund Dividend, or no dividend at all, to ensure that our state has adequate funding to provide for its citizens. The Permanent Fund was originally set up to be a "rainy day fund," to support the state government when the oil revenues started to dry up. It was never intended to be a permanent entitlement program to directly pay Alaska residents at the cost of public services.

I am also willing to contribute to my government through taxes, like citizens in almost every other state in the Union. Alaskans paid taxes before the Trans-Alaska Pipeline was constructed and we started to rely exclusively on oil revenues to the state. With the reduction in oil flow and the decrease in oil prices, it's time to diversify our state's revenue stream so that it will be more reliable and sustainable for decades to come. That will help the legislature in annually determining a budget.

Education is of particular importance to me. My husband and I both went to public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade in Anchorage, and I received an undergraduate degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage. We stayed in Alaska and decided to raise our kids because of the quality of life we enjoyed, the job opportunities, and the high-quality public education that was available to our kids. It will be impossible to continue to provide quality education or prevent a brain drain with the proposed 23% cut to K-12 education and 41% cut to the University of Alaska. We also know that being able to succeed in school originates with a quality pre-K education, and that must be protected.

I am also concerned about cuts to Health and Social Services. We should be judged as a state by how we take care of our citizens, including those who are the most vulnerable. It is morally wrong to deprive access to health care for Alaskans who have disabilities, are elderly or are low-income. I am deeply concerned about the cuts to, and proposed oversight of, the Alaska Psychiatric Institution. API desperately needs funding for more medical, nursing and support staff to help those struggling with mental illness.

Thank you for your service to Alaska and for listening to the concerns of constituents.

Hello, I would like to take some time to tell you my story and fear of these budget cuts, thanks for taking a moment to read my letter.

I am a 46-year-old Senior here at UAA, I served as a juror on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Lawsuit. I am also the one you see each year on TV who has that epic huge over the top Halloween Display that thousands come view each year you can google my name "Billy Stapleton + Halloween" to watch videos. I have a love for kids and do fund raisers for homeless and abused teens, I myself was one and homeless at 15 years old.

Never going to high school, only completing 8th grade, and that was special ed, and doing maybe 5th grade level work after literally failing 3rd grade twice. I became a pipe fitter (fire protection) and my first job at 18 was the Sally Monserud Hall (SMH) at UAA where I installed the fire sprinkler system. I watched daily as my friends played Frisbee and listen to cassette tapes on the grass and be teenagers and I was so drowned in envy that I almost wanted to cry. Who does not want to be a teen? I had to take care of my mentally ill mom who was homeless herself and me. But life was not fair, and I pressed on, I decided then one day I shall attend UAA!

About 7 years ago I gave it a try I was 40, and after two weeks in math 054 I dropped out, since when is math using letters? I went to Ninestar and told them my story, I had my GED already age 18 and I passed that after taking 5 re-tests, but I had no education. After just over one year at Ninestar they taught me Algebra, writing essays, how to use a PC and more. I made commercials for them and returned to UAA part time schooling. After some health issues, surgeries and one full blown cardiac arrest, I turned full time. I took every math class 2 to 3 times just to pass. Every time one of my math professors failed me, they apologized because they knew my story and knew how driven and hardworking, I am to graduate. I earn the grade I get, and I am fine with failing, I still re-refuse to give up! I was given the Chancellors Award 2014 for being a hard-working student.

Finally, after 5 years, I passed AP Calc. only taking it one time and now I am more than driven. I feel so en-powered over coming my learning disability and using DSS at UAA for testing that I can do anything now and math is my hardest issues because the numbers confuse me, but I overcame my weakness. Well this year I tap out of funds my loans will be gone and I do not think I even have enough to pay for the last remaining 7 classes to graduate! I am sure UAA will have to raise tuition to replace such losses, but what about a man who has spent his entire 40's trying to live his dream and be a UAA graduate with a business degree?

I make no excuses and overcame all obstacles and if you talk to any of my professors especially the ones in math, they can confirm my story. I will find the money and pay for classes but people my age and in my situation will suffer more, I make 17k a year and it's not like I'm young and 50 years old is coming in 4 years so I cannot bounce back as hard as these young kids here. I hope this story helps and I am scared to death of failing any more classes because it's one more I must take to graduate. I cannot afford to fail and cannot afford to pay anymore then I have now?

Please call me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions, thanks.

*Billy
Stapleton*



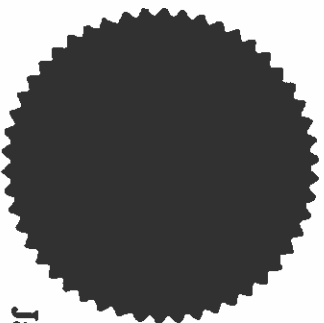
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Student Appreciation Citation

presented to

Billy Stapleton

*For making a positive difference as a student at
the University of Alaska Anchorage on the occasion of the
21st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.
Student Appreciation Luncheon*



January 23, 2015

Tom Case

Tom Case, Chancellor

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The Pennsylvania State University Department of Distance Education

this certifies that

BILLY G. STAPLETON

has completed

Automatic Sprinkler Apprentice Training Program

consisting of

35 terminal units 210 lessons by correspondence
instruction as recorded in the records office

March 3, 1998

Awarded

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary E. Miller".

Assistant Vice President
for Distance Education



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Dear Billy Stapleton:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that people could make a difference in their communities by individual actions. I am delighted to let you know that you have been recognized as a student at UAA who has made a difference. Dr. Marcia Stratton has recommended you for this special honor. It is wonderful that we have students like you who exemplify the UAA spirit and give to our campus in such a meaningful way. We truly appreciate your efforts.

To thank you for your contributions and to celebrate the ideals of Dr. King, we invite you to join us at the 21st Annual UAA Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Appreciation Luncheon.

This year's luncheon is on Friday, January 23, 2015, at 11:45 a.m. in the Student Union Cafeteria. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch and listen to the keynote address by Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr., a Civil Rights Movement activist and Freedom Rider who worked with Dr. King and others who were involved in the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of this landmark decision, Dr. Lafayette will share his first-hand perspective of this important period in our nation's history.

You will receive an e-mail with more program details and a request for your RSVP. If you have questions, contact Student Life & Leadership at 786-1219 or e-mail uaa_mlk@uaa.alaska.edu.

I look forward to recognizing your important contribution to our community at this special celebration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Case".

Tom Case
Chancellor

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Name Brian McMahon

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We need a fiscal solution to stabilize future budgets
I do not support Governor plan. I support eliminating
per barrel oil benefit that goes to oil companies. I support
cutting dividend, increasing gas tax and tobacco
tax for non cigarette tobacco products. I support an
income tax, I support funding for UAA and UWAK
program, maintain medicaid. Now is the time to
cut the permanent fund dividend

Brian McMahon

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Name BRYAN SILVA

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The PFD should be paid according to the formula originally set up and in use until recently. Borrowing funds from the state population is wrong. Withholding a portion of the payment to pay state budgets burdens people who have no voice in the matter. This should be disallowed as a practice now and in the future. If paying the PFD is burdensome, it is only because the state legislature is not moving on ^{establishing} means to raise revenue. Do not take the PFD to pay state expenses. This is highly regressive, affecting those who need it the most.

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I am a 20+ year educator and my husband is a successful 13 year small business owner. We have 10 year old twin daughters who ~~are~~ we adopted from an incredibly selfless ~~kind~~ women. Dunleavy's amended FY 10 Budget is unacceptable. I cannot imagine that this budget will not inflict profound damage to programs and services that sustain a healthy community...

healthcare, education, Ferry system, University system, early childhood programs, Pioneer Home, an Alaskan Dairy... and the list goes on.

~~Now~~ Please - take a portion of the PFD and ~~to~~ institute a broad based income tax ~~now~~ as one part of a new revenue source.

Thank you!

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Name CAROLINE STORM

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ANCHORAGE, AK

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I ~~am~~ VIOLENTLY OPPOSE THE GOV'S PROPOSED BUDGET. ITS DRACONIAN AND AN ALL OUT ATTACK ON PUBLIC EDUCATION.

THIS COMMITTEE HAS HAD EXPERTS PROVIDE YOU WITH THE REAL IMPACTS THIS WILL HAVE ON THE STATE. PLEASE TAKE THE FACTS SERIOUSLY.

THOSE WHO TESTIFY THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY TAXES ARE SAYING THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN ALL THEY WANTED FROM A WELL FUNDED AK GOV. & NOW ARE NOT WILLING TO GIVE BACK

THIS IS UNCHRISTIAN & UNALASKAN. TO TURN OUR BACKS ON OUR NEIGHBORS IS INHUMANE.

PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THE ~~LAST~~ HUGE IMPACT THAT THE COST OF HEALTH CARE HAS ON THE →

OVERALL COST OF PROVIDING SERVICES
IN THE STATE. OUR GOV. IS NOT
BLOATED, IT IS THE HIGHEST COST OF
HEALTHCARE IN THE WORLD THAT HAS
LEAD TO ~~THE~~ THE PERCEPTION THAT
THE BUDGET IS TOO BIG.

THE CURRENT BUDGET IS AT 1980'S
LEVELS ONCE ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION &
WE HAVE TWICE THE POPULATION.

PLEASE TALK TO ME & RAISE REVENUE.

NO MORE CUTS.

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Name Cheryl Lovegreen

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Please see attachments
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My name is Cheryl Lovegreen. I am an Anchorage resident, speaking as an individual today. Thank you to the committee and to the LIO staff for giving us the opportunity to speak about the budget.

I know you will hear from many people about specific items in the budget and why they shouldn't be cut, so I will look at the bigger picture in my testimony.

I brought two pages from the Jay Hammond Papers, donated by Governor Jay Hammond to the UAA Archives in 1996. The first is a page of hand-written notes that the governor took at a meeting in 1980, when they were brainstorming about the future Permanent Fund. The notes brainstorm different forms the dividend might take, including "tax credits" referred to in three of the six points listed. That suggests to me that Governor Hammond intended from the very beginning for the state tax system to continue alongside the Permanent Fund program.

The second page is a draft of a speech Governor Hammond gave in 1980. He starts with "I would like to address today a problem that is relatively simple. A problem that we could turn into a benefit for every Alaskan today and far into the future. It is a problem that could have as much impact on our future as D2, yet one over which the state has complete control. And I have what I believe is, if not a complete solution at least a very important step in the right direction. I am of course speaking about the poor fiscal health of Alaska's state government, and some powerful medicine – the Permanent Fund." After stating that the majority of state government is paid for in oil royalties and that state government spending is growing, Governor Hammond goes on to say, "To minimize the hard landing from the heights of oil heaven, we must begin now to hold ongoing government operations to the level we can pay for as we go." I emphasize the last part—he states, "*we can pay for.*" I infer that to mean Alaskans should help pay for our services, not cut back to the services that only oil royalties will provide.

I will not presume to know what Governor Hammond would say if he were here today. But I am grateful for the system he helped put into place. And I stand firmly in the conviction that we must continue providing government services for our fellow Alaskans, and help pay for it with income taxes in addition to oil and other revenue. Thank you for your time.

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 Legislation on Alaska Inc.

1. Provide one share stock for each year residency (tax return filed?) instead of 5 year blocks.
2. Limit amount for "Dividends" ~~to that~~
~~from earnings from R.F. investments~~
in excess of ~~required~~
~~non-recurring resources~~ necessary to supplant
non-recurring resources now used to
fund vacant programs (relate to
previous year.)
3. Permit Stock holder option of selecting
form of dividend... tax credit,
Supplemental Soc. Security (deferred annuity)
look interest loan, direct dividend check,
unemployment insurance, medical or educational
insurance?
4. OR - First Dividend be only tax Credit -
with additional doc. to be determined by leg.
& provided by law.
5. Tax Credit shall be: \$100 per year for
each year individual has resided been
physically present (Domiciled) in Alaska
for majority of year. (filed tax return?)
6. Should Credit exceed payment individual gets
change in check?

DRAFT PERMANENT FUND SPEECH
BY GOVERNOR JAY S. HAMMOND

I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS TODAY A PROBLEM THAT IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE. A PROBLEM THAT WE COULD TURN INTO A BENEFIT FOR EVERY ALASKAN TODAY AND FAR INTO THE FUTURE. IT IS A PROBLEM THAT COULD HAVE AS MUCH IMPACT ON OUR FUTURE AS D2, YET ONE OVER WHICH THE STATE ITSELF HAS COMPLETE CONTROL. AND I HAVE WHAT I BELIEVE IS, IF NOT A COMPLETE SOLUTION, AT LEAST A VERY IMPORTANT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

I AM OF COURSE SPEAKING ABOUT THE POOR FISCAL HEALTH OF ALASKA'S STATE GOVERNMENT, AND SOME POWERFUL MEDICINE - THE PERMANENT FUND. NO DOUBT YOU ARE ALL WELL EDUCATED ON THIS ISSUE, AS IT HAS BEEN MY MAJOR CONCERN AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN GOVERNOR. THE PROBLEM, SIMPLY PUT, IS THAT YOUR STATE GOVERNMENT IS IN LARGE PART LIVING OFF OF OUR PRUDHOE BAY OIL WEALTH, WEALTH THAT WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. TODAY, A FULL 70% OF OUR STATE BUDGET IS FUNDED BY OIL AND EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD - WORKING OR NOT - IS SUPPORTED BY AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT \$1540 OF GOVERNMENT MONEY. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE GROWTH IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING CANNOT GO ON FOREVER.

BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU TIRED OF MY PROPHECIES OF GLOOM AND DOOM, MY THEME TODAY WILL NOT BE "WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THE MONEY RUNS OUT?" RATHER, IT WILL BE "WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE MONEY?" I AM STILL DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE'S FISCAL HEALTH, AND AM GLAD TO FIND THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING TO SHARE THAT CONCERN WITH ME. IF THE STATE BUDGET CONTINUES TO GROW AT HISTORIC LEVELS, IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT SOONER OR LATER WE WILL HAVE TO EITHER TURN TO ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES, SUCH AS TAXES, OR CATASTROPHICALLY REDUCE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS. TO MINIMIZE THE HARD LANDING FROM THE HEIGHTS OF OIL HEAVEN, WE MUST BEGIN NOW TO HOLD ONGOING GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TO THE LEVEL WE CAN PAY FOR AS WE GO.

24 March 2019

Dear Legislators

Thanks for this opportunity to advocate on behalf of the University. I live in the Bayshore area of Anchorage; I am retired from the Army and recently retired from the University of Alaska Anchorage where I worked for 14 years as the Facilities Director. I am a donor and an Alum of UA. My daughter is a UAA Engineering alum and is working for a locally as a licensed professional Engineer. I have hired several UA graduates over my career with excellent results. I am writing to urge you to support the University's budget as submitted by the Regents. The University is a gem for our state. It's a bargain compared to outside universities and keeps Alaskan's in Alaska; it helps provide our industries with qualified employees in many fields including: health care, arts, social and economic areas, education, engineering, business, and technology fields. In short the University is creating leaders for Alaska's future.

When I started working at the University in 2003 we were just beginning to recover from the last funding drought. Infrastructure all over campus was patched not repaired, major items of equipment did not work, and redundant systems were reduced to a single system the other stripped for parts. It was a very fragile campus infrastructure. Up until about 2015 you could see the improvement in physical conditions on campus; now you can see the degradation. The University has sustained cuts to the operating budget four out of the last five and has insufficient capital funding in the last several years. My own retirement is a result of accumulated cuts. Here in Anchorage we have respectable campuses; we have some very capable facilities for research, business, aviation, health, science, and engineering. Our Library is world class. Our facilities serve students, staff and faculty for UAA and APU and the community at large. A budget cut to the University impacts the safe operation of every dimension of our campuses.

I urge you to keep our University system robust. It is the key to our states' future. The governor's \$134 million cut is the single largest reduction in the university's 100-year history; The Governor's budget is a devastating budget for University and for Alaska. Achieving a sustainable budget for our state is a complicated and difficult task. Cuts are part of it; but if cut too deep we collapse. I urge you to consider a balance between cuts, new revenues, including taxes, and wise use of our income streams, including reduced dividends, to help run government.

Thanks for this opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns with you. I want you to know I am willing to be taxed and to relinquish my dividend in order for the State to provide services and education to Alaskans and to keep our University System strong.

Respectfully

Chris Turlletes, [REDACTED], Anchorage, AK 99515

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Name Christopher Frost

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While I like a certain amount of Fiscal Conservatism, this budget is not Fiscally Conservative. It's a blind leap to resources that Alaska rely on: Medicaid, Education, and the major highway to name a few. Studies indicate that budgets like these DON'T WORK. States that have done budget cuts like these have not prospered. Wait to run Alaska/Government like a business? Fine. Businesses don't make money without spending money.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: DANA DARDIS

REPRESENTING: Myself and My Community

BILL# / SUBJECT: Gov. Dunleavy Budget - Do NOT support
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 3/24/2019

I'm a small business owner in Alaska and I DO NOT support the irresponsible proposed Dunleavy budget. I am also a teacher and a mother. My son is graduating this May. He's a highly gifted student and has already attended UAA for a year and a half through Middle College and thru ANSER. His goal is to participate in the WAMMI program. He's excellent in the sciences and hopes to become a doctor some day. He's already advanced trained and certified, research diving certified, wilderness First Responder certified and has been enrolled in the EMT Program @ the Parker King Career Center. With all the cuts Dunleavy proposes, his dreams will be shattered to be a doctor in Alaska. My dreams to remain in Alaska are being shattered as the Economy will fall, our property taxes raised, and services + programs cut that many of my friends + neighbors rely. I've built a home in Alaska and I now am in the process of leaving this state before my investment in my home is lost. Dunleavy should be ASHAMED of himself for what he is doing to Alaskans.

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Name

D. Sarah Holland

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Please honor the will of The People. We elected Gov. Dunleavy, because we approve of his plans to repeal SB91, Restore the Original Formula for the PFD, Pass SB 23 & SB 24.

Alaskans Experienced a ~~Disaster~~ Disaster
The 7.1 ~~Earth~~ Earthquake is still effecting many Alaskans. Please restore their monies so they can restore their lives

So discouraging to hear those who now face job losses whining so much. When Alaska's private sector lost 10,000 plus - crickets -

Restore Alaska

I was at this event. Obviously the clerk was stacked for union/state employees & Natives.

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This budget is immoral and egregious. It pits Alaskans
against each other. It offers only division. ~~It is a budget of division.~~
~~When~~ This budget ensures that the wealthy only prosper
while those ensnared by poverty are kept in poverty. Instead
of gutting services, lets cut the \$8 per barrel oil tax credit
and the other deductible tax credits - grand total of \$1.9 billion
in oil tax credits. Companies do not need government handouts.

-Derek Reed

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Name Desiree StARRY

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See Attached

To House Finance Committee
March 22, 2019

PAT program has helped me a lot. I am a single Mom and the visitor has never judged me in my parenting, she helped me understand how to help my child who has autism, encouraged me with what I am doing and helped me keep my child in the different therapies he is in although it gets stressful sometimes. She also helps me by giving me needed resources and speaking up for me if and when I need it with other agencies.

Desiree Starry

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

Diana Redwood

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REPRESENTING:

myself

BILL# / SUBJECT:
COMMITTEE &

Budget

HEARING DATE:

3/24/19

I Support a progressive income tax and small
PFD checks. We can not cut our way to
a sustainable livable state.

Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Diana Redwood

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Name Dirk Shumaker

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Good afternoon. My name is Dirk Shumaker and I am the Executive Director for Kids' Corps Inc. in Anchorage. We provide Head Start and Parents as Teachers services.

I want to thank the House Education Finance sub-Committee for recognizing the importance of early learning and recommending the ~~full~~ restoration of funding for Head Start, Parents as Teachers, state pre-k and Best Beginnings. **We have plenty of data about the importance of the early years to children's long term growth and development.** For children from at-risk backgrounds early learning services can play an especially important positive role. We know that if we effectively address difficult circumstances early in their lives, the impact on their educational outcomes later on is profound.

From strengthening children's early math and reading skills to building their confidence and resilience and enhancing their family's well-being, Head Start and other high quality early learning services are strengthening communities across the state. I urge the House finance committee to support children, families and communities on their path to success by funding Head Start and Alaska's other important early learning services, including Parents as Teachers, state pre-k and Best Beginnings.

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Name Donald Crandall

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I do not support cuts to the University system
and state support of public schools K-12. I
think medical expansion needs to be left in tact.
These should be our priorities before we subsidize
private companies (oil companies)
+ support an income tax & will vote for a rep or
senator who supports me.

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Name

Elizabeth Schultz

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I am opposed to the deep cuts in our state services, such as Medicaid, Education, Social Services, funding for homelessness prevention and diversion, Behavioral health treatment ... etc.

I join many other Alaskans in accepting our PFD payments and taxes to ensure basic services for all Alaskans. The Governor's budget hurts those who are vulnerable and is not a morally sound budget.

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NAME: ERLVA JOHNSON

REPRESENTING: WINAMI / UAAPRE-MED / AMSA

BILL# / SUBJECT: UAA BUDGET CUT
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 03.24.19

I am an Alaskan Native woman that has had the privilege & honor of serving the Alaska Native community for 14 years. I've served more than half of my time w/ Southcentral Foundation dental helping to provide dental care in rural ~~field~~ field clinics. Seeing the need in these communities has further encouraged me to find ways to meet the needs of our underserved & rural communities.

As a non-traditional student, I've chosen to pursue ^A BA in biological sciences. My goal is to become a physician. WINAMI is the most logical option for me & many other students with roots in this state.

I do not feel that completely cutting the WINAMI program would benefit our state. Rather than asking for a 3-5 yr. commitment from our WINAMI graduates, ask for double that time. For those that choose not to fulfill that commitment, ask for them to repay more than they already are.

I believe in our legislature's abilities to appropriate the funds we are already using. With that being said, consider raising the income tax of the WINAMI graduates to help offset the cost of the program. Please consider these options. Keep Alaskans in Alaska to serve other Alaskans.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

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NAME: ERIK HILL

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL# / SUBJECT: House Finance FY 20 Budget
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: March 24, 2019

Budget cuts proposed by the administration will cripple the economy in Alaska for decades, cause undue hardships in rural Alaska, and accelerate a brain drain already well under way.

A progressive income tax is well overdue. If people want skin in the game, tax will do that in a way a dividend does not.

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Name Pa'avoq Ugaita Pa

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To House Finance Committee
March 22, 2019

As a parent of two kids enroll in the Parents as Teacher program. I am very happy for what the program has done for my children and my family. My kids gain knowledge of learning social emotion, social skills and basic of starting preschool to kindergarten. This home education program has benefits my son in more education learning skills. It's a well-organized and prepared learning skills when the educator visit my home. Also, group connection brings family to meet each other and staff to have more understanding of the program. I strongly agree in keeping and continue this program of home visit program to prepare our children for becoming successful in education.

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NAME: Frank Swastney

REPRESENTING: Myself

BILL# / SUBJECT: FY 20 Budget
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 3/24/19

Born and raised in Alaska by depression era parents who ~~off~~ understood the value of a functioning government and that fully funded public education, public safety and transportation through a universally accepted system of taxation. There is no culture in the world that has thrived with getting something for nothing and we are long overdue for progressive income tax that worked so well for so long.

I remember how proud I was to enter the work force and start paying my share. It's high time to re-instate the income tax, as Governor Hammond advocated.

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NAME: Frank Swartney

REPRESENTING: Myself

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HEARING DATE: 3/24/2019

Born and raised in Alaska by depression era
parents, graduated from Umatilla with
fully funded

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DATE

→ March 24, 2019

NAME: Gail Heineman
REPRESENTING: SELF

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Testimony for the Anchorage Community Meeting on Alaska's Budget meeting

Dear Representatives,

As a long-time Alaskan who plans to stay here, my priorities are for a healthy economy, excellent educational opportunities for Alaskans, public safety, a good transportation system, a clean and healthy environment, and a sustainable budget.

Gail. Governor Dunleavy's budget is completely unacceptable. Cut the dividend + get more income. Candidate Dunleavy promised those things, and also a big permanent fund dividend. However, he did not understand that his goals are not achievable without increasing our income.

We achieved those goals before Prudhoe Bay by taxing ourselves and all working together.

After Prudhoe Bay we took our fair share from our oil, and quit taxing ourselves. Once again we achieved those priorities, other than letting Big Oil get away with careless practices that lead to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. We learned from that, required double-hulled tankers and more, and Big Oil still stayed and profited despite their threats that regulation would make them leave.

Please restore our fair oil taxes, because the promises of SB21 are now proved to have been lies. Please restore our income tax so that everyone who benefits from Alaska puts in their share, or at least a sales tax if the non-resident oil employees have you too much under their control to do the right thing.

Thank you for having this hearing.

Sincerely,



Gail Heineman

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Anchorage AK 99502

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Name

GREG WAKEFIELD

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When we voted to set up Permanent Fund it was understood that it would be a saving to support state gov for when oil ran out

It was not our intention to set up an entitlement

Use it for what it is supposed to be used for not Dividends

I support a progress income tax and use of the earnings Reserve.

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Name Hannah Frost

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There is not one ~~sign~~ single cut in the budget
I support. The University cuts + cuts to K-12 education
+ healthcare are atrocious + will devastate the
state.

Income tax, Sales tax, Oil tax. NOW!

~~Also,~~

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Name Heather Mildon

Address [REDACTED]

Anch. AK 99502

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I urge you to identify & initiate a broad range of revenue generating sources (progressive income tax, capping PFD, revisiting oil tax credits) (see ISEER Gunnar Knapp presentation) that will allow Alaska to move beyond the oil only funding source. The Permanent Fund was created to support government when we needed it - on our rainy day. It is here. We've known

broadening state revenue sources was needed for years. It's time. Alaskans here pro-perm fund speak of the school tax - reinstate it.

We need healthy schools from pre-K to the University level and I ask that you ensure full funding so we continue providing a quality education program & opportunity for all Alaskans. Preserve the government services & programs that provide a healthy, hopeful & enriching

life experience while keeping the private profits-first! cash. Again, that seems to be at the core of this budget.

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Heidi Ostro

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Most people don't know what the most common chronic disease of childhood is - it is dental caries (cavities). Childhood caries is 5x more common than asthma, and 3x more common than childhood obesity. Nationally, 1 in 5 (or 20%) of children under age 5 have cavities. However in Alaska, children experience cavities at epidemic levels. Sixty-five percent of Alaskan Native children between 2-5 years old have cavities. And children on Medicaid experience caries at a higher rate than children not on Medicaid. Although Alaska has some of the highest reimbursement rates for Medicaid providers, we also have the most rampant caries rate and therefore have the biggest burden. The proposed budget cuts to adult Medicaid dental services and cuts to ^{pediatric} provider reimbursement fees will create a significant access to care issue. Even though the proposal is not ^{technically} cutting services for children, the provider fee cuts will make it financially impossible for pediatric dentists to continue to treat Medicaid children at the rate at which we do now. Children on Medicaid in Alaska have the highest needs - if providers are not able to see them, visits to the emergency room will increase, quality of life will decrease due to chronic and acute pain, chronic school absenteeism will increase, and their chances of high school decreases. The reimbursement rates for →

Medicaid, although higher than other states, is still not adequate enough for surgery centers and the hospitals. Pediatric dentists perform full mouth rehab under general anesthesia on roughly 8000 children each year. My office ~~alone~~ alone treats 400 children per year under general anesthesia for dental caries— and 83% of these children are on Medicaid. I cannot emphasize enough that children on Medicaid in Alaska have the highest rates of cavities and therefore providers who treat these children need adequate funding in order to continue to battle this disease. I don't think financial analysts who look at raw numbers should be making decisions about which health services are necessary or how much value the health services are worth. I think a medical and dental provider should be on an advisory committee to help make these decisions. I do support making revisions to Medicaid because I feel like sometimes both patients and providers know how to manipulate the system for their benefit—which is why it is imperative to have actual dentists and physicians who are ethical to help make decisions about covered procedures and reimbursement rates.

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Name Jackie Cason

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Finance Committee Testimony

My name is Jackie Cason, I live in Spenard, and I am employed by the University of Alaska. I speak today as a citizen, a parent (3 sons), a member of an extended family (we all live in the same neighborhood and have raised our children together), and as a volunteer for community organizations I care about (NSAA), which just hosted Junior Nationals and brought people from all over the nation to our community. I believe we are all more to our communities than our employment status reveals, and our interests in the community are many.

Rather than speak to specifics, I want to speak to a couple of principles that I hope will guide your deliberations and final decisions. First, we need to add revenue, not just more cutting. Second, we need to support public institutions and infrastructure and not privatize all of it.

1. First, we need to consider revenues alongside cuts.

- o I attended an Alaska Common Ground panel recently that discussed Alaska's fiscal roller coaster. To get off that roller coaster and stabilize the boom and bust, I believe we will need additional revenues.
- o From the timeline graph--History of Funding State Services--we can see that Alaska has had a long free ride, about 40 years, enjoying state services we didn't have to pay for out of pocket. Oil revenues paid for them all. Fortunately, we set aside some of those funds and have a stable investment account.

History of Funding State Services in Alaska

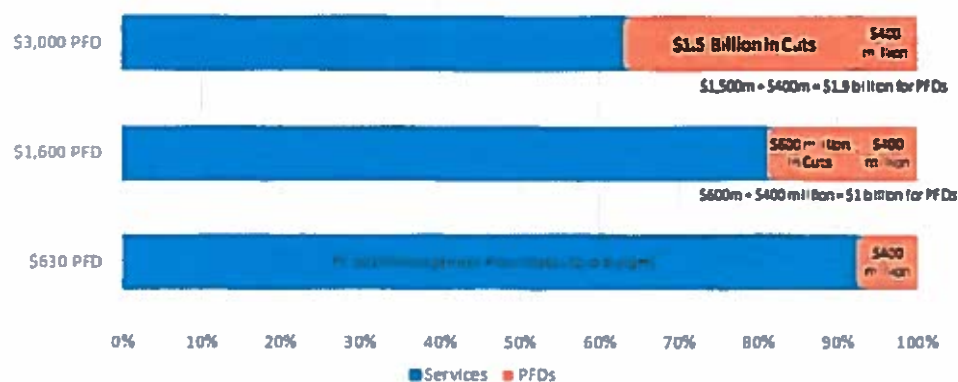


- o From the 100% bar graphs, we can see that a 3K PFD would cover all state expenses, but we can also see from the budget cuts vs PFD that a modest PFD is still possible with modest additional cuts.



Budget Cuts vs. PFDs

\$2.34 Oil and Other Revenue
+ \$2.93 From PF Earnings
\$5.27 Billion Available



- I encourage you to start with more progressive forms of revenue--income tax and reduction in oil tax credits--before turning to more regressive forms of revenue--sales tax and pfd reduction. More cuts without revenues is not the answer. The cuts have been significant over the past few years. I see that at the university. Young faculty have left, are leaving, and are turning down new positions. Those of us who are staying are doing more with less. Austerity measures have been in place for several years, with severe cuts to our library catalog and other support resources. I have not been funded for travel for years now and have been teaching more classes instead of conducting research.

3. Second, we need to support public institutions and not privatize them or sell off public assets that we have invested in collectively.
- o I grew up in a household supported by a small business entrepreneur. I believe in market capitalism, but I don't think all things should be left to the market. Education, Healthcare, Public Safety, and Parks are four sectors that do well as public institutions and that attract commerce and make our towns the kinds of places we want to live and where businesses might want to invest.
 - o Our schools have many challenges, one of them being the large number of languages spoken by students and families. As we face a global market, language diversity and multilingualism will become an even greater asset. While language barriers can be a challenge and lead to lower standardized test scores at times, the language diversity of our state is a true strength. Other challenges, in terms of poverty and childhood trauma, are more complex and will not improve with a simply curricular fix. We've got to stop beating up on teachers and support trauma-informed education and care at all levels. We're moving in that direction, and these budget cuts will undermine that progress.
 - o I could go into more detail on the mental hospital, prisons, fire and safety responders, or open space and parkland, but it would all be to say don't sell off these things to a private bidder motivated by profit alone. That is not the best way to educate the next generation or serve the needs of those who cannot care for themselves.

I'll end by saying that if we run people out of state with these draconian cuts, it will be the people with means and higher level skills who are the first to go. The electrical linemen trained by the IBEW will find good paying jobs elsewhere. Many of the trades invest in apprentice programs only to lose them to other communities.

FY 2020 STATE OF ALASKA OPERATING BUDGET: PROPOSAL TO PLACE SENIOR AND DISABILITIES MEDICAID SERVICE FUNDING AS A SEPARATE APPROPRIATION / BUDGET RESULTS DELIVERY UNIT (RDU) 3/24/19 version

Request: Hope Community Resources, Inc. joins the Key Campaign, the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, and the Fairbanks Resource Agency in requesting that in the State of Alaska FY2020 Operating Budget, Senior and Disabilities Medicaid Services funding be a **SEPARATE APPROPRIATION** of \$574,968,700. **WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR MORE FUNDING**; only that the currently proposed funding be in a separate appropriation.

Budget appropriations have the effect of law and may not be increased or used for other purposes. Budget allocations are subparts of a funding appropriation and may be increased, reduced or moved around within their component appropriation.

Gov. Dunleavy's Amended Operating Budget (SB20) eliminates all the FY19 allocations under Medicaid Services and combines them into one appropriation for Medicaid Services. At \$1,554,604,400 of total funds, this is a decrease of \$714,061,900 from the FY19 Management Plan, not including the FY19 short-funding of Health Care Services in the current fiscal year (FY19). Merging Senior and Disabilities Medicaid Services (SDS) funding with fast growing Medicaid treatment based services, directly and disproportionately threatens services for vulnerable Alaskans. Please protect funding for Medicaid services for Alaskan seniors and Alaskans with disabilities by **CREATING A SEPARATE APPROPRIATION** in the DHSS budget for Senior and Disabilities Medicaid Services. We request you do so at last year's funding level of \$574,968,700. SDS is already a separate appropriation in the Mental Health Budget.

FY2020 Governor Amended Budget 02/13/19

Component	FY2019 Mgmt Plan (14994)	FY2020 Governor (15610)	FY2020 Dunleavy (15636)	Change from FY19	Comments
Adult Dental Preventative	\$ 27,004,500	\$ 27,004,500	0	\$ (27,004,500)	Eliminate Medicaid adult dental benefit services. Emergency dental services remain covered
Behavioral Health	\$ 257,137,800	\$ 265,197,600	0	\$ (257,137,800)	Consolidated for "ease of management"
Health Care	\$ 1,406,535,300	\$ 1,445,815,200	0	\$ (1,406,535,300)	Consolidated for "ease of management"
Senior & Disability	\$ 574,968,700	\$ 574,968,700	0	\$ (574,968,700)	Consolidated for "ease of management"
Medicaid Services	\$ 2,265,666,300	\$ 2,317,986,000	\$ 1,551,604,400	\$ (714,061,900)	Consolidated for "ease of management"

Reductions		
Adult Dental	\$ (27,004,500)	7000 Grants/Benefits
Behavioral Health	\$ -	3000 Services
Health Care	\$ (12,057,400)	7000 Grants/Benefits
SDS	\$ -	3000 Services
	\$ (39,061,900)	
Cost Containment	\$ (675,000,000)	
Total Reduction	\$ (714,061,900)	- 31.52%

For FY2019, the legislature fully funded the Governor's requested level for Senior and Disabilities Medicaid Services but the Health Care Services allocation was short funded by as much as \$50 million. Consequently, DHSS will again run out of funds for the overall Medicaid appropriation months before the end of this fiscal year. Similar short funding in FY18 delayed payments to disability services providers for months and **ENDANGERED THE DELIVERY OF THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES** and the viability of many of the providers.

The OMB has testified that in the Governor's budget funding for SDS remains the same as FY19. OMB asserts that this combining of allocations will make administration of the Medicaid Services budget easier. The **public policy in favor of ensuring funding for vulnerable Alaskan seniors and Alaskans with disabilities IS A MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY** than the funding of general Medicaid Health Care Services and administrative convenience.

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Good Afternoon,

I'm Janet McCabe from Anchorage speaking as an individual. Thank you for making this special effort to hear public testimony.

Regarding the budget, three things need to happen:

1. First, please structure the dividend so it is moderate, ongoing and sustainable. Otherwise it will be misused to bribe elections. Alaskans would rather have an ongoing, predictable dividend than to lose it altogether, at least those who plan to stay here.
2. Secondly, trim, but do not drastically cut the budget. Economist Mouhcine Guettabi of ISER has said that major cutting, as Dunleavy proposes, would plunge us into a major recession. Then businesses and many people would be harmed, not just by cuts, but also by the recession.
3. Third, like every other state in the US, we must have broad-based taxes. This year, please come together on a tax bill that combines several types of taxes that minimize impact on the poor yet fill the looming budget gap.

Again, thanks for your time and trouble in holding this public hearing.

Janet McCabe

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Note: Possibilities for tax package

1. Percent of total amount due IRS – like what worked in early days of statehood
2. Small – say 1% - sales tax on purchases from out-of-state retailers, like Amazon. Might be supported by in-state businesses who lose sales to out-of-state mail-order companies.

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The entire budget needs to start over with the priorities placed at every public hearing →
Develop additional revenues starting with oil
taxes more in line with other oil states (N.D.,
TX, Norway, etc.) and reduced or no oil tax credits.
Then add -fair tax options so that we the
public can pay our fair share using pro-
gressive tax policies that shield the poor
and middle class.

With this increased revenue stream
we can sustain quality education Pre K
K-12 & UAA, with adequate education funding
We must address climate change, to pro-
tect our lands, plants and animals - fund
a science-based think tank to do so. Ensure
quality medical care for all through
continued Medicaid funding, restoration
of full funding for WIAA. Keep programs
and State services funded (marine Highway,
dairy farming, support for rural communities,
enhanced internet capabilities) so our children
and neighbors don't move away.

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Please see Attached

To: House Finance Committee
Date: 3/22/2019

Both Kids Corps Head Start and the Parents as Teachers Programs helped me as a new mom/parent in so many ways. I enrolled my first child into the Parents as Teachers program when he was 2yrs old. It was nice having a professional come to me in the comfort of my own home, with no prior judgement, to assist and support me in the ways that I needed to be in order to provide the best care to my growing and developing child, as well as share interesting and creative ways to teach my child learning techniques through cost efficient and even free ways. These creative teachings were based on classroom teachings and was very age appropriate and allowed my child to learn at his own pace while developing at the correct stages.

I easily saw the growth with each stage and it made me so proud. My son was the only child at the time and was very quiet and shy. With the assistance, care, Community involvement, and relationship we built with the program staff and other parents, my son came out of his shell and learned how to play, share, and communicate with others.

Because he was in the Parents as Teachers program, he had a classroom seat reserved for him once he was classroom age, and it was a very easy and smooth transition because he was familiar with the staff and building and had enjoyed being around other kids. That helped me a lot because I was then able to continue to work while he was away from me in a classroom or daycare setting without worrying that he'd be scared, crying or upset. I had confidence in the school, the teachers, and the lessons and food they provided to the kids. It was also reassuring to know that parents could drop in and visit their kids or view what they were doing in the classroom at any given time. The school and staff are very welcoming and family oriented. I had confidence in the school, the teachers, and the lessons and food they provided to the kids. It was also reassuring to know that parents could drop in and visit their kids or view what they were doing in the classroom at any given time.

Another bonus to all of these already great things, is that all of this was offered to the kids and families at no cost! It was all absolutely free! It gave us no excuse to say that we could not provide the best early education and nutritious meals to our children. It promoted their growth rather than stumped their growth. It helped push them to excel and succeed rather than be delayed and fail. Which brings me to another good thing, the staff monitored the children with on-site dietitians and nurses to help catch developmental delays in their early childhood and help provide the families with additional support and information if needed. The staff would do all the work to where the parents did not have so much weight bearing down on their shoulders. The staff would provide them with information in regards to clinics, providers, counselors and

Community Resources around the state who could help with additional support.

My son went from being in the parents as Teachers Program to graduating into the Head Start classroom where he spent his third year and summer in, to then graduating into the Head Start program within an elementary school at Willow Crest Elementary, where he entered his first science fair and won 1st place for his class only 4yrs old! Then, with the help of the Head Start staff, we applied for lottery schools, he got accepted into several and chose to be in the Chinese immersion program at Scenic Park Elementary where he is still attending to this day. We have since, grown our little family, and signed my now 2yr old up for the Parents as Teachers Program, in hopes of him following in his brother's footsteps and being provided the best education possible in these Early Learning stages of his life. We would like to see him succeed in the same ways that his older brother has and is. It's been great having him in the program because although I have an older child I have forgotten a lot of those teachings that were provided to me when he was small and have literally started all over. Plus my younger son is so different from my first son that I needed new creative ways that were specific to him and his needs in order to teach him. I do not have a creative bone in my body so it's been great having the support and assistance from the Head Start teachers and staff with this.

Now, I am very happy, excited, and blessed to say that we are expanding our family once again, and this time with my pregnancy with triplets!!! Since this is a very different and high-risk pregnancy for me, I look forward to having the Parents as Teachers Program staff support me through their Prenatal Program for the first time. I really would be so lost and even alone in some ways without them. It's such a wonderful program with so many positives that I am very grateful to be a part of it. I cannot thank the staff and program enough for all that they have done for me and my family throughout these last eight years. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

Janita Shillingford

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I appreciate this opportunity to speak up about the
proposed budget. I do not support all the cuts to
our state services, the education system, health and social
services. I do not support outsourcing to the private sector,
especially if they are venture capitalists who do not care about
the long business, but only their profits. Our government
is set up to provide social services for everyone - no
matter their financial situation, equal rights, equal
education, etc.

I support an income tax.

I support the oil industry paying more to our state.
Protect our permanent fund, but also use some for state
services. Paying back for the last couple years is
absurd. With low oil prices, we all need to pitch in
and do what we can to help. Governor Walker was
right to cut back a little.

I love Alaska, I've been here 36 years, raised a
family, had a business. I'm part of the Alouette
family and think we should all work
together, pay taxes for services, and for
sure, keep a sharp eye on expenditures.

This proposed budget will devastate Alaska. We need the
services, we need medical expansion, we need our schools

and University.

Climate change is a real problem,
we need to acknowledge and do something

Protect the permanent forest in the
institution, so the resistance first syllable of

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I AM a low lying Alaskan who is current student at UAA. Post secondary education is extremely difficult to pay for; I made a very thoughtful decision of staying in-state for college because UAA is one of the most affordable schools. I work 2 jobs while going to school full-time to avoid student debt. I am completely against the FY20 budget. We need to support education, healthcare, the elderly. We need income tax and not an increase in PFD funds. Thank you, we are expecting ACTION with Alaskan citizens in mind NOT big businesses and making the rich richer.

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House Finance Committee

~~Anchorage~~ Kenai Community Meeting

Name JILL CARLILE

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

MARCH 24 2019

I'm a third-year medical student in the WWAMI program; I grew up in Juneau, left Alaska for undergraduate school, and returned to Anchorage to pursue my MD. Having committed myself to the study of evidence-based medicine, it's tempting for me to talk to you about the numbers and how those numbers provide evidence for the value and effectiveness of the WWAMI program with respect to educating and retaining physicians for the state. I could tell you that our return rate (61%) is fourth in the nation for public medical schools, or that Alaska pays only \$4.62 per capita per year for the Alaska WWAMI program.

But you all have access that data and I trust you have considered it, so instead I'm going to get a bit more personal and tell you how spending my first two years of medical school here in Anchorage has strengthened my resolve to practice medicine in Alaska and set me up to be a provider who can rise to the unique challenges of providing healthcare to Alaskans. I have seen what it takes to be an Alaskan physician, I have begun to understand what we as a state need from our medical providers, and I have built a community that I feel supported by and committed to.

My first experiences with patient care happened in the Juneau Emergency Department, local Anchorage clinics, and Providence. The physicians I worked with and shadowed are the people who are shaping my ideas about what kind of physician I want to be.

The doctors who gave classroom lectures told stories of cases complicated by limited resources and transportation challenges, made us aware of particular illnesses and injuries seen more frequently in Alaska, and spoke enthusiastically about providing rural healthcare.

My roommate is a resident in the Providence Family Medicine program and my perception of family medicine in Alaska is shaped by his experiences and enthusiasm; through him I've broadened my understanding of the incredible scope of the family practice physician, and can better imagine filling that role.

As I begin my clinical rotations next month, I'm going to approach each one with an awareness of our state-specific needs. This spring I will be at Harborview rotating on the psychiatric service, and knowing that Alaska is in desperate need of psychiatrists motivates me to seriously consider this specialty.

Whatever specialty I choose – family medicine, psychiatry, or something else entirely - I feel committed to working at a practice that sees Medicaid patients. I am insured through Denali Care and I've felt the frustration that comes with realizing your provider no longer accepts your insurance.

I also want to briefly want to mention the community I've built here. My class, as you may know, is composed of 20 students, all of whom are Alaskans; many of them, like me, were born and raised here. They have become my family, and I am constantly inspired by their fierce commitment to bettering themselves in the service of their future patients. They are some of the kindest, smartest, and most hard-working people I have ever met. I know that many of them will practice in Alaska, and the promise of working with them is yet another reason for me to come home.

Please consider the value that locally educated physicians add to our healthcare system and support continued funding of the WWAMI program.

JILL CARLILE • MARCH 24 2019


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Name JILL RUSH

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Wholesale gutting of the state budget will cause, rather than fix, problems. Thoughtful and accurate review of spending is one thing - dropping cuts for the sake of appearing to govern is another. Do not allow this administration to run roughshod over this state and the people who deserve to be heard.

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Name Joe Banta

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Please ensure that Alaska gets a fair share of oil revenues - right now we are not. Our state has the lowest overall taxes in the country. We need the oil taxes fixed so we get a fair share and don't pay out any ludicrous tax credits. Please also start an income tax - I'm happy to pay - I just want the oil companies to pay too! Stop the complicated net profit taxes and go with a simpler gross profit oil tax - much less open to cheating, manipulation and tax account gimmie deductions.

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Alaska resident for more than 27 years. Property owner for 20 years.

*I support adequate education funding starting at early childhood education through vocational and university system. Early Childhood Education programs like Parents as Teachers, Headstart lay a firm foundation for future learning. (safely) Outcomes in the areas of health and crime will be affected without adequate educational funding. Crime will go up and health outcomes lower including mental health.

*NEED NEW REVENUES. I AM FOR A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX

*I AM NOT FOR ~~BEING~~ PAYING BACK PAST Permanent Fund Dividend money.
(LIKE DUNLEAVY WANTS TO DO)

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MUST have paradigm shift!
- Fundamental change in process, structure, operating tradition
- mandatory to RAISE Quality
- \$ spent by legislators to TRAVEL to / + understand
Finnish education AND Dept. of Corrections (Norway)
wasted by failure to IMPLEMENT!
- Norway, Finland have less crime, better
schools than Alaska!

Implement!! do not waste part
\$\$ spent traveling to research

Superior systems for Alaska!

- ultimatums do not work \Rightarrow no taxes, FULL PFD
- Stop partisan bickering: solve instead!
engineers never leap to a solution \Rightarrow all factors solved!
- All legis. must STAY + 30 days on their
cost to compensate for 2019 delay
in organizing

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Name Karen Cowan

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I am all in favor of fiscal responsibility. However, the cuts to Medicaid, as well as education, our ferry system, HHS in general, go over & way beyond fiscal responsibility. It is irresponsible and those in need of Medicaid do not have the means to finance those cuts. Additionally those in SE depend on the ferry system as their roads. As a mother of an 18 year old in the Alaska school system, I am concerned that he and children ^{over} younger than him will not have the opportunities to learn and grow as educated adults. I will gladly give up my PFD if that is what is going to take. I don't make a large salary, but would rather adequately fund HHS, Education, ferry ~~system~~ system if that is what it is going to take. I am also open to taxes if thoughtfully executed. I am also opposed to the increase in the Pioneer Homes and removal of the senior benefits. Seniors need our support not cuts. Bring on state income and/or sales tax to support our State if you are so opposed to cuts to the PFD.

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Name

Kathleen Oliver

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Attached.

First, thank you for putting together this time to hear us. I think the Governor could learn a lesson or from you about how to listen to the Alaskan people.

My name is Kate Oliver and I am a 29-year citizen of the great state of Alaska. I am here today because I am extremely concerned about the direction Governor Dunleavy is taking with his proposed budget.

His proposed cuts to much needed programs and services do not serve the best interests of:

- Our seniors and other vulnerable populations
- Our rural and coastal communities
- Our educational systems
- OR, Alaska's infrastructure

It is true that it's time for us to get our fiscal house in order. It's also true that that as a state we need to grow up and act like adults who pay for the things we want and need.

Please bring back an income tax and commit an appropriate portion of the PFD to support a fully functioning and effective government that serves all of Alaska's citizens.



Kate Oliver
Representative 23 / Senate District L
~~House District 13~~
Katherine Oliver
3/24/19

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Name Kathleen Swick

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I am categorically opposed to the budget cuts proposed by Gov. Dunleavy, especially in light of the 1.2 billion in oil tax credits. I am also opposed to the PFD payout proposed by Mr. Dunleavy, as unsustainable and unwise economically. I am also mightily concerned about the ethical problems common among his appointees and a staff rife with conflicts of interest. In addition, giving The Koch group any role at all in limiting access to the governor by the public is excrement in action. The list of fouls goes on and on with this administration. At all public meetings I have attended MORE than 90% of the speakers have opposed the full range of policies and budget cuts intended by this administration. THAT is a public mandate. Your jobs as senators and representatives is to implement this will of the people. Respondents have said over and over:—

"services, roads, good school systems, adequate health care, are good for the whole state and we are willing to pay for it through a progressive income tax." We need to stop the corporate welfare and take care of all our state's interests.

Kathleen Swick

Kathy Kelly

Andover, AK 99517

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March 24, 2019

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the public process.

I was very disheartened to read the governor's proposed budget. As a 34 year resident of the State of Alaska, I believe in programs and funding that are for the greater good of the state and the people. I believe that there are services and programs which we as a state and as responsible citizens should have and provide to ensure quality of life for our state and our people (education, healthcare services, roads, parks, a ferry system (southeast roads), public safety). I do believe in responsible spending and balance are necessary to function responsibly, and if that requires using part of the PFD, invoking a state income tax, changing tax regulations to make that happen, then that's what we should do. I do understand that the days of the big oil money are over and we need to spend more responsibly, but it should not be an either or situation. Regarding the PFD:

- I do NOT believe there should be back payment of the PFD 2016-2018.
- I DO believe that it is acceptable to moderate PFD payouts, when necessary to fund government, as was done in previous years.
- I DO believe that we should work toward a responsible budget, not one that guts the state, with the objective of large PFD payouts, back pay and no services.
- I DO believe we need to generate new revenues through any variation of the following and more: income tax, sales tax, using part of the PFD earnings, revised oil tax credits, etc.

Some additional thoughts:

EDUCATION:

I do NOT support cuts to public education. We owe it to our children, to the future....to provide the best public education possible in this state, starting with FULL funding for primary and secondary education and continuing with the university system. Funding the University of Alaska is essential, as college programs are so limited in our small state, that is so far removed from the rest of the lower 48 and the world. While there are some that may be able to afford to send their children (and themselves) out of state to expensive colleges, many people cannot, it is often their only opportunity for higher education.

HEALTHCARE & SOCIAL SERVICES:

Before you start making extensive health care and social services cuts, I encourage you to consider what it would be like to try to get medical help and social services with no health insurance or resources to pay for them. You as legislators, all have health insurance, GOOD HEALTH Insurance (as do I) but MANY do not. My husband had the flu last month...he was billed \$195.00 for the doctor appointment and just one of his prescription (out of the 3 prescribed) was over \$400.00, for an ear infection!? Fortunately, my family has health insurance...consider those that do not.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

Climate change is real and it is here. Deal with it, don't pretend it isn't happening. Whether you believe it is manmade or a natural phenomenon, it now shows in many forms here: rapidly thawing permafrost, communities facing accelerated erosion, rising sea levels, ocean acidification, it cannot be missed. Simply look at a thermometer for evidence, it will affect us all.

In closing, I encourage you all to support a fair and reasonable budget that helps people that need it and supports good government policies and programs: public education, healthcare, public safety, roads, a ferry system (southeast AK roads), the effects of climate change, etc. I am willing to pay for these things through taxation and lessor PFD's and I encourage you to do the same. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kathy Kelly

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As a proud Alaskan (born & raised), I strongly believe that we should plan long-term for a well-educated, sustainable, & prosperous Alaska. I support a progressive income tax, eliminating the PER for wealthier Alaskans (household income greater than about 100,000/year), an alcohol tax, a sugary beverage tax, and maintaining our property tax. I believe we should opt for solutions that are equitable - a 2017 ISER study described the impact of several revenue options on households with children (our most vulnerable & cherished Alaskans), which informs my support for a graduated income tax & alcohol tax. I do not support paying back the capped dividends, & I would support a continued dividend cap. Do not bankrupt our state by paying enormous dividends. I also do not support privatizing our public services (such as API) - if we go down that road, please ensure the process & outcomes are rigorously evaluated to make sure we are ~~not~~ providing quality, cost-effective services. I strongly believe we should follow evidence-based strategies (and evaluate what's implemented) to address our fiscal challenges. I believe we should invest in our education (K-12) and workforce development (UA), as well as our health (DHSS), and our sustainable future (graduated income tax, climate action plan, CCHRC, pfed cap, etc.).

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Start an income tax at any income
made in AK over \$40,000. per year.
We need revenue. We cannot cut
ourselves out of where we are to balance
the budget and still provide services
that are badly needed. this method
would also be less burden to low income
people, who already do not have enough
to live. Keep medicaid! Keep funding
for education! I was born here in
territorial days and have lived here
my entire life!

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Name KEVIN BANKS

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PLEASE REVISE THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET TO PROTECT
VITAL STATE SERVICES: EDUCATION; HEALTHCARE/MEDICAID;
PUBLIC SAFETY; PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, TRAILS. I DON'T FEEL
THAT I'M OWED A PFD AND THAT THE PERMANENT FUND WAS
ESTABLISHED TO PAY FOR GOVERNMENT WHEN OIL & GAS REVENUES
DECLINE. CONSIDER OTHER REVENUE SOURCES TO
PRESERVE WHAT THE PEOPLE/STATE NEEDS. I FAVOR A
PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX.

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Kevin Tripp

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There have been substantial cuts to UA budget over last several years. I support maintaining the UA budget at FY2019 level. Am also very concerned about cuts impacting Medicaid, Marine Highway, public schools. Strongly support the development of new revenues - as was supported by majority of delegates to Conf. of Alaskans, several years ago.

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BILL/ SUBJECT: House Finance Committee - FY20 Budget Discussion
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 03-24-19

The Governor's proposed budget is a policy decision, not that of fiscal necessity. The proposed budget values a full PFD payout at the expense of state services, infrastructure and our neighbor's jobs. I would ask you to think how we will explain to the next generation that we as Alaskans decided to settle the family service and decimate our public education for a check in the mail. How will we look at our future generations and tell them we liquidated their heritage so that we could have free money? Please consider a reduced payout for the PFD to keep our state services so that our children and grand children may share it.

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Name KURT EGELHOFF

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(DISTRICT 20)

ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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I OPPOSE GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY'S PROPOSED FY 2020
OPERATING BUDGET. I BELIEVE THAT CUTTING THE BUDGET
SO DRASTICALLY IN ONE YEAR WILL SIGNIFICANTLY LENGTHEN
THE RECESSION AND DIMINISH THE VALUE OF MY HOUSE.
I BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE SHOULD PAY SOMETHING FOR
STATE GOVERNMENT. I BELIEVE THAT ~~INCREASING THE BUDGET~~
~~INCREASING THE BUDGET~~ INCREASING
PFD PAYMENTS WHILE DRASTICALLY CUTTING THE BUDGET
IS THE WRONG APPROACH, EVEN THOUGH I PERSONALLY
HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN BY A FATTER DIVIDEND CHECK
AND NOTHING TO LOSE IF THE BUDGET IS CUT AS
PROPOSED. I SUPPORT AN INCOME TAX, EVEN THOUGH
IT WILL PROBABLY NOT PASS IN THIS LEGISLATURE. HOW
ABOUT A SCHOOL TAX? I REMEMBER WHEN EVERYONE
IN THE STATE PAID IT IN THE LATE 70'S. THIS WOULD
CAPTURE TAXES FROM PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE AND
WORK IN ALASKA, AS WELL AS EVERY RESIDENT. IF
TAXES (REVENUES) CANNOT BE RAISED, THEN I SUPPORT
A SMALL PFD CHECK. I DO NOT SUPPORT PFD "MAKE-UP
PAYMENTS FROM THE LAST 3 YEARS - LET'S MOVE FORWARD
AND NOT RE-VISIT THE PAST. I ALSO OPPOSE CUTS TO
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION AND EARLY
DEVELOPMENT, THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY, AND THE
UNIVERSITY. I OPPOSE GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY'S PROPOSAL TO
...

Testimony for House Finance Committee in Anchorage, March 24, 2019:

My name is Laura Norton-Cruz. I've worked in social work, public health, and education my entire life, and am raising two young children here. I am from Alaska, I love this place more than anywhere, and I want this state to be as good to my kids as it has been to me.

I support Rep. Ortiz & the Education Finance Subcommittee restoring funds to Head Start, Parents as Teachers, Best Beginnings, and all other early childhood programs. The first three years of life is the most sensitive time for the development of a child's brain, and if that brain develops under conditions of chronic stress, it looks and behaves very differently than a brain developed in supportive conditions. This affects 3rd grade reading scores, 8th grade math, high school graduation, and ability to find and keep a job in adulthood. Early childhood programs affect not only children's healthy development but Alaskan families' ability to work, and I strongly ask that the Finance Committees of both bodies consider the economic research showing the high return on investment for prenatal and early childhood services. We simply cannot afford as a state to cut these services.

I support some of the cost-saving measures recommended by Reps. Zulkosky and Sponholz in the HSS Finance Subcommittee, including the nursing hotline and pursuing more federal matches, and support their recommendations on providers to hold harmless from inflation-proofing. Alaskans rely on public health care facilities.

I am very concerned about the Governor's proposed cuts to health and social services. While improvements can be made -- one that don't require limiting services -- reducing services is not the way. For example, the Phase I Medicaid reduction that would eliminate dental services for adults. This is penny wise, pound foolish thinking. Untreated dental disease will lead to ER admissions and can lead to systemic infections. When people can't get healthcare, that affects not only them, but their employers, the premium costs of those with private insurance who have to pay for the ER visits, and the children of adults who can't get healthcare -- because it's hard to parent effectively with untreated medical needs. Drastic cuts to Medicaid will also mean losing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal matches, which could devastate clinics, especially in rural areas, and cost many jobs. We simply cannot afford this.

Most importantly, I think we need to ask ourselves: what kind of Alaska do we want to live in, and raise our children in? And then: how do we fund that? How do we have important conversations about revenue that is fair, that doesn't place all the burdens on struggling families with children?

Thank you,



Laura Norton-Cruz, LMSW

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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Lee Hart

REPRESENTING:

Confluence

BILL# / SUBJECT:

2020 Budget

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE:

3/24/19

Please reject Gov. Dunleavy's proposed budget. It is the direct opposite of "open for business." As proposed, the budget will devastate all sectors of the state.

Cutting the state down to minimal service levels threatens viability & effectiveness.

We are losing the race to position our state as the heavyweight champion of outdoor recreation & resources. How can we strengthen this \$3.2 billion economic sector when there's no more \$ to invest in the future. Across the state and since at least the year 2000 Alaskans have been clamoring for greater access to outdoor recreation infrastructure - especially trails, trail systems, winter driving equipment, boat launches.

This budget looks in the rearview mirror instead of looking forward to how do we ~~run~~ run an efficient - humane state government that sustains life & provides hope for the future.

Outdoor Recreation can help diversify this state's economy. It's fueled by small businesses & people who work to support Alaska's great outdoors.

CONT
OVER

The governor's ~~budget~~ proposal may balance the budget today but cripples the future. Emerging sectors - like outdoor recreation, the blue ocean pipeline, IT and ag - can diversify the economy. BUT without the basic building blocks of a functioning state government - specifically, health, education, public safety, transportation, communications infrastructure - these other sectors that the state needs to diversify the economy can't get out of the starting blocks.

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I do not support the Governor's proposed \$1.6B budget cut. The proposed cuts will have a disproportionate impact on Alaskans dependent on important services and on EVERY Alaskan based on impacts to public education, university, and all the cascading impacts on the state's economy, which will further our recession. Instead, use the PFD to fund important services like education, Medicaid, in-state prisons, and more. Implement a fair and balanced income tax - Alaskans are willing to pay to live in a livable place.

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Catholic Social
Services

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The Governor's budget slashes and eliminates so many programs whose sole purpose is to care for the poor and vulnerable. The government in our state does so little in terms of safety net services, but the little it does keep us afloat. Please prioritize returning funds to the budget that fund and support basic food and shelter, health care, children and communities

Specifically, please return the
BHAP, SNGH funding to previous levels in
the AHFC budget

HSCMG to the budget (in DHSS). These funds are matched at the community level and the only funds that go to operation of basic food and shelter for the poor and vulnerable in our communities.

Please also consider funding for Medicaid, Head Start
Senior services and education. These are the most needy people

These funds are a better
return on investment than
permanet fund dividend increase
and I urge you to consider making
this a top priority for our
state fiscally and strategically

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~~Kenai Community~~ Meeting

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Name Louise Donhauser

Address [REDACTED]

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3-24-19

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3-22-19 ORAL TESTIMONY FOR: House Finance Committee Public Input

3-24-19 2-5 PM Anchorage LIO 1500 W. Benson Blvd.

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ORAL TESTIMONY FROM: Louise Donhauser 201 E. 9th Ave. #220

Louise Donhauser
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[MY NAME IS LOUISE DONHAUSER AND I'M FROM ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.]

ALASKA'S COASTAL COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE-TRANSPORTATION CANNOT AFFORD
STATE OF ALASKA FUNDING CUTS. [FORCING A 75 MILLION DOLLAR CUT TO THE
ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY IS EQUIVALENT TO CLOSING ALASKA'S SEWARD HIGHWAY.]

HOW DOES A PERSON SLEEP AT NIGHT AFTER HE HAS PROPOSED TO GUT ROB VULNERABLE
ELDERS? [I DOUBT THE PERSON WHO PROPOSED SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM
ELIMINATION CAN LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND JUSTIFY SUCH AN ATROCITY.] ITS NOT
ALASKAN TO COME FROM PENNSYLVANIA, GET A JOB THEN HIRE YOUR FRIEND TO TO GUT
ROB ALASKA'S SENIOR COMMUNITY TO PAY YOUR FRIEND'S SIX FIGURE SALARY.

[THERE'S PEOPLE LIVING IN ALASKA TODAY WHO HAVE TO HAVE THE PERMANENT FUND
DIVIDEND HOLD HARMLESS PROGRAM. IT DOESN'T GRAB HEADLINES OR MAKE TV NEWS BU'
THE P-F-D HOLD HARMLESS MONIES ALLOW A-H-F-C AND HUD TO HOUSE ALASKANS WHO
OTHERWISE WOULD BE HOMELESS.]

[NO THIS IS NOT A NIGHTMARE OR BAD DREAM. I ACTUALLY LIVE IN A STATE WHERE MY
GOVERNOR CANNOT COMPREHEND THE BASIC NUTS AND BOLTS REGARDING ALASKAN
MEDICAID MONIES. WHEN ALASKA DROPS ONE DOLLAR IN THE MEDICAID BUCKET UNCLE
SAM DROPS 27 DOLLARS IN ALASKA'S MEDICAID BUCKET. THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED TO
CUT 707 MILLION DOLLARS FROM MEDICAID.] IN MY PRAYERS I THANK GOD I WASN'T THIS
GOVERNOR'S MATH TEACHER OR INTRO TO ECONOMICS PROFESSOR.

I DISAGREE BUT ACCEPT THE FACT MY ALASKA GOVERNOR DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT ONE
DOLLAR FROM ALASKA EQUALS 27 DOLLARS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. [THE GOVERNOR
MUST COMPREHEND THAT FROM A PUBLIC OBSERVATION HE'S ATTEMPTING TO DUMMY
ALASKANS DOWN TO HIS LEVEL BY SLASHING THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION, DITO
IN HIS PROPOSAL TO CUT 60 MILLION FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET THAT'S
EARMARKED FOR EDUCATION INCLUDING THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.]

SOMETIMES I GET SICK AND TIRED OF OIL COMPANIES, THE MINING INDUSTRY ,
POLITICIANS PAYING BIG MONEY TO JACK THEIR JAWS ON TV AND IN THE PAPER ABOUT

JOB, JOB. BY THE WAY PLEASE REMEMBER THAT BEFORE ONE CAN PERFORM THE JOB ONE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM EDUCATION AND PROPER CREDENTIALS. [HOW MANY OF THESE OIL, MINING INDUSTRY PEOPLE UNDERSTAND OR EVEN KNOW THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA IS THE PRIMARY COMPONENT WHEREBY OIL AND MINING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES GET A NORTH SLOPE TRAINING CARD TO WORK ON THE SLOPE AND AT MINING SITES. WITHOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA BASE CURRICULUM THE OIL AND MINING INDUSTRY

WOULD HAVE TO PROHIBIT ENTRY TO ITS WORK SITES. NOW THERE'S A PROPOSAL TO CUT 134 MILLION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA.] ~~THANK YOU~~

TO YOU SITTING IN FRONT end
OF ME - THANK YOU!!

Mallory Hamilton

██████████ Anchorage, AK 99501

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Dear House Finance Committee:

Co-Chair Rep. Neal Foster

Vice-Chair Rep. Jennifer Johnston

Member Rep. Dan Ortiz

Member Rep. Andy Josephson

Member Rep. Gary Knopp

Member Rep. Bart LeBon

Co-Chair Rep. Tammie Wilson

Member Rep. Cathy Tilton

Member Rep. Kelly Merrick

Member Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard

Member Rep. Ben Carpenter

My name is Mallory Hamilton and I am the proud parent of a young woman that experiences multiple disabilities, including Down Syndrome and Autism. Her name is Harley, she is turning 23 this week, but functions at the level of a pre-schooler. At this time, she is unable to maintain regular employment (but we are working on that) and receives SSDI as well as an IDD Waiver (Intellectual and Development Disabilities Waiver). We, as a family, are deeply grateful that our state has chosen this option, one that includes keeping our most vulnerable individuals in their communities. This type of waiver is a Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) and it what allows our loved ones to remain in their community rather than in an institution.

A couple of things about institutions:

- 1) History and research show very clearly that this proposed budget is not a person centered environment as required by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid services. History shows us that individuals housed in institutions are often subjected to abuse, neglect and minimal, if any, education at all. As Harley's parents, my husband Jim and I, are deeply grateful that our state has chosen to eliminate institutions in favor of HCBS. We believe strongly that our daughter has had and will continue to experience a full life under this program.
- 2) However, under federal law, if our system becomes gutted by cuts and Alaska can no longer provide these HCBS waivers to individuals that experience Institutional Level of Care, Alaska is required to pay to care for these individuals in out of state facilities, as (rightfully) Alaska has eliminated institutions in our great state. **HCBS waivers are an optional program for states - to opt out of institutional care. However, these individuals' right to care is not optional. Institutional care is an entitlement under federal law, so by eliminating or decimating our optional program, Alaska will be on the hook for every qualifying individual's care in an outside institution.**

The first thing I want to implore you, our Representatives to do, is to separate the disability Medicaid programs from general Medicaid. This will give you a more realistic cost of cuts to Medicaid. If you continue to cut these programs to the point of being legally required to send all the hundreds of qualifying individuals in Alaska to outside institutions, these costs will sky rocket. Depending on the situation, out of state institutional care can cost up to 3 times as much as HCBS Waivers.

Secondly, I'd like to speak to Medicaid in general. Due to our unique circumstance we experience in Alaska, we do experience higher numbers of medicaid recipients than most other states. Cutting Alaska's contribution to this program will not change our state's unique circumstances. Those will not change, we will just have many of our citizens left uninsured. For every Alaskan dollar cut, you will be also cutting the equivalent or more in federal dollars. So while you may be thinking your saving \$225 million dollars (HB39/SB20), you are actually costing our state that \$225 dollars as well as \$450 million federal dollars for a total of \$675 million dollars. What happens to all those individuals when they need medical or dental care? Will our hospital emergency rooms, that currently receive federal funding, be able to absorb that cost? Because that is where our citizens (including children) will be forced to go.

Same goes for Adult Public Assistance. When these citizen's no longer receive the financial assistance needed to cover basic living expenses like food, rent, transportation, we will surely see an increase in our homeless population and the breaking up of families by children being removed from their now homeless parents and placed in the foster care system. This is also a recipe for increased crime. Our future is our children and this will greatly reduce their outlook for long term success.

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* cutting education funds will drive young talent out of our State "Brain Drain"

* cutting health and social services will drive people on to the street into homelessness & no treatment => more crime

* cutting the State ferry and airport funds will isolate the villages no support ->

* ~~the~~ budget is cruel every society that is civilized has raises taxes so we can take care of elderly and sick, built roads/infrastructure

-> Study your history of human civilization

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I am an immigrant from the Philippines who came to AK w/ my sister + mother in 1984. I've lived here since and worked hard + got an education. A good description of an immigration's life is that we came to join on ^{engineers} the game of monopoly where the game is almost half-over. We work hard but is working against the tide as most people who were born here already own most of the properties.

We are a part of the population that will suffer w/ this budget. Give everyone an opportunity for equal privileges + a quality of life by funding basic services.

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I think the question we have to ask is do we want to go backwards as a state?

Do we want to have crowded under funded classrooms?

Do we want have substandard university system that forces our kids to go outside for higher education?

Do we want the poor to have to go to the emergency room for health care? I don't want us to go backwards. I support cutting the PFD and instituting an income tax to keep our state moving forward. Thank you, Mark Carr

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I first came to Alaska to work on a fishing vessel.
I have been a lawyer for over 25 years in Alaska.
We need a healthy economy and good state services.
Please Tax us! Please. The fire risk has been
great. But let us pay for a great state
government.

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REPRESENTING: self

BILL# / SUBJECT: Budget Committee / House Finance
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: March 24, 2019

- ① Thank you for the opportunity of a public forum for identifying our concerns with the Administration's proposed budget. I am a 34 year Alaska resident, a homeowner, and a parent of two children who remain in Alaska as residents.
- ② I strongly urge you to reverse the budget proposals concerning to cut public services. Please maintain funding for K-12, the University system, public assistance, ^{for disabled Alaskans} and Medicaid-supported programs. These are essential services.
- ③ I disagree with the notion of a supersize, ^{artificially constructed} retroactive PFD, and I urge you to enact a progressive income tax to develop the revenues needed (approx. \$400 million) for this next year's spending at current FY funding.
- ④ The cuts that have been proposed will devastate our communities and diminish our economies. Our institutions have been already undermined by 5-years of cutbacks and they will not recover from ^{the} further cuts envisioned in the Administration's budget.

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Cuts to education and health care without a plan will do nothing but harm our future.

We NEED a state tax (preferably income) to bring in funds from non-residents and to engage the public. We cannot continue to provide government handouts (a PFD) without some form of contribution from our fellow residents.

Some cuts are probably warranted - but not like the governor has proposed. Why did DWR, DCCED, or other agencies get cuts?

March 24th, 2019

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

Thank you all for being here, your dedication to Alaska, and this opportunity to hear from your constituents. I'm speaking today in reference to the Governor's proposed FY20 Amended Budget that doesn't support key services and infrastructure that support education, housing, transportation, and healthcare. I urge you to strongly consider lowering or removing the PFD and/or instating a fair and equitable tax to support State services.

I moved to Alaska in 1992 with a volunteer organization. I was provided an opportunity to experience this amazing state, its diverse cultures and people, its nature, and strong communities. Alaskan GRIT, cultural diversity, hard work, and living in a community are what make Alaska unique and strongly align with my personal values and why I choose to stay and live in here.

The Governors FY20 Amended Budget doesn't align with my values and beliefs and doesn't support infrastructure such as housing, education (which includes early childhood -- higher education), transportation, or necessary healthcare services that would allow people to live and thrive in their communities.

The Governors FY20 Amended Budget only proposes cuts and no new sources of revenue. Entitlement programs like the PDF and tax credits to oil companies do not support infrastructure for children and families to thrive. Instead they say to children and families "we give you money and you don't have to do anything but live here." This doesn't align with the value of hard work and living in community.

We have to pay to live in safe, healthy, educated, and thriving communities.

Please reinstate the vital educational (including early childhood to higher education) funding, resources to support transportation, healthcare, housing, and funds to support our elders who have worked hard to help create Alaska. Take back the PFD to support these vital infrastructural supports to help children and families thriving in communities. SAY no to oil tax breaks that only take and do nothing to help our people thrive.

Finally TAX ME! It's time. Walk the talk and help spread values to our children that say: "work hard and we have to pay to live in safe, healthy, and thriving community." I strongly urge you to consider lowering or removing the PFD and/or instating a fair and equitable tax to support State services and reinstate cuts to the Governors FY20 Amended Budget. Listen to your constituents who are saying: "I love my community and I'm willing to pay to live here." TAX ME!

Thank you for your time and service to Alaska.

Sincerely,



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REPRESENTING: myself

BILL#/ SUBJECT: Budget cuts
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 3-25-19
Public hearing

① please consider income tax

② sales tax

③ remove oil tax credits

SAVE:

✓ UDF A

✓ medicare

✓ State Fairing Hwy

Myra Zebnsky

March 18, 2019

Alaska District 36 Democrats support a state income tax to encourage a stable economy.

A state income tax of 10% of the federal tax will be easy to calculate and administer. It will be progressive. And it will allow for a full Permanent Fund dividend.

An income tax will allow us to balance the budget without sacrificing programs necessary to sustain our widespread and diverse population.

An income tax will support the following expenditures:

Ferries

State ferries give a return of 133%.

- MacDowell Group: "In 2014 the state subsidized ferries to the tune of \$117-million. The net economic benefit to the state was \$273-million."

[http://www.ambrreform.com/sites/ambireform.com/files/House%20Informational SEC McDowell%20Group%20AMHS%20Impact%20-%205-19.pdf](http://www.ambrreform.com/sites/ambireform.com/files/House%20Informational%20SEC%20McDowell%20Group%20AMHS%20Impact%20-%205-19.pdf)

Education

Education loans and scholarships give a return of 325%.

- Every dollar awarded in a Student Loan Corporation loan, grant, or scholarship to a student at the University of Alaska "generates an economic benefit of \$3.25."

<https://arpssecure.alaska.gov/>

Fishing

Fishing gives a return of from 10,000% to 600,000%.

- \$1-million was budgeted for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.
- \$10,000 in promotions for online sales in China sold over \$1 million in product.
- A one-week, \$35,000 promotion in Japan produced over \$223 million in seafood sales.

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=412&docid=11147

Tourism

The 2018 budget for tourism marketing was \$3-million.

- Visitor spending is more than \$2.42 billion, generating \$1.3 billion in labor income.
- Each visitor spends about \$1,000 during their visit, on top of the cost of getting here.

<https://www.u-news.com/news/best-states/alaska/articles/2018-04-06/alaska-tourism-leaders-look-to-boost-marketing-amid-cuts>

Healthcare

WWAMI budget, 3.1-million. The program trains physicians in Alaska with four other states.

- Alaska had the fourth highest return rate of doctors in the country. Benefit, incalculable.

<https://www.dermatocole.com/reportingfromalaska/2019/2/25/alaskadoctorstraining>

HD 36 Democrat

HD 36 Democrat Chair

No name — Kenzi mtg 3/23/19

Proposition No. 2: This proposal would amend Article IX, Section 7 (Dedicated Funds) and add a new section to Article IX, Section 15 (Alaska Permanent Fund) of the Alaska Constitution. It would establish a constitutional permanent fund into which at least 25 percent of all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payment and bonuses received by the state would be paid. The principal of the fund would be used only for income-producing investments permitted by law. The income from the fund would be deposited in the State's General Fund and be available for appropriation for the State unless law provided otherwise.

1982 — repealed income tax +
first dividend

1959 - 224,000

1982 - 488,417

~~2014~~ ~~736,307~~
2018 727,438

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I am appalled that Dunleavy (or really, outsider Arduin's) ~~budget~~ is willing to be balanced ^{the budget} on the backs of our future. Be statesmen + women and have the backbone to be serious about taxes which is the only reasonable way to cover the deficit. Short term solutions will be short-sighted and dangerous. Please tax us and tax oil companies more too! I worry for the old people unable to pay for Pioneer home, the children who will have difficulty learning in overcrowded classrooms, the WAMI students whose medical ~~pat~~ career path will be disrupted etc, etc! The drain of talented people from the state will be disastrous, I already know university professors who have left, seeing no future in Alaska, as well as families. Please be reasonable, listen to so many people who are testifying against this budget and save our beautiful, special state & its wonderful people, Thanks.

Testimony to Alaska State House of Representatives Finance Committee

Rep. Neal Foster, Co-Chair
Rep. Tammie Wilson, Co-Chair

Thank you for taking the time to have this discussion about the current state budget. My name is Pennelope Goforth and I am a 40-year resident of Alaska currently residing in Anchorage after living in Ketchikan, Juneau, Kodiak, Unalaska, and Dillingham. I have been a journalist and Department of Labor and Workforce Development employee of the state for about 15 years. Now retired, I serve on several historical society boards and write primarily about Alaska's maritime history.

I have two main concerns about the governor's proposed budget cuts that I ask you to review and revise: the university budget regarding funding for the archives at UAF and the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Attached is a resolution passed by the Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska, representing the values of hundreds of Alaskans who are members of both organizations across the state. We have been working on this for over a year. As you can read in the resolution, the states archives as stated, which are the source of our history and the education of our students, is gravely imperiled through neglect and lack of funding. Cutting education budgets will only mean less funding for failing infrastructure, adequate staffing, and preservation of our historical heritage. I ask that you please restore funding to the university budget and the education budget.

No doubt you have read the 2016 McDowell Group Report, *Economic Impacts of the AMHS*, which concluded that "The State of Alaska's General Fund investment of \$117 million resulted in a total return on investment of \$273 million, a return of more than 2-to-1." (Page 1.) Having resided in coastal Alaska for more than 30 years, I can attest to the fact without the ferry system, coastal communities will be significantly disadvantaged. Over the years the ferry budget has already been whacked, services and personnel cut, and prices raised. All of Alaska benefits from the ferries which bring in tourists, move essential goods and provide services to coastal residents, and are utilized by interior Alaskans as well. Anchorage, Fairbanks and Palmer/Wasilla residents are among the top seven users of the ferries. (Page 3, McDowell.) I ask you restore, and even raise, the AMHS budget.

Lastly, I would ask your support in raising revenues for the state to pay for these critical public services through implementing a state income tax and abolishing the oil tax credits.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do for Alaskans.



J Pennelope Goforth
SeaCat Explorations

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Resolution of Concern Regarding Alaska's Archives

WHEREAS, manuscripts, diaries, public records, maps, photographs, films, and recordings are the primary source materials of Alaska's history and are irreplaceable treasures; and

WHEREAS, these archival materials need adequate facilities and trained professionals for their preservation and for safekeeping while making them available to attorneys, land and resource managers, public officials, scientists, historians, genealogists, Alaska Natives, and individuals for many diverse purposes; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska—statewide organizations dedicated to the preservation, development, and understanding of Alaska's history—have become aware of reductions of professional staff and deterioration of several facilities where Alaska's archival records are housed; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the Alaska office of the National Archives and Records Administration in 2014, moved collections and made access to them by Alaskans more difficult and more expensive; and

WHEREAS, two recent floods and the unwanted growth of mold at the world-renowned Alaska and Polar Regions Collections & Archives of the University of Alaska Fairbanks have led to curtailed access to the archives by staff and the public in addition to threatening the records themselves; and

WHEREAS, a flood earlier this year in the Alaska Room at the Z. J. Loussac Municipal Library in Anchorage, damaged over 1,000 items, some irreparably. Subsequent decisions have been to close the Alaska Room, to not dedicate professional staff to the significant Alaskan collection, and to divide the collection; and

WHEREAS, the private archive of the *Anchorage Times*, a newspaper published for 76 years, is in storage in Arkansas, and hence not available to researchers; and

WHEREAS, cumulatively, in the last five years the people of Alaska have lost access to records critically needed by them; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska regard the public and private archives in Alaska to be endangered and calls on Alaska's Congressional delegates, Governor, Legislators, University of Alaska, and municipal officials to provide funding for professional staff for the protection, care, and collection of these irreplaceable materials, and for public access to the materials.

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Sam Cason

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The ~~budget~~ budget proposed by the our Alimion Governor is one
you would expect from an empire punishing a restive colony.
Cuts to education, medical access and infrastructure will keep
us subservient to corporate interests and dependant on Federal
Administration. Please do not consider that ~~is~~ proposal as
a starting point.

I asked my State Senator if the analysis of oil
company ~~is~~ profitability asserted by Bill Willikowsky
is correct. She said she thought his numbers might be off,
and that she would get back to me with specifics.
She hasn't.

Please re-examine especially oil tax credits.

If there really are ~~now~~ revenue streams that can
be tapped, and the choice has to be made between pfd
& education. If you give a man a fish, or a pfd, you
feed him for a day. Give his family an education, a
sustainable Fishery, and ~~the~~ the research to effectively
manage it, ~~and~~ then you feed our entire economy
forever

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BILL#/ SUBJECT:

Budget

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE:

3-24-19

Good afternoon, my name is Sara Dykstra and I am a mother of two young Alaskans and I represent a group called Growing Alaskan Leaders which is a group of dozens of parents who live and work in Alaska and who deeply love this state. We value diversity and personal freedom, and we know that helping each other is the Alaskan way of life. We want an Alaska we can live in, raise our children in, and that will be even better for our children than it has been for us.

We are deeply concerned about the budget proposed by Governor Dunleavy and the effect it would have not only on our children, but on our communities and the Alaska that we love. We know that we are in a difficult fiscal situation -- in a recession with 39 straight months of job loss, and only a small amount left in the constitutional budget reserve. As a result, we strongly support taking a different approach. Specifically, we believe we need new revenue to fund state government, including instituting a progressive income tax (which would be less harmful to families with children than cutting the PFD would be), and re-examining our oil tax credit system. Alaska offers so much to us and our families but we know it does not come for free. Not only do we want services for ourselves but we, as a group of Alaskan families, strongly believe that all families and Alaskans should have access to those services. This comes at a price and we are willing and wanting to pay the price. Please tax us!

We cannot have a functioning state if we are losing thousands of jobs, closing health care clinics due to the loss of federal Medicaid match money, and stripping away early childhood, K-12, health care access and social services. Our state constitution requires that we provide a free and adequate education for all children and the proposed budget would seriously undermine that requirement. With our current funding, Alaska's education system already is not competitive with other states. The proposed cuts to both our K-12 and University system would be devastating and would have long term effects on our state and its residents.

Further, how well children do in school is predicted by their opportunities in the first 5 years of life; currently, in a state with some of the least affordable childcare and lowest preschool attendance, only 30% of our children are kindergarten-ready. We need to be increasing early childhood supports (which research has found to have a \$7 - \$17 return on investment) rather than zeroing them out. As parents of young children, we know how sensitive this period of brain development is, and how important State investment is at this age.

In addition, we are from communities all over Alaska and stand with our sisters and brothers in rural Alaska who will be devastated by the defunding of the marine ferry system and the change to the power cost equalization fund. Children in rural Alaska deserve access to food, power, and transportation just as those in larger communities do.

The time is now to put the Alaskan people before politics, to stand up against the Governor's proposed budget and to create a budget that prioritizes healthy families and communities, supports successful schools, and builds the basis for a healthy economy. And the time is now to start doing the hard work of finding new revenue to keep Alaska a wonderful place in which to raise our families.

Sincerely,

Growing Alaskan Leaders (GALs)

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Erin Binck
Jenny Haggard Blanchard
Robin Brooks
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Sanaa Casey
Annie C. Cray
Beth Daly
Jill Duke
Sara Dykstra
Kathy Easley
Monica Elkinton-England
Antonia Elstad
River Gates
Carrie Marsh Harris
Molly Hayes
Colleen Heaney-Mead
Diane Heaney-Mead
Heather Helzer
Carolyn Heyman
Jen Ireland
Jess Johnson
Kimberly Jones
Neisha Jones
Kirsten M. Kinegak-Friday

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Jeannette Lee
Lauren Lessard
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Claire Norton-Cruz
Michelle Oliveri
Anne Ooms
Sarah Ovsak
Danielle Redmond
Krista Rice
Miriam Roberts
Christine Schuette
Halle Starwalt
Caroline Fleur Storm
Zoé Styron
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As an engineer working for the construction industry, I don't want the Alaska legislature to throw our economy back into recession. Economists tell us the best ways to balance the budget with saving as many jobs as possible: taxes - sales or income - and pfd usage. Not shutting down departments and laying off state employees. As a Christian, I believe in being caretakers. We need a balanced budget, but how to get there determines whether we are users or caretakers. Do we balance the budget on the backs of the sick, the elderly, and children? Or do we balance the budget by asking those most capable of contributing most? Abolish oil tax credits, establish an income tax and/or seasonal sales tax. Let us take care of our state and our residents and our quality of life.

The Dunleavy budget must be considered a nonstarter. Throw it out and start over.

I am Shirley Fraser, a semi-retired Neurologist. I'm here to speak for those who cannot be here or speak for themselves. This includes hundreds of people in ALFs (Assisted Living Facilities) / Nursing Homes as they are usually called. These are mostly elderly who either have no family or a family ~~who cannot~~ unable to care for them. They are people with dementia, stroke, chronic or terminal illnesses like Lupus, Huntingtons Chorea, MS, Parkinsons, intractable epilepsy, just to name a few. Even larger is another group are children with cerebral palsy, Down's Syndrome, autism, encephalopathies, inborn errors of metabolism, hemophilia, Tuberous Sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, Leigh's Syndrome, JME, etc — and these lists don't include young and old made hemiplegic or quadriplegic or brain injured from car accidents, work injuries, gun shot wounds, or the folks with other medical conditions like heart failure, kidney failure, liver disease, severe complications from diabetes.

How do I know? I've treated them at the PHS and in private

practice. At present I am employed reviewing charts of those applying for disability, and every day many adults and children are found to be disabled; unable to walk, or dress themselves to help, unable to do normal daily activities or support themselves working 8h/d, 5d/week.

So — what shall we do? Shove the handicapped elderly out in the streets? Put them in jail? Have kids stand on street corners w/ signs: "I'm hungry, Please Help, God Bless"?

Cutting medicare would have devastating effects on the helpless in our society. Only the ignorant or uninformed would consider such a thing.

It's my strong opinion that to avoid disastrous budget cut is to stop the billion dollar oil credits AND install a graduated income tax. As legislators, you need the courage and foresight to do this. And also cut back on the PFD!

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It is encouraging to see the House Finance Committee
REJECT the draconian cuts that would destroy
our state and turn over the various services
to private companies. PLEASE continue to
reject this takeover by these outsiders

Dear Legislators:

Two innovative approaches we could use to save our state a lot of money and to reform our dysfunctional mental health system:

1. OPEN DIALOGUE

Open Dialogue from Finland is being replicated around the world. Patients are placed on little or no psychotropic medication and support is given to them and their family/support system. It is a community based, integrated treatment system that engages families and social networks. It reduces psychosis, fewer and shorter hospitalizations, improved function and greater employment. After 5 years most people are working or going to school. Among nations adapting and implementing it are Denmark, Italy, Poland, the United Kingdom, China, Latvia, and Lithuania. Harvard, UC San Diego and other places in the US are also adapting and implementing it. Open Dialogue gives hope, empowerment and a supportive network.

2. NUTRITIONAL PSYCHIATRY, particularly a LOWER PROTEIN, WHOLE FOOD, PLANT-BASED LIFESTYLE

Moscow Psychiatric Institute fasted over 10,000 patients over a 30 year period. 70% of those with schizophrenia did well if they did not eat animal products after fasting . This would include many people that are diagnosed with a bipolar disorder today. We have a whole community in Alaska that has a whole food, plant based lifestyle and they have influenced our mental health board and trust and for years have had a member on the mental health board. At Moscow Psychiatric Institute they fasted people intermittently to keep the protein level lower.

Many people could recover and our state could save a lot of money if we would combine these 2 innovative models.

Thank you for your work to help the people of our state.

Respectfully,

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see Attached

To House Finance Committee
March 22, 2019

I come to you as a parent in the Parents as Teachers program. My son and I would like to greatly thank you for such a wonderful program. Children don't arrive to us with a manual, and each of them are so very different. Most of us are improvising and trying to do our best. It is really a blessing to have a program with such caring leaders and wonderful home visit lessons on how to help our kids grow to their full potential. The group connects really give us parents a chance to encourage one another and make friends. Something we all benefit from. So thank you again for such a wonderful program. It has truly made a positive difference in my son and our family. We look forward to many more years in this wonderful program.

Staci Cronin

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PF was set up because oil is not renewable. The PF was to save some of that value for future generations. It was to be like a trust fund that would be able to fund a portion of future budgets in perpetuity. A state income tax is the norm in the US and the developed world. Norway, which began it, oil found much later than Alaska's PFID. But it contextualized its income tax and their fund is significantly more than ours.

I'm also concerned by the Gov's move to Privatize Democracy by giving his "public budget resolutions" to AFP to organize and control.

We are lucky that we have the examples of Kansas, Wisconsin, Michigan and others of how the Koch sponsored state takeover will do to our state. Stand strong against this attempt to impose these draconian cuts on us sponsored by Outside interests. Thank you.

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Alaska has great opportunity as a world class tourism destination with a diverse mix of natural resource industries - renewable and non-renewable - Currently Alaska's budget system does not incentivize attracting new, service-based sectors to the State, since every new person added to the state costs more than they are able to contribute. An income tax would bring up our revenues, encourage investment in new growth industries, and increase citizen participation in government. In addition, we have an incredible sovereign wealth fund that if managed responsibly, will be a great benefit to current and future generations.

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Name

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I Support an Alaska that values:
- education - pre-K / K-12 / University / technical training
- healthcare - Medicaid
- art & culture
- marine highway
The conference of Alaskans supported new revenues when they met a number of years ago - so do I.

My Alaska is a place my ancestors have lived for 10,000 plus years - I want my descendants to live here as well - in a place that values our people and way of life. We can figure out a way to adjust and focus on what makes our great state just that - The Great State of Alaska."

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Name Teri Penn

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This is not how we do it in Alaska!
Born and raised here. I love Alaska.
The way you are going at these budget cuts
will hurt our state. The Ferry system,
our University and our Education system
is vital to a healthy state. People w/
young families will leave this
state.

Why is our current government so afraid to
tax the oil companies? if needed, bring
back the ^{state} tax. We never should have dropped
it! Leave the PFD alone and tax the
people. The PFD can help pay taxes if
need be.

Start working across the isle to come up
with real solutions to our fiscal problems.
Make our state a viable, healthy state!!

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I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the budget presented by the Governor's administration. Such a reductive approach to planning for our state's future is not only irresponsible, but negligent of the real needs of the population, and at a vital turning point with regards to state economy and income dynamics. I am especially concerned regarding the cuts made to education and healthcare. This is not only short-sighted, but deeply upsetting considering these components of state infrastructure should be our highest priorities. These programs will determine the future of our state's livelihood as the sources of income change and more of our state's populace depends upon the support frameworks that allow Alaskan families and workers to flourish.

Please, listen to your constituency and your conscience and make the responsible and honorable choice of opposing these dangerous spending changes by whatever means necessary. There are much more logical and progressive approaches that must be considered,

Alaska Budget Commentary

I am a 59 year resident of Alaska who has been a small contractor for 51 years providing employment for an average of 10 people for the last 48 years . I have 3 children here in Anchorage who went through the school system and then went "outside" to college and returned to live and work here.

The governor is correct to take a hard line on the state budget because the income cannot support the bloated government services and programs which have evolved over the last decade or so . We have a severe spending and accountability problem. We must initiate an evaluation of want versus true needs in the state programs and services. The public has recognized this and elected this governor because of it. For the first time we are hearing public discussion about efficiencies as they relate to the feel/sound good programs developed from wishful thinking and, unfortunately, the political drive to do or say anything which will get the vote.

No one is entitled to state subsidies as an inducement for their decision to live anywhere in this state! That decision should be made based upon the location desirability to the individual and their ability to be self supportive there. That is the historical basis upon which this country was established, settled and developed.

Following are my thoughts and stances on the issues I am hearing discussion about:

1. The Permanent Fund(PF)—the father of the PF was Jay Hammond. I was involved in his campaign and knew him personally. Jay's main intent in establishing the fund was a deep seated concern that when the state started receiving oil money in large amounts, the legislature would go wild in trying to spend it and, once embarked on that process, they would not be able to discern needs from wants. So, he wanted to assure that a fair portion of that income was set aside with the intent of the interest income being used to support the cost of state government. The concept of the dividend disbursement came later as a necessity to selling the program to the legislature. Personally, I quit filing for and receiving the PFD 3 years ago. Philosophically, I never really agreed with it but I took it! Then it became evident that it was a waste to take the PFD and turn around and pay 30% of it to income taxes. I accept that it may have become an important part of income for some. So as a compromise, some sort of means proration(perhaps tied to individual income tax level) of the amount might be workable even though it violates my entitlement principle.
2. Education—the highest per student cost by far in the nation and our graduates rank in lowest group in the US. That \$ 17,000 per student is not getting to the classroom. Every school has multiple expensive principals and administrative inefficiencies. I can remember going to my son's counsellor for a conference and finding him sitting reading a newspaper in the middle of the day. We (a state of 700,000 people) are supporting a university with 16 campuses and almost 200 employees with remuneration between 220 to 430,000 dollars! Plus 2 D1 athletic programs. For most US schools, a majority of the students move to the campus—the campus doesn't move to them for their convenience. The state cut of 40% of it's subsidy really amounts

to a 17% cut in UA total budget. There is much that should be done here without cutting into the true classroom needs.

3. Ferry System—a huge subsidization which cannot be justified or sustained. When I came to Alaska, people who lived in the southeast were willing to pay for the privilege. We should not have to pay for their choice of living location. Local flights have become more cost effective and cheaper than travel on the ferry system. The whole program should be contracted out.
4. Oilfield Taxation—there are some myths here which have been sold to the public. Here's some facts:
 - a. Alaska taxation of the oilfield ranks in the upper 30% of all oil producing regions of the world.
 - b. 80% of Alaska's state government is funded by the oilfield. Local boroughs also receive oilfield related income in varying amounts..
 - c. Population growth and therefore property taxes, services, etc in the boroughs are directly related to the oilfield.
 - d. The exploration tax incentives which the state wisely offered the oilfield have produced significant increases in future production which will increase state revenues.
 - e. The state is contractually (if not criminally) liable for the payment of those incentives.

That concludes my comments.

Sincerely,

Wayne E. Westberg

 Anchorage 99516

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Please reject the proposed Dunleavy Budget and adequately fund state services. Alaska should support K-12 education, the University of Alaska, the marine ferry system, and Medicaid. The State should impose moderate income taxes; and restrict the PFD - use the income from the PF to help fund state government. Alaska deserves better than these draconian cuts. Thank you, Wendy Woolf

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- Dunkley budget = disregard; legis. start over with reasonable one
 - Make PFD needs-based emphasizing helping poor, not wealthy
 - Institute Income tax Now - fairest for all.
 - Decrease subsidies to Oil companies
 - Protect Medicaid & Medicaid Expansion
 - Keep educ. funding - schools of USA - it's our future!
 - Cut Governor's Office budget: Too many over-paid employees
 - Do not privatize API or prisons
 - Governor should not fly first class.
- during these years.

Contractors

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See Attached

To House Finance Committee
March 21, 2019

I am very great full for the Parents as Teachers program. This program has helped my child be more talkative, meaning he expresses himself with better words. He is also learning a lot of new things. Like letter of his name, a lot more colors and numbers. He also loves Miriam very much and enjoys when she brings all the activities. Also, it has helped us to be more united and to understand more each other. My child is not able to go to school yet and this program it's something we love to do and know it helps him be better for when he is in school. I would love if you guys could keep this program so that I can help my child learn more amazing things. Thank you!

Yamilett Torres

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