

House Finance Committee  
Public Testimony

HB 2001

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[HouseFinance@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseFinance@akleg.gov)

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**From:** Jannelle Trowbridge <jannelletrowbridge@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:46 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** A student who believes our choices now are forever bound to the future just like we are still impacted by those before us.

## **EDUCATION IS AN ECONOMICAL GOOD AND PROVIDES STATE SECURITY**

The University of Alaska Anchorage has been a place that has taught me and qualified me for federal internships at the United States Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Land Management. It has allowed me to become a co-author on a published peer-reviewed Alaskan research paper, as an undergrad. Mentors have applied for grants to support my undergraduate research here and I have traveled to many conferences sharing my research. I am invested in Alaska and as we sit under record-breaking heat waves and watch our waters warm, glaciers melt, and heat stress make trees become vulnerable to spruce beetles and fire. It is appalling that we are willing to consider letting our university system fall. The University system empowers the people in Alaska to do research and understand what changes our state is going through, and then inform the decisions we make so that we can hopefully be most logical. Sustainable Mineral extraction, continued fish harvest, child care, education, real estate, engineering, seismic activity monitoring, economics, art, biology, sustainable revenue, and health care, all of these things are good for our state. These ideas and brain power should come from Alaskan's. The intellectual power and investment of/in our people are what will fuel the state's innovation. It's what attracts experts from around the world to come to Alaska. Oil obviously won't hold us up forever and we are not in a time where people are rushing to Alaska for gold and oil anymore. We can't afford to lose our local professors and professionals, and we can't afford to have an inviable route for the next generation of them in Alaska. Do not burden our state under the barriers limiting access to opportunity and health.

## **LOCATION MATTERS**

I came to Alaska on a 30 ft sailboat through the North West Passage and found myself in Nome. I was a 12-year-old kid and had moved schools and locations my whole life. Nome was the first place I had community and identity truly develop. I Graduated from Nome Beltz Highschool and with the Support of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering program (ANSEP) at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), I transferred from my small off-the-road town to Anchorage. I remembered moving a lot in my childhood and I thought this move would be a simple jump. I was wrong, my first year of college was difficult, not only because of the new homework load, but because for the first time in my life I was without my family and I found myself having to code switch between small town norms to city life norms. Thankfully I had the ANSEP community, and whenever anyone from Nome traveled they came through Anchorage, so I could see them. With the help of these communities, I have managed to stay in school.

I have only been a Nome resident for 10 years, and still, the transition to the Anchorage was a shock to me. I can't imagine how jumping to the lower 48 would have been like. I also know I am fairly new to Alaska. Many of my friends are Alaska Native and not only do they have a strong connection to their communities, but there is also a strong multi-generational connection to the land and the food harvested from it. Programs like ANSEP are meant to help build a community of people experiencing that same transition from hometowns/villages and traditional ways into western education. The UA

system is an opportunity for many local Alaskan's. If we have to outsource our university education because we as collective communities allow our state Governor to deliver a crippling blow to the UA system, it will be like building a wall that is difficult to scale for the majority of our youth especially our rural Alaskan youth.


### **WE WANT CAPACITY TO MAKE OUR OWN CHOICES AS A STATE**

We want clean water and air. We want functioning economics and public service. If we kill the state's education at any level including head start, you have kicked the backbone of our state and are making our spinal cord vulnerable to devastating damage as people seek to develop. We need local people as the ones leading our companies and collaborating to solve our challenges and differing ideas. We need good ideas and those are fostered through understanding and learning. Do not take away opportunity and services from the people. Success is a sum of many repeating moments of good choices and decisions along with persistence through failure and applying logic to future decisions. Crippling the university is a bad decision that will leave us pleading for outsiders to teach our children and heal our sick. These outsiders won't stay long enough to really become part of our community or understand our unique needs. It will leave us ignorant, unprepared and surprised when environmental insecurity becomes a larger state cost. It costs money to put out fires, maintain sustainable environmental services like salmon, and design earthquake resilient structures. We don't want to be in the position of having to appease oil companies at the cost of all other state values, just because we did not invest in our people. Instead, we want our people telling the oil companies if their environmental rehabilitation plan actually rehabilitates. We want our engineers selling oil companies the newest corrosive resistant pump design. We want our own electricians figuring out how to build a power grid able to handle varying solar and wind power. We don't want to have to import everything. We want power and control of our own path as a state and in the end, you unlock that power by empowering the local people.

Sincerely,

Jannelle Trowbridge

**From:** Cheryl Bowie <cherylbwab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:06 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: July 15, 2019 Public Testimony Anchorage LIO

3,184 CannaComments   
<https://t.co/J0bYHHNG49>

On Mon, Jul 15, 2019, 8:54 PM Cheryl Bowie <[cherylbwab@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbwab@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Our economy desperately needs diversification and we really need accountability, uniformity and price gouging laws. I'm tired of the leadership changing the laws to suit themselves.

Additionally, please create Indian Health Service, Tribal & Alaska Federation of Native accountability & uniformity laws; these organizations wield great influence, power and control over great portions of Alaskan residents health, education & economic development but have little accountability and no uniformity of law.

I think it would help if we had accountability and uniformity of law across tribal, ANCSA/ANILCA organizations and have it defined in state statute.

The biggest question I get from non-native people is how come the laws between the state and tribes only help a few native people who are mostly politically connected. That's not ok because they hold a lot of power over how our culture is defined, funded and understood.

SouthCentral Foundation and Dr. Eby and the Doctors Gottlieb

<https://t.co/nseoPaGIXZ>

I can't get healthcare from my native health organization because it's in the northwest arctic and I am not a member of the primary care providers organization and feel very exploited by both SCF and ANTHC. Most Alaska native people live in poverty or have family members experiencing poverty and dislocation from their geographic areas.

This is demonstrated in our employment, economic development, health and crime rates in addition to our education & wealth attainment.

I believe identifying, clarifying and aligning laws impacting all Alaskan's will create a healthier and more stable Alaska which will improve the investment climate.

Listen to my testimony starting at 2:13:36 (Cheryl Bowie with @dreamgbutterfly botanicals). 🦋🔊  
2018 Farm Bill Webinar on Domestic Hemp Production Program Follow-up <https://t.co/drCh8RBhFH>  
<https://t.co/hx6Com6zs2>

Industrial Hemp: The following information about the USDA Hemp Production Program and Frequently Asked Questions about USDA NIFA research has been updated since passage of the 2018 Farm Bill.  
<https://t.co/IRDw09EIO2>

USDA Clarifies Industrial Hemp Production for Indian Tribes

<https://t.co/RbpIFZU4VX>

Legal Opinion on Authorities for Hemp Production <https://t.co/zM5RL78dcJ> <https://t.co/8YVadaonIb>

Sincerely,

Cheryl Bowie

From: Nadia Jackinsky <njackinsky@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:12 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Economic impact of ASCA being defunded

Hello,

I am an art historian, arts administrator and museum consultant as well as a life-long Alaskan (one of only two Alaska Native people to have a PhD in art history). I am deeply saddened by the elimination of

the Alaska State Council on the Arts and hope that the State will consider the economic impact of this loss.

Alaska has a very unique arts industry and the arts bring people to Alaska (collectors travel here to purchase our arts, they visit our communities to see totem poles being carved, and to see public performances). In many communities in Alaska, arts are a form of income to supplement substance lifestyles. Young people learn how to make art through arts in schools programs, master/apprentice programs and community arts programs, all which have been funded by the Alaska State Council on the Arts. In addition, ASCA supported professional development training for artists to help artists learn how to market their work. I'm not sure how Alaska will be able to fill the gap in funding and expertise that ASCA was able to share with artists.

Working in the arts in Alaska as an arts funder for a non-profit organization, I know that ASCA's funding provided much needed support for artists. In the grant program that I run, nearly one hundred percent of the projects that I have helped to fund had matching funds from ASCA. ASCA's loss is a huge blow to our arts ecosystem.

I would urge the house finance department to consider refunding ASCA or to conduct a study to find out what the impact of the ASCA elimination is on Alaska's economy.

In addition to the financial impact, please also consider the impact that ASCA's loss has on the vitality and creativity of our state. I live in Homer, Alaska and I see that the arts have always brought our community together and created outlets for children to grow their skills and confidence. I am will greatly miss having access to arts programming that ASCA supported in my community and throughout the rest of the state.

If you would like more information, please feel free to reach out.

Nadia Jackinsky Sethi  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Lescak <emilfeet@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:15 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: testimony

Hello,

I am unable to provide testimony in person this week, so I have included it below.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider it.

Dr. Emily Lescak

I was at the University of Alaska for 11 years. I earned a Masters in Biology at UAA, a PhD in fisheries through UAF, and then a prestigious National Science Foundation broadening participation postdoctoral

fellowship (the first ever awarded in Alaska) to do research and engage in science outreach at UAA. One of the most rewarding aspects of my time there was working with the students, the vast majority of whom were local and wanted to obtain a college degree so that they could get a good job in their home state and serve the communities in which they grew up. UAA also serves the community in many ways, through outreach events such as STEM Day, which provides science enrichment activities to more than 500 local families each year, to the Kids2College program, which brings nearly 1000 local middle school kids to the University each spring to help them realize that they, too, can attend college and pursue meaningful careers. The research performed at the University of Alaska helps us to better understand the natural and social aspects of our state. How are we as a state supposed to recruit and retain high quality, educated employees without a strong university?

Although I am a PhD-level scientist and had good job security in my job with the state, I recently resigned from my position largely due to the high cost of daycare for my two young daughters. After paying for their daycare, my take-home income was about \$100 per month. I couldn't justify continuing to work, even though I enjoyed my job and working with my colleagues. And I'm certainly not an anomaly - this is a common narrative for moms in the workforce. Daycare is too expensive and waitlists are too long for it to be a reliable, achievable option for working parents. I added my daughter to the waitlists for the ASD preschool programs, but since they are in such high demand and none are in our neighborhood, we won't get into any. This situation is unacceptable. Too many talented parents are being forced to leave the workforce.

I was also disappointed to see the governor veto funding for the arts. The arts are essential to any community, as they foster an appreciation and understanding of our lives and help people to express themselves. It's vital to expose children to various art forms. I worry about the next generation of children growing up without an understanding of art and culture.

Pertaining to agriculture, I have spoken with several friends who have a shared concern about food insecurity in Alaska. We are too reliant upon exports. Throughout my time in Alaska, I have been heartened by the increases I've seen in locally-produced goods. One example of this is the Arctic Harvest Community Sponsored Agriculture, which I enthusiastically signed my family up for this summer, and the increase in farmers markets. We need to be more self-reliant when it comes to food production. Climate change has real potential to disrupt our world's current agricultural system and an ever-increasing world population strains food supplies. Alaska needs to step up and fund agriculture so we can feed ourselves fresh, healthy, local food. You can also imagine the impact that this can have on Alaskan's health and well-being, if they have access to fresh fruits and vegetables as an alternative to packaged, processed foods.

Over the last three years, I have watched many of our close friends move out of state. These people were all well-educated and worked in education, science research, community health, and the oil industry. The reasons they cite are all the same - there are limited opportunities here. These opportunities are going to become even more restricted if education continues to be de-emphasized and de-funded. My husband and I are transplants from the east coast, but we have called Alaska home for the last 11 years. We enjoy the quality of life and community here. However, we have severe reservations about the quality of education and my limited career prospects. To retain hard-working families, educational infrastructure and the health and well-being of Alaskans need to be prioritized by our government officials.

From: Bednarski <juliebednarski@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:33 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Override vetoes

Hi,

We are an Alaskan family with 2 young boys (both under 5). We believe Alaska needs to be everything for everyone because we are held together by a strong community that relies on the strength of those around us. In just a few short days we will feel the foundations of our strength, our community erode. Unless you are willing to do what is right for Alaska and override the vetoes.

We want to raise our children, the next generation of Alaskans here, but if the education system fails there will be little choice other than walking away from home. We believe in education and we will choose education over everything else.

Please for the sake of our Alaskan community and our children and the bright future of Alaska choose what is right for all Alaskans: basic public services over universal life income.

Thank you,

John and Julie  
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From: Kaci Bray <kacibray15@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:48 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is \_\_kaci bray\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

From: Margaret Oliver <mgoliver22@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:52 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Please reject Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes

Dear Representatives,

I moved to Fairbanks in January 2010 without ever having been there before and instantly fell in love. It became my home and I knew it was where I wanted to plant my roots. Unfortunately, due to the continued budget cuts in the state, especially to the University of Alaska, I was forced to seek work

Outside and moved to Tennessee in November 2019. I was so sad to leave my home, but hope that someday soon I'll be able to come back. I am just one person who has had to leave Alaska due to the state's budget, and I'm certainly not going to be the last with the way things are going. Please consider Alaska's future and the effect that the Governor's vetoes will have on all demographics of the population, not just in the short-term. Cuts have obviously needed to be made and the legislature has been trying to compromise, but Gov. Dunleavy needs to learn to compromise as well. Please reject his vetoes!

Respectfully,  
Margaret Oliver

**From:** Theodore Eischeid <eischeid@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:04 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Hedy Eischeid - HOME <hedy41@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Please support HB2001

Hello,

I'm writing to ask you to support HB2001.

I have been very discouraged by the Governor's vetoes which essentially amputate essential services from Alaska citizens. Although Alaska has budget issues because of an over reliance on oil revenue, there is no fiscal crisis except for a lack of political will to broaden revenue sources.

The Legislature has crafted a fiscally conservative budget that has involved many Alaskans. The vetoes have taken this work and dis-emboweled it. This is not the Alaska I know and love. The services cut by the vetoes would fundamentally degrade the infrastructure investments your predecessors worked hard to build over time.

The optics and rationale to degrade this are not good. There is no fiscal crisis, and the architect of many of these vetoes, Donna Arduin, has little credibility  
(<https://www.dermotcole.com/reportingfromalaska/2019/7/11/5k2o9xrbr5inqz0pefzhn1skp1nh6c>)

There is a way forward with HB2001 for the short term. Namely, restore the vetoes and pay for it with a reduced PFD. We've had a reduced PFD the last three years and we've survived. If we aren't going to explore alternate revenue streams like modifying oil credits, sales tax, or my preference-an income tax, then the PFD is all we have.

So my request- talk to your colleagues, find compromise, pass a HB2001 that can muster a veto override, don't be part of the decimation of this state. Other states have tried the Governors route, namely Kansas, and it hasn't worked. We can be better than this. Nay, we MUST BE better than this.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/418768-kansas-voters-render-final-verdict-on-failed-tax-cut-experiment>

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue. Thank you.

Ted Eischeid

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**From:** Victoria OConnell <[victoria.oconnell@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.oconnell@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:15 AM

**To:** House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** Support House Bill 2001 and restore the funding cut by the Gov's vetoes

Hello,

I will keep this short. PLEASE support HB2001 and restore the cuts imposed by the Governor (based on outside influences). I have lived here 40 years - my two daughters were born and raised here and are here, contributing to our community of Sitka through work and volunteer efforts. My grand daughter was born here last year. They, and many many others will not be able to stay if the Governor's budget is implemented. Further, rural Alaska will be devastated. I think everyone should be educated on the history of the PFD - it should not be the be all and end all of any budget process. The legislature could work toward a pfd that pays deferential rates based on income and they could impose an income tax - but first they should repeal the oil tax credit. Oil companies had a booming first quarter financially while our State tanked.

Please do what is best for all of us and work with HB2001 to make meaningful cuts (as the Legislature did in their budget) without killing the University, elder care, youth programs, medicaid, and driving our youth and elders out of state.

thank you

Victoria OConnell Curran

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Sitka AK 99835

**From:** Carly Wells <carlyestherwells@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:15 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Restore Funds

Hello my name is Carly Wells and I am a born and raised Alaskan. I am imploring you to help restore funds that Dunleavy cut to Fairbanks. Especially to the helping services. I work in the domestic violence and sexual assault area and these funding cuts are detrimental in the work we do - not even sure we will be able to fund my position in the fall of being the advocate to help and work with sexual assault victims. We are the highest in sexual assault in the nation and it is both necessary and vital to have someone to walk these people through the process. It is a trickle effect for their healing and the healing of our state - not having the right support or services can lead to lifelong problems and more abuse and substance abuse in many cases. Please show Alaska you care for their hearts and bodies and well-being by recovering funds to continue pouring into the area of domestic violence and sexual assault support in Fairbanks.

Thank you,

907-347-3357

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**Carly Wells**

**From:** Adrian and Dan <gall.rizzolo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:20 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Reject the vetoes; reduce PFD

Dear Committee Members,

I have one request: reject, reverse, undo Gov. Dunleavy's disastrous vetoes. They are leading us down a path of economic ruin and societal destruction.

If you have to reduce or even eliminate my PFD to make it happen, so be it. Our community and our state services are worth paying for.

Thank you,  
Adrian Gall  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Craig Partyka <craigp@alaskalaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:20 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Restoring Funding

Dear Members:

I fully support restoring as much funding as possible from the Governor's vetoes. The University of Alaska-Fairbanks is especially relevant at this time as my son was planning on attending UAF in the fall of 2020. Given the cuts he has decided to look elsewhere to pursue a biology degree. He is a very bright young man and it's a shame he feels he cannot rely on UAF any longer in the current budget environment.

Restoration of UA's budget, however, would likely change his mind.

Sincerely,  
Craig B. Partyka  
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(and 670 Garner Rd.)  
Ester, AK 99725

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Fee <davidfee@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:33 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Restore funding for UA and other programs – Fairbanks testimony

Dear House Finance Committee,

Thank you for continuing to seek community input and find a budget compromise that will ultimately serve and improve our state. I am a Research Professor at UAF. The nine years I have spent here in Fairbanks have been the best of my life. I met my wife here and we intend to raise a family and stay the rest of our lives. However, the governor's proposed cuts will have severe effects on education, the economy, the people of Alaska, and our way of life. They will be catastrophic to the University of Alaska system, interior Alaska, and our entire state. These cuts are so severe that thousands of people will lose their jobs, which will have a ripple effect throughout the entire economy for many, many years. Education and research at UA will be impacted so severely that the repercussions will be felt in the short and long-term. I strongly urge you to find a way to restore funding and find a budget compromise.

UA has taken cuts in the past and is willing to work with the legislature and governor on becoming more efficient. Everyone I know at UA wants a better, stronger Alaska. We work hard and care about the state and its people. We bring in students who end up living and working in Alaska for the rest of their lives. We bring in research dollars that directly benefit Alaskans and help grow our economy. Investment in UA is a proven revenue generator for the state, so any cuts seem extremely counterintuitive and shortsighted.

As a researcher primarily funded on federal money, I rely on the University of Alaska and a steady baseline of state funding to help bring in external research funding. At UAF, approximately every state dollar invested in research brings in over six dollars of external funding, which is an excellent return on investment. The money brought in on these federal grants goes right back into the state through purchases, contracts, and good jobs for Alaskans. Our group at UAF is building an increasingly strong relationship with the Department of Defense, and they want to see our program grow by investing substantially into UAF. Similarly, I also work on natural hazards monitoring that directly benefits the people of Alaska. As was shown during the recent Anchorage earthquake, proper monitoring and mitigation greatly reduces damage, repair costs, and loss of life. If the cuts go into effect, federal funding

agencies WILL be less likely to fund these types of research, hampering our ability to support DoD and monitor natural hazards.

A balance can be reached that provides both a PFD and sustainable budget for the people of Alaska. I also believe there is growing support for an income or sales tax. I urge you to seek a balance working with the governor and rest of the legislature and restore funding for the University of Alaska and other worthwhile organizations.

Sincerely,

David Fee  
Fairbanks, AK

-----Original Message-----

From: gr8\_49th@me.com <gr8\_49th@me.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:34 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 2001 public testimony

Dear Legislative Body,

This is my public testimony regarding HB 2001:

I am urging the legislators of Alaska to restore ALL the funds vetoed by Governor Dunleavy. These cuts are detrimental to the state and could push Alaska back into a recession. A reasonable PFD of around \$1600 is acceptable and will save critical state services. Please fund the capital budget NOW, so we don't lose a billion dollars of federal funds and Alaska can continue to build as well as maintain our current infrastructure.

Thank you for your time.

James Dahl

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: camaxwell1@gmail.com <camaxwell1@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:38 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is \_\_carol Maxwell Merritt\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of Wasilla Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

Sent from my iPad

From: Lia Slemons <liaslemons@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:47 AM

To: Rep. Joshua Revak <Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Re: Please override Governor's vetoes

Honorable Representative Revak,

Thank you for your response. Please let me know how I can best support the work toward restoring funding to vetoed programs. I fear these will be again subject to vetoes without a solid 45 votes backing them. How can we get those 45?

Particularly I want to know how to restore funding for:

- health, shelter, and food social services, inc. Medicaid and homelessness alleviation
- UA
- K-12, including bond reimbursement
- public radio statewide coverage
- state arts (small program with big ripples)

Is the conversation on compromise looking into oil royalties, or focused on PFD trade-offs? I am willing to back whichever horse will win. I would appreciate a direct response to how to restore funding.

I'm cc'ing the rest of the House Finance Committee to share my testimony. I am a super voter in District 25 with two young children. My sister, also a lifelong Alaskan with two young children, is now at her worst talking about leaving the state (because of her likely job loss). We are trying to work on this, but the scope of the cuts is devastating.

Thanks,  
Lia

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Lozanoff <linda.lozanoff@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:57 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: House Bill 2001

To the Alaska Finance Committee.

As an Alaska resident of 34 years this correspondence is to request that this committee reduce the Permanent Fund amount appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the October 2019 payout. Governor Dunleavy and Alaskans who support the \$3,000.00 payout while reducing and cutting Alaska services are short sighted and ignoring the fallout on Alaskans from such a fiscally irresponsible choice.

Our state is at a turning point of possible disregard for Alaskans. Are we to be a state only concerned with our own pocket books because we might use any of the services the Governors cuts reflect. Or are we a culture of citizens who have concern for the good of the order to provide a safe, caring, and forward looking place to live for all.

We can all make adjustments to our own personal budgets. I have done that after losing 2/3 of my income as a result of a divorce. Financial decisions which affect our lifestyle are difficult for individuals to make, but make a person stronger when done so.

Do the correct thing for your constituents, adjust the Permanent Fund payout of \$3,000.00 and reconsider Alaska's services and programs for our residents.

Linda Lozanoff  
907-982-8147

From: Bridget Hitchcock <bridgethitchcock@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:58 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 2001

I support a smaller PFD in order to support the many services that will be cut with a larger PFD. I'm a Sitkan and a health care provider and I have 2 children in the Sitka School district. I see first hand the devastating effects this will have on education, health care, and elders. Please keep fighting the fight towards a rational approach to this budget crisis. Please support a smaller PFD. Thank you for your time.  
Bridget Hitchcock, Sitka

From: Krista West <kdm13@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:01 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: restore funding

Hello,

Please restore funding to the University of Alaska and to all programs slashed thoughtlessly and deliberately by Gov. Dunleavy.  
I am happy and willing to take a reduced PFD in order to maintain the community and the place I call home.

I came to Alaska 15 years ago. My three sons are born here. This is my home and my community. These cuts will destroy all that we have built.

The PFD is at the heart of this budget fiasco and it needs to be revised. PLEASE either reduce the PFD and restore state funding. Or pay a full PFD and start taxing all Alaskans. Taxes fund state government. Maybe it's time to pay up.

Something must be done.  
Krista West  
Fairbanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Lin Davis <molin@gci.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:02 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Tuesday testimony for the new CS

Dear House Finance Committee:

I appreciate the bipartisan work you are doing to save Alaska from the Governor's dire and deadly vetoes.

I applaud your proposal to restore funding to all areas of the Governor's cuts. A smaller PFD is fine by me.

All of his cuts were egregious. They are all contrary to his campaign promises. That deception baited the state.

Then Dunleavy switched us into harrowing decimation of all the programs and systems Alaskans rely on for quality of life.

Dunleavy behaves with utter contempt for Alaska. He bullies our Constitution. Majority of Alaskans are showing democratic resolve to undo his harmful, life threatening actions.

Please move forward and fully fund the UA system, beloved AMHS, pre-K, ASCArts, Public Broadcasting, Medicaid, school construction, Civil Air Patrol, Ag projects, re-entry programs, Court system, local emergency prep expos. Everything. Everything the Governor's red pen tried to erase. Everything.

Already huge damage has been done to students, state workers, university staff, ferry workers. The terror. Especially to vulnerable Alaskans and students. Dominion over hearts, minds, bodies. Hell no.

Dunleavy has terrorized all sectors of Alaska. His economic philosophy poisons the well, but now we Alaskans will not be poisoned.

Thank you, House Finance Committee, for moving forward with the new CS. I trust these powerful discussions will shine a light of goodness and the Wasilla 22 will see the wisdom of democratically protecting our lives.

Whew! Thinking now of low income seniors who will not have their monthly benefits for food and medicine removed by Dunleavy forceps.

Thank you, steady courage to you all.

Lin Davis  
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From: kari robinson <karirobinson93@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:08 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Restore Funding for the Governor's Hurtful Budget Cuts!!

Please work to restore funding for the governor's veto budget cuts that will devastate our economy and hurt Alaskan families. Alaskans want funding for our University system and critical services impacting youth and seniors within the state.

Thank you

Kari Robinson

**From:** Marissa Palmer <marissa.palmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:06 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Good morning,

I am writing in support of HB 2001.

The cuts proposed by the governor via his vetoes would be devastating for Alaska. Our economy is barely in recovery, and I believe the legislature understood this when they negotiated and passed their budget. I am more than happy to accept a smaller PFD in order to support essential state services. We simply can't afford a \$3,000 PFD. I am a lifelong Alaskan, and I received both of my degrees from the University of Alaska Anchorage after starting both at institutions out of state. If I did not feel that UAA could provide an equally excellent education at less cost to me, I probably would have left the state and not returned. I want my children to have the same opportunity to build a future in Alaska that I had. That will not be possible if the governor's cuts to the UA system and other important programs stand.

Thank you,

Marissa Palmer  
Anchorage, AK 99504

From: Alisa Beske <ambeske@alaska.edu>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:11 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Public testimony

Dear House Financing Committee,

My name is Alisa Beske. I am a student at the School of Nursing at the University of Alaska Anchorage. I have been a member of the UAA community since 2013 when I first started taking courses toward my

nursing degree from rural Alaska. I was able to live in Haines, AK while taking online courses required to get into the program. I hope to move back to Haines when I graduate in August 2020.

The Governor's cuts to the University is insulting to Alaskan's. The Governor's cuts to rural Alaska is insulting to Alaskans. I don't need a large PFD this year, I need a sustainable Alaska that I would feel proud to work as a nurse in. I want to raise a family here but with these massive cuts to education I'm wondering if this is the right place for that. Furthermore, the town that I love, Haines, is hurting from these cuts on many levels. State cuts to our state ferry system will be detrimental. The proposed ferry schedule for 2020 has several month long gaps without service to the upper Lynn Canal. Members of the community rely on the ferry for travel, health care, high school sports events, and much more.

Please restore these funding cuts to our state. The future of our state is relying on you. The children, seniors, students, rural Alaskans are relying on you to do the right thing for Alaskans!

Thank you,

Alisa Beske

**From:** Aimee Sandoval <aimsan74@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:18 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** I support HB 2001

My husband and I moved to Alaska 5 years ago from Albuquerque, New Mexico for better opportunities, not because of the PFD. We were not sure how long we were planning to stay but weeks became months, which became years. We had decided at the end of 2018 that we were going to be staying and that it was time that we bought a house in a state that we have grown to love and call home.

Gov. Dunleavy's budget vetoes have put that plan in jeopardy. Now we are concerned about our jobs, having a stable income and looking to determine which state we should move to where we can feel secure in our ability to live the life we want. We thought that was going to be Alaska but it does not look like it now.

Our economy is heading straight towards a recession due to the governors actions. As one person testified on July 15, "the state has been around for 60 years, the PFD for 40 but the land and its people have existed for thousands of years." Protect the land and its people and pass HB 2001.

Thank you,

Aimee Sandoval  
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**From:** Erin Gleason <epgleason@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:23 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Good Morning,

I am a life long Alaska and Anchorage resident. Allow me to emphatically tell you that I don't care about my PFD. TAKE IT! I don't need a PFD.

You know what I do care about? Our university, our State council on the arts, the homeless, K-12 education, and so much more. I need a State government that functions for the good of all people and not just rich white men.

Please reinstate the budget that the house passed earlier this year. Then work together to generate new revenue streams (sales tax, income tax, tech industry) so that we can have a larger operating budget next year.

Sincerely,  
Erin Gleason

**From:** Corey Baxter <coreybaxter@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:25 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Dear Legislators,

In regards to public testimony on HB2001:

We Alaskans can't afford to get a full PFD this year as long as Governor Dunleavy's massive cuts go into affect butchering essential services across Alaska. It doesn't make sense to gut the government and services that will potentially hurt the economy to just turn around and give every Alaskan a full \$3,000 PFD expecting to boost the economy. Usually every year when I receive a PFD I put it towards my credit card which is usually used for vacations and items that I order online from out of state. So the argument that the PFD money will stay in the Alaska economy isn't very true compared to spending the money in the operating budget on essential services and state government needs which all of that money would stay in the state and help grow the economy. I am not in favor of a full PFD and would like to see the legislators restore ALL the funds vetoed by Governor Dunleavy. It is also crucial that we fund the Capital budget NOW, so we don't lose a billion dollars of federal funds before the end of July.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Corey Baxter  
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Juneau, AK 99801

From: DENNY <alaskanortherngirl@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:44 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

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Subject: HB 2001

**WRITTEN TESTIMONEY FOR;**

**COMMITTEE:** HOUSE FINANCE

**CHAIR:** House Finance Chairs , Vice Chair & all Committee Members

**BILL:** HB 2001

**SPONSER:** House Rules Committee

**DATE & TIME:** 07/15, 16 & 17/2019 @2:00 to 7:00 PM

My name is DENNY KAY WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I strongly **oppose** HB 2001.

I voted for Mike Dunleavy because he said he **WAS** going to **CUT** State spending & that is what he is trying to do. Please SUPPORT the Governor that was duly elected. Remember, Walker did not get re-elected because he said he would cut government spending & didn't.

The people (the real working class) you're trying steal the money from to pay for your warm, fuzzy, feel good unnecessary appropriations & programs are already living under the poverty level. Cut the government, we cannot afford you. Thieves should be in prison not in the state house. You Legislators make more in your yearly per diem than I make a year. STOP THE SPENDING!!!

DENNY KAY WEATHERS  
c/o PO Box 1791  
Cordova, Alaska

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**From:** Teal Barmore <teal.barmore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:32 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Teal Barmore and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe the \$3000 PFD is unnecessary and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

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Teal Barmore  
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**From:** Scott Hayden <scotthayd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:33 AM  
**To:** Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chuck Kopp <Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support HB2001

I fully support HB2001.

I like that it restores the funding cut by the Governor, and I like that it sets the PFD at a sustainable payout rather than a cash payment that eats our seed corn.

We should not be destroying our Universities, healthcare, elder care, child care and more so that we can pay out big checks to Alaska citizens. We should not be drawing from savings to fund a big cash payout.

Checks are nice, but the greater good is to invest in Alaska's future, and to take care of our most vulnerable populations.

My daughter suffered a mental health crisis when she was in high school. She was spiraling out of control. She was on a path leading to substance abuse, addiction, and risky behaviors that would have been terrible for her and expensive for our state. Homelessness and addiction are not cheap.

Her mom and I went looking for help, and luckily we found it. She was put in a residential program for teens with mental health problems and substance abuse problems. It was not cheap -- we could not have afforded the program on our own, but medicaid helped out.

That program saved her life. I don't just mean it allowed her to survive, I mean it saved her future. She now attends college. She is a contributing member of society with a bright future. A member of society who pays taxes, putting money back into the system that helped her out when she was struggling.

When I talk about investing in Alaska's future, investing in our youth, those are the kinds of things I am talking about. Investing in my daughter was positive not just because it saved her life and put her on a bright path; it also made financial sense.

Cutting those types of things looks like it will save us money in the short run, but in the end it costs us more money, and it makes the lives of our friends and neighbors worse.

Please invest in Alaska's future. Don't blow our money on a cash payout. Instead spend it on a government system that works complete with early childhood education, law enforcement, a strong university system, elder care and all the other things this governor has cut. I am shocked at the priorities expressed by our Governor, who sees cash payouts as a higher good than the lives, educations, and futures he is sacrificing with his cuts.

Please support HB2001.

Sincerely,  
Scott Hayden  
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Anchorage AK 99515

**From:** Judy Gette <thinkagainalaska@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:32 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Veto

I support a veto of the governor's line item reduction in State funding.

I am appalled by the hit the UA system took and I believe this would decimate our university system. If I had a child ready to look at college at this time, I would send them elsewhere because they could not be certain their degree program would be safe four years from now. We will lose our future workers if this happens.

**From:** Rebekka Esbjornson <rebekka.esbjornson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:39 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001 Public Comment

Hello House Finance Committee:

I am a year-round Alaskan resident who is deeply concerned by the broad-strokes of the Governor's vetoes, which could cause long-term damage to many critical organizations around the state, among them, the University of Alaska. While I am equally distressed by the cuts to funding for elder care, Medicaid, and the state Arts Council, I would specifically like to address UAS.

Our education system is critical to the success of future generations of young Alaskans, and supports our ability to keep bright minds in our own state, and subsequently working for our economy. These young people grow up to be business owners, lawmakers, doctors, boat captains, pilots, teachers, etc., and we would be foolish to think making such a drastic cut to the funding to our university system will ultimately support a vibrant state economy.

I support your current revisions to HB2001 - including limiting the amount of this year's PFD to \$1600 (or less) - and strongly support putting monies back into the organizations and programs that were cut.

Thank you for your time!

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**From:** Sofia Petroni <sofiapetroni16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:41 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Restore funding

House finance committee,  
The governor's budget is simply unacceptable.

Alaska should not be the only state in the country without an arts council. Many people enjoy the arts. I know hundreds of people for whom the arts have been positively life changing. Additionally, I feel so sad and horrified for the members of the arts council who lost their jobs on such short notice.

Our children deserve adequately funded public schools because they deserve to learn in a classroom where their teacher has time to attend to them because they are not 1 of 30-40 students. Our young adults deserve a thriving university that can offer them a quality education without crippling debt. We need to pay educators well so we can attract and retain high quality teachers. With competitive salary and benefits packages, they can focus on giving their best to the students and not be stressed out financially or having to work multiple jobs. The middle class needs these institutions to thrive. Without a healthy and prosperous middle class, our economy will collapse.

There are many other aspects of the budget cuts that are cruel and seem morally bankrupt.

What are some possible solutions?

Make the oil companies pay, don't give our resource away. Governor Dunleavy would have our resources so cheap that many "investors" would come up here to drill, mine, and log. What does that leave Alaskans with other than a destroyed landscape? We should be a rich state but we aren't because our resources are being given away. This needs to stop. This budget crisis increasingly seems manufactured, especially after reading reports of the incredible profits of the oil companies and the high profit margin Alaska offers them.

Introduce a progressive income tax. It bothers me that people come to Alaska to work but don't actually live here and contribute to the economy. If they're going to occupy a job here, they should pay something to the state of Alaska.

Set the record straight. There are bloggers and opinion writers out there who are telling people that Alaskans are the most highly taxed people in the country. That statement is false and ridiculous. People need to hear the truth from elected officials. I've lived here my whole life and any taxes I might unknowingly pay to the state are negligible.

Perhaps it is time to introduce more stringent rules on who can receive a dividend. Perhaps increase the amount of time one must live here and/or increase the amount of time you have to spend in Alaska in order to receive one. If you don't live here full time, you should not get a PFD in my opinion. If you're going to receive one, you should be an active member of the Alaskan economy.

I'm a born and raised Alaskan. I've enjoyed having roads, free public education, a university, law enforcement, libraries, and an interesting arts community. I recognize that you can't have these things for free if the state isn't making money. So perhaps instead of decimating programs that benefit the people of this great state, Alaska should make oil companies pay for the resource they are taking, introduce a progressive income tax paid by all including seasonal workers and slope workers, and not hand out PFD's to so many people who live here part time or are in the military and keep Alaskan residency long after they've departed. This budget does not represent the values of Alaskans. This is not what Alaska is about. Alaska is a place where people help and care about each other. We cannot forsake members of our community. We cannot cast aside our humanity.

Thank you for your time and service. I hope that a reasonable resolution will occur. I will leave you with a TED talk that I found to be enlightened. Capitalism depends on a thriving middle class. The middle class depends on public education in order to thrive.

<https://youtu.be/q2gO4DKVpa8>

Sincerely,  
Sofia Petroni

-----Original Message-----

From: Louise Donhauser <[ldonhauser1@hotmail.com](mailto:ldonhauser1@hotmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:03 AM

To: Rep. Zack Fields <[Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov)>

Subject: Letter of Support

My name is Louise Donhauser and I fully support HB 2001.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Molly Buttars <[buttars.molly@gmail.com](mailto:buttars.molly@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 11:21 PM

**To:** Rep. Bart LeBon <[Rep.Bart.Lebon@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Bart.Lebon@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Steve Thompson <[Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <[Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <[Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Adam Wool <[Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Talerico <[Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <[Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Mark Neuman <[Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov)>; Rep. George Rauscher <[Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Eastman <[Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov)>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <[Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <[Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <[Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Kelly Merrick <[Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <[Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <[Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <[Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Geran Tarr <[Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Zack Fields <[Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Matt Claman <[Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <[Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Tuck <[Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chuck Kopp <[Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Joshua Revak <[Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <[Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <[Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennifer Johnston <[Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <[Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Gary Knopp <[Rep.Gary.Knopp@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Gary.Knopp@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Sarah Vance <[Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Louise Stutes <[Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Sara Hannan <[Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Andi Story <[Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <[Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Daniel Ortiz <[Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <[Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky <[Rep.Tiffany.Zulkosky@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Tiffany.Zulkosky@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Neal Foster <[Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov)>; Rep. John Lincoln <[Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please Pass House Bill 2001

Dear House Representatives,

My name is Molly Buttars. I'm 25 years old. I moved to Anchorage 2 1/2 years ago with my husband. He is a nurse at Providence Medical Center. I am a music teacher, and I run a private teaching studio. I also work as the organist and music director at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Together, we enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, cycling, rollerskating, going to Anchorage Symphony Concerts, participating in arts events throughout the city, and being a part of this bold and vibrant community.

I have been following the reports of the proposed budget by Governor Dunleavy. I am shocked, devastated, and floored by the effects I am already seeing in my city. It is sickening to watch the homeless be sent to their deaths after funds were cut to the Brother Francis Shelter. It is horrifying to see those who previously had Medicaid benefits be stuck in between medical and dental procedures without the ability to afford concluding appointments. It breaks my heart and my future to see the Alaska State Council of the Arts close its doors, and become the only state in the entire country to do so.

This is pathetic. This is inhumane. This is unconstitutional. This is sending Alaskans to a place of despair, from which our community may never recover if these cuts go through.

We are Alaskans. We are strong. And we are better than this. I beg you, as a citizen of your community and a contributor to your society, to pass the House 2001 bill that would restore the funding cut by the

governor's vetoes. Listen to your people. We are relying on you to do your jobs, and save our state from destruction.

Respectfully,  
Molly Buttars  
6125986221

**From:** TRAVIS MICHAEL JENNINGS <[travismichael@me.com](mailto:travismichael@me.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 9:20 PM  
**To:** Rep. Zack Fields <[Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Hello Representative Fields, my name is Travis Jennings and I am registered Democrat in Senate District K/House District 21. I am a 100 percent voter. First, I must mention that I find myself full of emotion. However, in an effort to temper emotions, I have decided to write my statement to the House Finance Committee and email it to the body. I will also send a copy to every member of the legislature. Please accept this statement when considering HB2001.

I was born in Fairbanks in 1975 and consider this great State my home. I graduated from Wasilla High School in 1993 and have lived both here at home and in the lower 48 ever since. After having lived in San Francisco for seven years, I moved back to Alaska in 2012. Through the "Come Home to Alaska" program which offered Alaska-born people who had moved out of state an opportunity to return home and receive a quality education at an in-state tuition cost prior to requalifying for the permanent fund dividend(PFD)/residency, I was essentially provided an affordable pathway to become formally educated. Ultimately, I plan to attend medical school and become a physician. I have a desire to return to Alaska following medical school/residency and plan to practice medicine here. The recent news that the governor is withholding funding for WWAMI is particularly frustrating as this is the best opportunity for me to achieve my goals in an affordable way. This is also good for Alaska and I do not understand this attack by the governor to such an amazing partnership and program.

I began my undergraduate degree at the University of Alaska Anchorage in the Fall of 2012 and through hard work and dedication to my goals/dreams, I graduated with my Bachelor of Science Degree in biological sciences/microbiological sciences option this Spring, 2019. I recognize this achievement was realized through my own efforts, but I also know that I could not have done this alone. I was enabled to achieve this milestone through the incredible support of my family, my friends, my employers, my clients, my community, my university, and my State. During my time at UAA, I worked a full-time job in my already established career as a hairdresser, as well as working a part-time job as a medical scribe in the emergency room at Providence Alaska Medical Center. I have even found time to volunteer on a semi-regular basis and have been able to shadow doctors in a variety of disciplines to increase my exposure to possible future interests in specific areas of focused medicine. Also, during my time at UAA, I have been exposed to amazing and knowledgeable professors and other faculty. During my Junior year, I was given the opportunity to participate in undergraduate microbiological research by Dr. Khrys Duddleston, Professor and Director of the Department of Biological Sciences at UAA. Through the mentorship by the graduate students in Dr. Duddleston's research lab as well as Dr. Duddleston herself, I have learned marketable skills above and beyond the knowledge obtained in the classroom. Dr. Brandon Briggs, Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences has also been instrumental in my educational experience at UAA. Countless other faculty and professors have inspired and taught me. This has

allowed me to discover new passions and I cherish these opportunities as I have been able to evolve the purpose of my life. I will forever live in gratitude for those relationships I forged during my time as an undergraduate at UAA.

One of the most important skills I learned as an undergraduate is how to write a research grant proposal to secure funding for my own self-designed microbiological research project. I submitted my proposal to the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship which is associated with the Honors College at UAA and it was ultimately funded. This was a big win for me and will open other doors in the future. I am spending this summer doing the work of my research in Dr. Duddleston's research lab and I am enjoying the extended time on campus, post graduating. Research is a fundamental cornerstone and crucial to the success of any institute of higher learning as well as to the progress of any society. At UAA, total research grant awards have been increasing in recent years and since 2013 external research funding has increased by roughly 23 percent. The win rate during FY17 was around 46 percent, well above the national average of 25 percent. At UAF, more than 46 percent of undergraduates participate in research opportunities above and beyond the classroom. Exposure to, and participation in research is a game-changer when searching for employment after graduation. The University of Alaska (UA) system is an amazing institution which we should all be proud of and invested in its success and the success of its students. I understand that one's desire and fortitude play a large role in what that individual gets out of his or her own educational experience, but it is perhaps just as necessary to have the support and mentorship by professors/faculty, and FUNDING. I found all of those components at UAA. So, for me, I do not understand how members of our legislative branch as well as the governor who received their degrees from the UA system can stand on the side that would cripple, perhaps permanently, our State's PUBLIC institution of higher learning. It seems more prudent to invest more, not cut funding. What I hear this governor saying is that the UA system is not worth the investment. I hear him saying that the students and future students are not worth the investment. Well I absolutely do not agree with his sentiment. I recognize the value of our public university and I recognize the world-class educational opportunities afforded me and all students.

I fully understand that our State is NOT experiencing a fiscal crisis, but to quote Senator Bishop, rather a "political crisis." This crisis is being perpetrated by the governor and those lawmakers who entertain him. Unacceptable. We are better than this. I am very disheartened by the fact that the work (quite frankly, the miracle) that was realized in the senate through a unanimous passing of a responsible budget containing modest cuts and providing a \$600 million surplus by the thoughtful diligence of a bipartisan body went largely unnoticed and uncelebrated and eventually vetoed by the governor. Disheartened indeed, especially at a time when we see the breakdown of communication all around us. The governor behaves as though he wants chaos and disruption and he is empowered by the 22 lawmakers who chose to meet in Wasilla last week instead of meeting with the majority in Juneau. This completely overshadowed the big win in the senate we all should have been rejoicing and supporting all so that nearly \$2 billion could be distributed to Alaskans in the form of an unsustainable and unnecessarily inflated PFD. While I am a registered Democrat, I was particularly impressed with some of the comments made by several Republican legislators during last week's floor session, especially Senator Natasha von Imhof; "Sometimes you have to spend money now in order to avoid spending much more money later," as well as "To my fellow Alaskans; what kind of State do you want to live in? What kind of future do you want? I want one we can all be proud of. One based on a shared positive vision, constructed by hard work and cooperation and collaboration. That is what we are elected to do." I agree whole-heartedly with Senator von Imhof's sentiments.

I want to voice my appreciation for the swift response by Representative, Matt Claman to an email written by me and the graduate students in my research lab which was sent last week sharing our stories and voicing our concerns regarding the governor's budget vetoes. It is incredibly important for our representation hear us and listen to us. Also important is the acknowledgement that they are listening to us, their constituents. However, I must voice my frustration with Senator Mia Costello (one of the 22 lawmakers refusing to travel to Juneau last week) who has yet to respond to any phone calls or emails I have sent. Unacceptable. The governor is playing a very reckless political game with real consequences. This is not only willfully ignorant, irresponsible and reckless, but it also seems immoral. The governor does not believe that his actions and his budget vetoes will hurt the Alaska's economy, however there are many more qualified professionals and regular Alaskans who disagree with his narrative.

I appreciate that the House Finance Committee has started a working document called HB2001 which will provide a reallocation of funds previously vetoed by the governor. I support a minimal permanent fund dividend; \$929 I believe is what is being proposed. I would much rather give up my dividend entirely than receive one totaling \$3000 if it meant that funding was restored to every area currently threatened by the governor. I am not alone in this conviction. Polling shows that over 70 percent of Alaskans disagree with the governor and want funding restored. You must listen to your constituents. In case you have forgotten, your constituents are the citizens of Alaska.

Thank you for taking the time read this statement and please restore funding to all the areas and programs being attacked by the governor.

Very Sincerely,

Travis M Jennings

Good morning Co-Chairs Foster and Johnson:

Please restore the vetoes in the 2020 operating budget, address the 'reverse sweep', and fund a capital budget.

These rash vetoes threaten to undermine public health and safety; cause the loss of thousands of Alaskan jobs (in addition to the jobs lost attributable to the lack of a robust capital budget); causes harm to children, the elderly, and the most vulnerable of the Alaskan populations; forces the forfeiture of tens of millions in federal match funds; and will very likely plunge the state into economic turmoil.

Not reversing the 'sweep' of the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) fund into the Constitutional Budget Reserve will have an immediate and negative impact on every person living in rural Alaska. PCE has no accompanying federal program to offset the fund's dollars. The only alternative is for many villages/communities to

cease operations of its power utilities or increase rates of 30% or more causing many to go without. Changes of this magnitude require careful planning and time to address; none of which was made available.

Without electricity food supplies will be lost, delays in requesting evacuation for medical emergencies or search & rescue will result in loss of life or limb, and delays in communicating vital information during emergency broadcasts will occur.

Regards,

Angela 'Jan' Vanderpool, Executive Director  
Chugachmiut

**From:** Karen Fritsche <[kfritsche@hopealaska.org](mailto:kfritsche@hopealaska.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 4:48 PM

**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** State Budget

To Whom It May Concern:

Please forward the email below to the House Finance Committee and/or the entire legislative body.

With appreciation,  
Karen Fritsche

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Sincerely,

Thank you,

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**From:** Wanda Moore <[wmoore@hopealaska.org](mailto:wmoore@hopealaska.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 5:08 PM

**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** Please send this message to the House Finance Committee and/or the entire legislative body.

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Sincerely,

Wanda Moore

**From:** Shawna Murray <[smurray@hopealaska.org](mailto:smurray@hopealaska.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 5:56 PM

**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** Please kindly send to House Finance Committee regarding Medicaid Funding and Preventative Dental

Dear Members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

It is understood that times are hard and changes need to be made. I can tell you that the budget has been getting tighter and tighter around non-profits that support individuals with disabilities. I have not had a raise in 4.5 years, even with receiving awards for my performance. I have heard a co-worker describe our work as being in a pressure cooker that slowly keeps adding pressure. It has not been easy. It is not a situation where we want to give up on the people we love. It is hard enough to find compassionate people who can work at the wages we make and still get by in this economy. What type of cost will our society bear if our most vulnerable people are not being cared for? I know I do not have all the answers and I won't pretend I know what is best for the budget. I can just tell you I've seen people's hearts break and some have lost hope over all the cuts we've had to endure already. I know you have hard decisions to make and this isn't easy.

My organization has informed me that over the past 6 years cost containment measures imposed by the state, and regulatory changes mandated by state and federal agencies reduced our organization's revenues by 35%, and that is before taking into account the impact of this year's budget reductions or the governor's vetoes.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Nancy Parliament <[nparliament@hopealaska.org](mailto:nparliament@hopealaska.org)>  
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**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** governor's vetos

To who it may concerns:

I have run an assisted living facility for 17 years where I support people with disabilities. If the governor keeps vetoing so many services we will not be able to support our elderly and people with special needs. I cannot understand how he could do this to the people of Alaska. I would like you to pass this message on to the House Finance Committee.. I deeply care for the people I support and they should not go without any services.

Sincerely  
Nancy Parliament

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Hulen <[ljchulen@gmail.com](mailto:ljchulen@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:10 PM  
To: LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>; House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>  
Subject: finance committee hearing

Dear Honorable Legislators,

I am sitting in the audience during the finance committee hearing today in Anchorage, listening to testimony from citizens.

Much of the spoken testimony echos my sentiments with reasons stated much more eloquently than I can.

Even so, here is my written testimony.

Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes of 182 line items in your operating budget do not respect the bipartisan work you legislators did. You held hearings, you heard and listened to the public. You cut the state budget in a judicious manner and passed this budget to the governor. You did your job.

The governor is not doing his job. His vetoes are not those of a leader. His vetoes are callous. Many of these vetoes appear to actually cost the state...in lost matching funds for self-supporting program. The effects of these vetoes on the most vulnerable in our society, the poor, homeless, senior citizens, children, has been articulated many times. How can our state care so little for its people?

Please, legislators, don't let this happen to our state, to our people.

I support overriding the vetoes. I'd love to see all of the vetoes overridden.

But at the least, come together and compromise.

In that vein, I support House Bill 2001.

Sincerely, Linda

**From:** Julia Greenfield <[juliaakgreenfield@gmail.com](mailto:juliaakgreenfield@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 7:27 PM

**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Support of SB2001

I am representing myself in my comments, as well as my family. My husband has made it very clear that he is in accord with my statements and would be present as well if we did not have other familial obligations.

I am present at the public testimony tonight in Anchorage, but unfortunately I missed the sign up cut off to speak today. I was delayed in getting off of work and picking up my two children, and switching cars with my husband so he could head home to feed the kids and the dog. Suffice to say, we are a hard working family who lead busy lives. But I want to take the time to say I support SB 2001 of a reduced PFD in order to fund the budget. We need a solution now, for this year. I agree we need to find long term solutions, and other sources of revenue. But we need to stop delaying now and move forward this year. A reduced PFD will benefit many more people than will be hindered by such a reduction.

I am from Chugiak, I am a UA scholar and graduate of UAF, I am a state employee, and I have returned to Eagle River with my family. My have seen first hand the benefits gained by many of the programs that are now being cut.

I did leave Alaska for a few years to live with my husband's family after we were married. This was important for us in order to spend time where he was from and with his family because we knew we wanted to return to Alaska to raise a family. We valued the educational and economic opportunities available in Alaska as well as the art, music, community, and outdoor activities that make this a great place to live. I fear the outrageous cuts represented by the vetoes will ruin those opportunities that make this a great place to live. I believe a reduced PFD will make the original budget as negotiated possible. Don't get me wrong, I and my family have no plans to leave Alaska; we're here for the long haul. But I implore you to find more feasible solutions in order to protect our current vulnerable populations, our families and communities, as wells as ensure the long term welfare of our state.

Please also put aside your differences and meet in one place in order to make decisions and do the work need during the special session.

Please fund the capital budget and make the reverse sweep possible so our state can function .

Thank you for your careful consideration,  
Julia Greenfield

**From:** Sina Valai <[svalai@hopealaska.org](mailto:svalai@hopealaska.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 7:32 PM  
**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Restoration OF medicaid and dental services

TO whom it may concern,

I am a caregiver and I am worried and concerned about the people with disabilities losing their MEDICAID and DENTAL. I am supporting OVERRIDE THE VETOES to save Alaskan disabilities and senior program. I can give up my PFD to save people's LIFE.

**From:** Maria Skala <[mskala@aol.com](mailto:mskala@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:18 AM  
**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chuck Kopp <[Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Neal Foster <[Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sen. Cathy Giessel <[Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>; [representative.lyman.hoffman@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.lyman.hoffman@akleg.gov); Sen. Tom Begich <[Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** PFD and veto over rides

To ALL legislators:

While I spoke yesterday, the two minutes afforded was insufficient to provide you with all of the information that I think you would find helpful.

As mentioned I am a 45 year resident of the state having come via the military. When we were due for a permanent change of station in 1977, we elected to leave the military and stay in Alaska. This is of course, prior to the Permanent Fund and the PFD. At that time, we paid 11.5% for income tax as well as school taxes, user taxes, sin taxes, etc. This was to balance our budget. The tax burden that year resulted in a payment of \$4290.10 to the State. In today's dollars, that amounts to \$17,797.00. If we are concerned because our expenditure this year results in a need for \$20,000+ then we are only asking for \$3000 more than we had in 1977 AND the Permanent Fund is paying the bill not the individuals through an income tax. Between 1977 and 2019 there has been roughly a 300% inflation rate so \$3,000 does not seem like a large expenditure.

Now remember, before 1980, Alaskans were like every other state and we had all the varieties of taxation available not just property tax and gas tax. Speaking of gas tax, Alaska has the LOWEST gas tax in the country at our current rate. Perhaps that is a source that can be adjusted as I was stunned at the amount that other states add. I have added a copy of the page from the Tax Foundation that illustrates this.

Another curious thing which was surprising to me when I did my research was that Alaska's mean per capita income (PCI) while higher than that of the lower 48 states, indicates that we have NOT recovered as quickly or as well as the Lower 48 states from the most recent national recession. Our PCI has decreased over the last year decreased by 2% and the Lower 48 one has increased by 1.88% over the same period. In the past three years available, (2017 is the last year reported as 2018 comes out in Sept.) our mean PCI fell .13 % while in the same period the US PCI increased by 8.2%. This is really a telling statistic. One that can easily be used to argue that we cannot allow any cuts that would impair our ability to recover or cause a worsening economic situation.

Obviously, when the economy increases, charitable giving increases, and income increase and many of the issues in terms of funding go away. That is exactly why these funds need to be restored.

In terms of education , it has been noted that many states are increasing their support of universities this next year. The most recent research done on state's spending shows something surprising. For the states that report that education represents the largest percentage of their spending , Alaska is actually one of the lower percentage wise.

Here are the numbers: ( percent of budget allocation to education where it represents the states largest...states not included list health and welfare as their largest percentage amount)

|                    |   |
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| <b>Alaska 24.2</b> | Vermont 35.4  |
| Arizona 30.2       | Virginia 35.1   |
| Colorado 29.9      | Washington 29.3   |
| Connecticut 30.2   | West Virginia 34.1  |
| Delaware 35.7      | Wisconsin 33.7  |
| Georgia 35.5       | Wyoming **33.3 (** 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest overall per capita |

Illinois 31.4 spending in US)

Iowa 34.7

Kansas 35.9

Maryland 32.7

Michigan 34.7

Missouri 32.8

Montana 31.8

Nebraska 32.1

Nevada 27.6

New Hampshire 35.9

New Jersey 37.4

North Dakota 31.5

Ohio 34.3

Oklahoma 33.5

Pennsylvania 32.7

Rhode Island 31.8

South Dakota 33.0

Texas 36.2

Utah 36.2

So our spending here is not out of line with other states and again ours is not paid directly by the population.

In terms of per capita debt amount by states we vary from 3rd to 4th depending on the year. New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts all vie intermittently for the top spot. New York last year had a state debt of over \$17,000 per capita. Ours shows between \$7700 and \$13,000 but we have an advantage that they do not...we have a piggy bank called the Permanent Fund. They do NOT plain and

simple and they are someday going to have to pay this back on the backs of the people. We can funds ours from PFD if necessary...not a good idea of course but possible.

Please also recognize that if we had stuck with the PFD as proposed and written into law prior to the Zobel law suit, the PFD payment was based on residency and was \$50 per year of residency up to a cap of \$1000. Now the only glitch is that to qualify you had to be present in the three years prior to its inception (1980) which was one of the sticking point for the Zobels. However, had they not won, your job would be a LOT easier. People tend to think of the PFD as an entitlement and every single epithet that has been lobbed at the spending for social programs can easily apply to the PFD. Most would not qualify under Hammond's plan. As far as intent, it was NOT supposed to be a supplemental income program or only the poor would get it. It is a gift pure and simply. Yes, we call it a dividend but in some ways people perceive that a dividend is automatically paid every year. I can tell you from my retirement account that this is a false assumption.

I am just appalled at the misconception that was unintentionally, I hope, re-inforced by the group of people who stayed in Wasilla. Contrary to popular belief the governor has NO ABILITY under the Constitution to determine the amount paid. ALL appropriations must come from the House of Representatives so people need to retake US Government 101 as we are the same as the feds. I am sorry that the Wasilla 22 essentially ceded their appropriation power to the governor by not even participating in the vote to over ride. This is a serious error and a bad precedent. Look at the elected leaders who paved their way to dictatorship by getting concessions just like this from the government until they had all of the power themselves.

The amount paid for the PFD is determined by the legislature pure and simple and this garbage about Walker stealing the PFD is just a seriously flawed perception. The formulation needs changed to establish a statutory cap and this nonsense about the figures from \$3300 to \$7,000 being paid will just stop. If people have never paid income tax up here and understand how it works, then demand a large PFD they are somewhat delusional. It simply does not work that way...of course.

A final thought on the PFD....if the PFD is the thing keeping people here than like our three previous attempts to dissolve the PFD ought to be resurrected as these people are not here for Alaska and its people, they are here for themselves pure and simple.

SO, do I support the new finance bill....of course.

Maria Skala

**From:** Amy Rowe <amyrowed@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:54 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support HB 2001

Dear House Finance Team,

Please support HB2001 and restore funding to our budget. I also support a \$925 dividend.

Thank you,

Amy Rowe Danielson  
Sitka, AK

**From:** Mike W <[shutterbug101@hotmail.com](mailto:shutterbug101@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:18 AM  
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**Subject:** Your vote is needed

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Mike Wachsmuth

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**Cc:** Jana Weltzin <[jana@jdwcounsel.com](mailto:jana@jdwcounsel.com)>  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for House Finance Hearing

Please include the attached letter in the written testimony for the House Finance hearings on the vetos and the budget. Thanks! jana

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To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Re: PFD

We urge you not to fully fund the PFD and to restore money to the areas that have been hit so hard by the Governor's vetos!!!! We would rather have services restored than a PFD! These services are so very important to so many people's lives and will devastate this state putting us back into recession! We feel these vetos unfairly targeted education, homeless, medicaid, senior benefits, rural Alaska, and many more! We live in rural Alaska and on top of all the governor's vetos we now learn we will LOOSE all FERRY SERVICE from Sept. to April 30th! The only town, without a road, who will loose their HIGHWAY for a whole winter! The other areas have lost some of their service but not all! Also loosing our help with our high cost of electricity will hurt Rural Alaska the most! Many people depend on this help to get them through the winter! Please CUT THE PFD AND RESTORE SERCICES! Thank you!

Virgil Carroll 52 year resident

Charlette Carroll Born in Alaska, 72 year resident PO Box 319 Cordova, Ak 99574 Char@akcarroll.net

Sent from my iPad

**From:** bubba@horizonsatellite.com <bubba@horizonsatellite.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** letter for bill HB 2001

July

16, 2019

To the: Alaska House Finance Committee,

First, I want to thank all of our representatives that were in attendance in Juneau last week that are on the House Finance Committee. This includes Rep. Foster, Rep. Wilson, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Ortiz, Rep. Josephson, Re. Knoop, and Rep. Lebon. Your testimony and dedication for the good of the people were in evidence. I applaud your efforts and your determination to try to override this Governor's vetoes. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to Rep. Wilson because you had the courage to vote no and you were in Juneau. Bravo.

I am in strongly in favor of HB 2001 or any bill that eliminates all vetoes from the original budget that was sent to the Governor, and for any money left over to go to the citizens for their dividend for this year.

The Alaska State Constitution Article 1, Declaration of Rights, section 2 -source of government says, "All political power is inherent in the people. All government originates with the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the people as a whole."

Now as you collect testimony this week on HB 2001, I think the majority of Alaskans you hear from will testify in favor of fully funding all of the areas of government that this Governor has vetoed. The legislature passed a sustainable and manageable budget for the coming fiscal year. This Governor vetoed essential services for the people. This vetoed budget is not instituted for the good of the people as a whole-it really does not follow the guidelines of section 2 dealing with source of government-it really helps destroy so much of what is good about Alaska.

I also would like to see the Legislative Branch set up a committee that researches how our state can generate more revenue. I do hope we can look at an income tax as well. We need to start making some changes to our revenue besides just cutting the budget.

I hope that whatever politics you have to play this session, that we can restore a functional budget for the people-because it is the whole we have to look at-not just each individual. Let's keep Alaska going in a positive direction-I hope this bill is a starting point for this to happen.

Sincerely,

Alex L. Koplin

31 year resident of Alaska

Homer, Alaska

Testimony to House Finance 7-14-19 by Robert Hall, 232-8888

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Honorable Chair, members of the committee:

My name is Robert Hall representing the Houston Alaska Chamber of Commerce and presenting the Houston Solution – Which is to simply let Alaskans vote on a new PFD Formula.

Last Wednesday, before the Susitna Rotary Club – Governor Dunleavy said Yes, - If asked, he will consider expanding the call to the special session to include an advisory vote on a new PFD formula.

The Governor further said he hopes the public will be allowed to vote on any changes to the PFD formula.

There will be no long term-term solution to the budget without a long-term agreement on the future amount of the PFD.

The simplest formula would be based on a percentage of market value (POMV).

The Governor also said if the PFD is based on POMV; first the legislature needs to decide on a total payout percentage and then he believes half of the POMV total payout should be paid as PFDs. If the total POMV payout were 5% then the PFD total payment would be 2½ %.

However it is the responsibility of legislature to decide the percentage of POMV dedicated to PFDs. The legislature could decide on a special one-time first year payment and then revert to a formula. But please let the people vote on the new PFD formula.

A public advisory vote has several advantages.

1. An Advisory vote makes it easier to get a majority of the legislature to agree to “let the people vote”.
2. An Advisory vote makes it easier to avoid a veto.
3. An Advisory vote makes it easier to avoid a referendum to overturn the new formula
4. An Advisory vote is the right thing to do. The PFD is an important part of Alaska and it would be proper to ask Alaskans to approve changes to the PFD formula.

The Houston Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution stating that:

If the legislature proposes a new PFD Formula reducing the PFD to 1% of POMV then for the first year of the new formula the PFD should be a special one-time payment of \$6,700, paid out of savings; which is the amount that PFDs have been reduced via the “subject to appropriation” clause. A \$6,700

one time PFD would also encourage voters to support lower future PFDs.  
(Houston Alaska Chamber of Commerce Resolution 19-01)

First, one or more legislators should ask the governor to expand the call to include an advisory vote for a new PFD formula.

Then the legislature should hold hearings and decide on a new PFD formula based on POMV and then let Alaskans vote on it.

After Alaskans approve the new PFD formula the legislature should pass a sustainable balanced budget.

-----Original Message-----

From: Harvey Goodell <hegoodell@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:32 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Alaska's future

I support a bill, that will fund services and education in this state! The course the governor has us on is a disaster.

Thank you, Harvey Goodell almost 40 year resident of Kodiak Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Habza <abhabza@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:37 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Support for HB2001 and a lower PFD

I am a member of a 5th generation Alaska family. Will we see a 6th generation in Alaska or will all of our younger generation move to better opportunities in other states? You have the solution to correct the wrong done by the Governors vetos and keep our next generation in Alaska.

I am disappointed in the vetoes put forward by the Governor and further insulted by the actions of the Wasilla 22 in their refusal to meet and discuss a solution. The entire legislature worked together to present a fair budget to the governor. He then cut his way back to his original budget. This is not democracy. Thank you Senator Von Imhoff for your speech around this.

HB 2001 and the PFD proposal make sense and I encourage you to pass this bill. I support a lower PFD for the greater good of all Alaskans. I am in favor of a seasonal sales tax or income tax if needed to support state services.

Take the steps that you need to resolve this budget crisis. Do not give in to Governor Dunleavy and his bullying tactics. Work on a compromise that is in the best interest of all Alaskans.

Thank you for your efforts.

Anne Habza  
907-248-4917

**From:** Mike <mstainbrookak@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:42 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** In favor of HB 2001

Hello,

Thank you for taking and considering my comments. I am in favor of HB 2001 please move it forward and vote for it. My name is Mike Stainbrook and I live in Petersburg. Thank you

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Contessa Gossett <dodgermessacam5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** YES to a \$929 PFD- Override the vetoes

Dear AK House Finance Committee, though I would love to see a higher PFD, even 1/2 what the Gov. wants to distribute, if \$929 PFD will allow the vetoes/red pen being overridden rather than gutting the State budget then DO it please.

My husband and I cannot handle dealing with the UA system being gutted & having to consider our son withdrawing from college.

Our son's future is at stake & our financial stability is at stake & staying in AK is at stake. I hope when the vetoes are overridden the APS will be returned to AK's eligible college students. Our son just lost the only eligible scholarship and that has added over \$9000 in loans. Please DO the right thing.  
Contessa Shade Gossett, Palmer AK.

**From:** Marina Briggs <marinabriggs@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:49 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Marina Briggs <marinabriggs@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Marina J Briggs and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I

believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

very sincerely,

Marina J Briggs  
PO Box 2388  
Cordova, AK 99574  
907-424-4311

A consistent voter and believer in our state.

-----Original Message-----

From: JRezek <jrezek@mosquitonet.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:50 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Going forward

It is impossible for me to imagine what this governor pictures for the future of our state and it's people if his vetoes stand. I certainly see the wisdom of a balanced budget, but doing so in this drastic manner would have profoundly adverse effect on much of the fabric of what is commonly viewed as a happy and productive society.

Take my permanent fund earning check. It was nice while we could afford it, but that is no longer the case.

Joan Rezek

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Chris Fariss <CJF3K@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:51 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is \_\_\_\_Chris Fariss\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

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**From:** Judy Andree <jagster42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:03 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2001

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

We have written before urging the Legislature to override the Governor's vetoes of the bipartisan budget passed by the Legislature. We support a PFD that allows the vetoes to be cancelled out. We realize that many Alaska citizens were hoping for a \$3000 PFD this year, but the loss to Alaska to make that possible is devastating. We don't remember ever receiving a dividend of \$3000, but last year's dividend which reflected the need to use some of the money for state services seemed reasonable to us given the budget situation. We want students to attend our impressive University system: our youngest daughter was able to graduate with a degree at UAS after going outside for two years. We should not measure the worth of a university by the retention or four-year graduation rate. A university is much more than that; each class taken results in growth and a broadened view of the world. The budget vetoes leave problems in all areas of public education and indicate a bias against a system based on facts and critical thinking..

In addition, we support a progressive income tax and a review of the oil tax credits to make certain that they are fair to the citizens of Alaska. We also want to thank the bipartisan efforts of the Legislature in fashioning a reasonable budget. We know that the majority of Alaskans want a fair PFD and a fair budget that doesn't disadvantage any of our citizens..

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Bob and Judy Andree  
5985 Lund Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

-----Original Message-----

From: Beverly Richardson <beverly@aptalaska.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:05 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: PFD vs vetos

Please submit below as testimony for bill 2001. I am a ~50 year resident of Alaska. I am asking you, no begging you, to reinstate the funds in the governor's veto even if it means a decreased PFD or no PFD. These vetoes affect our daily live; our elderly, our poor, our young. And everyone. It is time we maintain these values move forward and pay for these preferably through an income tax or if not our PFD.

Beverly

**From:** wendyalderson@gci.net <wendyalderson@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:12 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** support for reduced PFD

Dear House Finance Committee;

My name is Frances Alderson. I live in Sitka and am a resident of the state of Alaska. I support a reduced PFD and I ask you to do the same. I do not Support Gov Dunleavy's budget cuts.

Thank you,  
Frances Alderson

-----Original Message-----

From: Marlene Cushing <cushing@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:20 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Over ride

I strongly support HB 2001.  
The vetoes will devastate our state.  
Reduce the PFDs and restore vital funds!

Marlene Cushing  
Petersburg, Alaska

**From:** Faith Wheeler-Jeppson <fwheeler-jeppson@cdvcmc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:20 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Faith Wheeler-Jeppson and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I whole-heartedly believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

Respectfully,  
Faith Wheeler-Jeppson

**From:** Barbara Derr <derr.barbara@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:21 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support the \$1600 dividend to end the false crisis

<https://www.dermotcole.com/reportingfromalaska/2019/7/13/kotptq0dbjqm8r9c3s9e8txl06v5n1>  
Dunleavy attack on higher education comes right out of Arduin's playbook —

I'm sure you've seen this. Now everyone needs to see it.

Barbara Derr  
6509 chevigny st Anchorage

**From:** Laura Buchheit <lacbuchheit@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:36 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Cc:** Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Chris Birch <Sen.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Tom Begich <Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson <Sen.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. Scott Kawasaki <Sen.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gary Knopp <Rep.Gary.Knopp@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jennifer Johnston <Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Zack Fields <Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov>; Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chuck Kopp <Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bart LeBon <Rep.Bart.Lebon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kelly Merrick <Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Daniel Ortiz <Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Joshua Revak <Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Steve Thompson <Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Adam Wool <Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky <Rep.Tiffany.Zulkosky@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment for public testimony on HB 2001 - in support; urge consideration of Work Draft to restore state services

July 16, 2019

To the State of Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2001, for payment of a Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) of \$1,600, as a step towards balancing the state budget through a reasonable PFD. The PFD should not be any higher; in fact, the PFD should be lower in order for the state budget to support state services provided through the state budget.

With this support, I urge you to enact the CS for House Bill No. 2001 (Fin) Work Draft HB 2001 that restores services to the State of Alaska that were eliminated through the Governor's vetoes. In this Work Draft I see hopeful action to support the current and future economic stability of Alaska, an economic stability that has been destroyed by the Governor's line item vetoes. I do not have a full understanding of the legislative process surrounding the CS Work Draft, but I hope that it represents the work of the committee to restore state services denied by the Governor's vetoes.

The Governor's vetoes are devastating to my community and my family. Our PFD, no matter how large, can not provide the equivalent support for my children's education and future opportunities than the state can collectively. My daughter, as I write, is participating in an Alaska Native Science and Engineering (ANSEP) summer program through the University of Alaska; this program is accelerating her desire to learn and her interest in her state as a next generation workforce. This program is severely damaged in the Governor's vetoes. My daughter is devastated that a lifeline for her future is being taken away. Our confidence in our state to support its constituents is damaged.

Other programs that support our children's education need to be reinstituted: Alaska State Libraries for long distance learning; Council of the Arts for Artist in Residence and Sitka Fine Arts programs; Public Broadcasting for our one radio station; among others. To support our community, the following programs need reinstituting, among others: Early Childhood Education, civil air patrol, veteran services, community initiative matching grants, public health laboratories, senior benefits, water quality, etc.

I am disheartened that the hard and conscientious work on the state budget that your committee and the entire Alaska Legislature was dismissed by the Governor's vetoes. I am dismayed that you are back in session to rectify the wrongs done by the vetoes. I greatly appreciate your work to uphold the state of Alaska, to respond to the majority of Alaskans who are speaking up against the Governor's vetoes. Thank you so much for your service. We are counting on you to find a responsible and rational solution in the short term, and long term. We are counting on you to fund education and economic opportunities that secure the future of our children and our communities and our state. This year, minimize the PFD. Next year, decrease state tax credits to oil companies and start work on a state income tax.

Thank you for listening. Thank you for your action. Thank you for your service to the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,  
Laura Buchheit  
Gustavus, AK  
907-697-2130  
[labuchheit@gmail.com](mailto:labuchheit@gmail.com)

**From:** BERT KLEINENBERG <tundrab@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:38 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Supporting the full PFD Payment as required by law

Dear legislators.

My name is Alabertus(bert) Kleinenberg  
16210 Platt Road PO BOX 521020  
Big lake Alaska 99652

I am in full support of the full traditional statutory of the PFD payout and not as what the legislature

wants to give us under SB 26.

The PFD belongs to the people, owners of the State of Alaska and not the State Government.

The PFD was not part of the State Government budget but just a transfer(DGF) designated general

fund monies incoming that can not be manipulated by the legislature.

Due to manipulating by the State leadership of the Finance Division who placed our PFD payout in to

the UFG (Undesignated General Fund)portion of the budget this

move resulted that the PFD can now be added to the State Services without a vote of the people

and created the mess we are now in.

This discussion should not be the State vs State services.

Stop stealing the Peoples PFD and start paying the full \$3000.00 plus to the Alaska State residents.

You in the legislature with backing of the special interest groups want to change the formula and the laws of the PFD than put it on a ballot for a vote by the residents and the owners of the State of Alaska.

**From:** Amber Shumpert <amber.m.shumpert@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** NO on HB 2001!

Good afternoon,

Given the recent revisions made to HB 2001, I need to once again express my opinion on the matter.

I urge our legislators to reject HB 2001. The time to override the vetoes has passed. The special sessions are only to address the items and topics set forth beforehand. The budget has been resolved, and again, your time to veto is over. Now you have to address the PFD, which according to Alaskan statute, is supposed to be around \$3,000. Follow the law, as all Alaskans are required to, and release the full PFD. If the formula needs to be changed, that can be addressed in the general session and made into law, with public approval.

Respectfully,  
Amber Shumpert

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jannelle Trowbridge <jannelletrowbridge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Don't oversimplify this political conflict it has real and complex impacts

I really hope the classes I need in spring will be there. I hope my degree will still be accredited and that I can graduate in next May. The UAA debate coach is applying for jobs outside of AK. He was a huge player in our community and he gave me the beginnings of my voice. He will take his wife and two kids with him. This is just a start of those who can leave, leaving for healthier environments. This leaves those of us behind who can't afford to leave, and we begin an unnecessary struggle with worse problems than the day before. It's a quality problem to debate over which degree opportunity I want to take advantage of. A lower quality problem is one where I wonder if I will be able to even get my degree in Alaska. One of the only Alaska Native PhD professors I know who has come back to Alaska to empower their community now faces uncertainty in their job. They are doing awesome research with many students on how gut microbiota impacts organisms. Understanding these interactions applies to our understanding of how microbes impact us and evolve with us. My friends and I are looking at credits, and costs and losing sleep, this uncertainty is taking a toll. With lack of location, facility, and job security at the university grant and research funding is at risk of being disrupted. The state budget has been oversimplified. We have been oversimplified. We are the present and we are the future. Invest in us. Invest in how we can lead this state and educate the world. Alaska's needs are different from the lower 48, we can't survive drastic budget cuts as easily, we are bridging a large geographical space. Yesterday UA met to decide if they should delay financial exigency or start cutting right away. They voted to wait until July 30 just in case funding cuts change. We are strung out watching our professors become vulnerable and afraid as everything they have worked so hard for is lined out on the cutting board. We are looking at the many younger students just graduating high school and panicking as we get strings of emails telling us we better find other financial sources as merit based scholarship accounts are drained. We feel almost powerless in a world where climate change is heavy on our generations shoulders, we stand to get educated, to contribute, to make a change. What is worth taking away our viable paths to further

education? How is this logical? We are told to stay clam and just be present at classes. Yet president of the university Jim Johnsen said closing all rural campuses only saves 30 million. Getting rid of degree program duplications between the universities only saves another 20 million. The university needs to save more than that. People say I should be mad at my university for depending on the state and not operating more efficiently, but right now I am mad at my state political leaders because they do not collectively value us and this university system enough to work as one team. Right now 17% of the overall university system budget is going to be cut. For what, a one time PFD high? Many have written from the lower 48 and even other arctic research universities and it's clear a cut like this is too deep. Mistakes will be made and adaptation will be rushed and sloppy, and we will see our communities pay for it. That big of a cut in one year will be devastating. We are caught between if the PFD is right or wrong. Maybe the PFD is a good idea, but maybe income tax is a good idea too. I just know that education is very important to myself and and my community and that education is how we make sure we are ready for what's next. In life it's best to invest in skill because skill is hard to take away from people once they have it. Skill is what has empowered humans to survive and compete, don't take away our institutions of skill acquisition and learning. Please give us hope and local access to higher education. Don't make us endure unnecessary gutting of our university.

Sincerely,  
Jannelle Trowbridge

-----Original Message-----

From: Summer Spurlin <summerinalaska@me.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:45 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Keep the cuts, leave the PFD alone!

Dear Legislators,

I am a born and raised Alaskan, I went and got my education out of state because the cost-of-living was so much cheaper as was the tuition! However I brought my skills home and I contribute every day to the public service call of our great state. I am a registered nurse and my husband is a police officer. We know what the front line looks like. We see all the waste charged to Medicaid because these people think it's free and just go to the ER because they're too lazy to make appointments at clinics. These people rob and rob and rob again... because the law does nothing to punish them! We elected Dunleavey for a reason we want the changes he promised! Leave the PFD alone! Make the cuts! Live within your means like the rest of us have to! It is our tax dollars you are wasting on your lavish Perdiem bullshit lifestyles! None of you should make more than my husband or I do! None of you work any harder than we do! I can promise you that!

Thanks, and have a great day!!

Summer Spurlin, RN, BSN, WCC  
907-201-1234

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Asiqluq Topkok <asiqluq@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:49 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB2001

Uvlaallautaq

I was born and raised in Spenard, but my family is from Teller, AK. I work at the University of Alaska Fairbanks as a faculty member. I received my higher education from UAF with a bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees. I am the first person from Teller to earn a Ph.D., and the 14th Alaska Native with a doctorate from UAF.

The education I received from Alaska was exemplary. That is one of the reasons I am a faculty member, to educate Alaskans and others who seek to get their education from UAF due to its great reputation. As a faculty member, I GET to work with communities statewide, nationally, and internationally. I am dedicated for Alaska's future, for I have three sons and one grandson. My two oldest sons attend(ed) UAF. My oldest son stepped away in order to take care of his son but plans to return to UAF. My middle son will soon earn his associate's degree.

The extreme reduction for education statewide is devastating. An Elder told me, "They can take everything away from you, but they can never take away your education." Let's keep education in Alaska, for Alaskans, with Alaskans.

As a faculty member, I have received many email messages and phone calls from students asking about their programs. I reassured them they will still receive an excellent education, and I will continue to stay at UAF advocating on their behalf.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my story.

C. Sean Asiqłuq Topkok, Ph.D.

**From:** Chandler O'Connell <cmoconn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support HB 2001

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am a Sitkan, deeply concerned about the future of our state. I support House Bill 2001 to reverse Dunleavy's vetoes to the operating and capital budgets and to set the dividend level at \$929.

The vetoes are unacceptable and can not stand. Please come together to restore funding to our state, to provide Alaskans with much needed stability, infrastructure and services.

Next year when we are having this conversation I hope that we will be repealing the oil tax credit subsidies or implementing a progressive income tax. But for now, when we compare a smaller PFD to the vetoes, there is no contest - the vetoes are worse. Please pass HB 2001.

Thank you,

Chandler O'Connell  
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**From:** Gail Sieberts <[sieberts@gci.net](mailto:sieberts@gci.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 7:40 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jennifer Johnston <[Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budget Hearings of July 15, 2019

Dear Representative Johnston,

I could not make it to the budget hearings today but want to voice my strong support for restoring the budget cuts made through the Governor's vetoes. State spending is part of the Alaska economy and I fear that with such drastic cuts, the state will be once again in recession. I support the bill that has been recently introduced. Please restore the State Arts Council. I am happy to have no permanent fund dividend and to pay state income taxes but the value of state services has impacts on us all. I am willing to pay!

I appreciate everything that is being done to restore these cuts. I also support a strong capital budget as it provides jobs in communities. The voice of reason is so important,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <[Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Eastman <[Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <[Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennifer Johnston <[Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <[Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Kelly Merrick <[Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Mark Neuman <[Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <[Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <[Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov)>; Rep. George Rauscher <[Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Joshua Revak <[Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <[Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <[Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Talerico <[Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <[Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Sarah Vance <[Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <[Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov)>; Sen. Mia Costello <[Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov)>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <[sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov)>; Sen. Peter Micciche <[Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov)>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <[Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov)>; Sen. Mike Shower <[sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov)>; Sen.

David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Marin Kuizenga <polarmarin@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Support HB 2001 - Fund our state

Dear House Finance Committee,

Thank you for again taking live testimony in Fairbanks. I have lived in Fairbanks for 30 years – first as a student, now as a homeowner, business leader, and parent. I am writing in support on HB 2001 and need you to know that:

- I do not support a full PFD and cannot fathom the greed of some that would wish to receive a small pittance in exchange for a collapse of our economy and services. Take it all – whether my family gets \$900 or \$3000 makes no difference, but if my teens don't have teachers, and no university to aspire to, and there are no small businesses in Fairbanks, and my home value drops by half, then I will sadly be looking for a new state to call home.
- I AM in full support of education funding.
- I AM in full support of diversifying our economy including a revisit of the oil tax. I support an income tax as well.
- I understand some economizing is necessary, but we can't kill all we have come to love – or put the state's future on the backs of our elders and youth.
- And finally, I am appalled at our governor. I see no leadership. No brilliance – no articulated vision of how his action's benefit our state. He is no friend of Alaska.

Please support HB 2001 – and any efforts to restore funding to our state.

Thank you,

Marin Kuizenga

College Hills

Fairbanks, AK

**From:** zebadiah kraft <zeb\_kraft@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:05 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Restore funding to UA.

Hello,

I wish to express my concern with the effort to reduce UAA's funding. I want my voice on the record as a constituent that I oppose reducing the budget and I oppose the governor's vetoes, budget, and policy choices regarding education in this state. Thank you.

Zebadiah Kraft

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**From:** DeAnna Koranda <deedlette@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** FULL PFD - VETOES MUST STAND!!

I wanted to call in or testify in person, but had to have a tooth pulled today and am not able to do either.

Without knowing the amount of the PFD, I could not afford a crown for my broken tooth. I don't fritter away my PFD. I use it for essentials.

You are robbing me of financial security for this type of "extravagances".

The FULL PFD as defined by statute that has been in place for decades is the only acceptable PFD.

The Governor's Vetoes SHOULD STAND! This last minute end run around the law is UNACCEPTABLE!! No wonder no one trusts you.

We cannot continue to spend what we do not have. You cannot steal my PFD to pay for a bloated government. Keep cutting-don't keep spending.

DeAnna Koranda  
Wasilla

**From:** Dave Mayo-Kiely <dave.mayokiely@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** PFD

I do not support a full PFD this year or any year moving forward unless we first fund what I believe are essential state services: preK- college education, homeless services, Sr. services, arts, public broadcasting,...

Our state has the resources to pay for these services AND provide a significant PFD. I have heard between 900 and 1,600 per person. That is a responsible amount.

Having said that, I believe it is past time for us to look at an income tax. I support it, my wife supports it, our neighbors do as well. We have had a free ride for long enough.

Finally, it is critical that some resolution to our current budget fiasco happen soon. I have neighbors worried about jobs and house payments. I have families I work with who are wondering when they will be kicked out of housing, I have friends wondering how long their agencies can dip into reserves to cover services our Governor vetoed. The time is now to work out a solution.

Thank you for your work.

Dave Mayo-Kiely

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**From:** KENNETH FEDERICO <kenfederico@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

I will make this brief, Why would anyone in their right mind even consider a \$929.00 PFD and a full funded budget? Does anyone in the House Majority really believe this will even have a slimmer of hope? You already saw that the Governor will not go along and probably the other half of the Legislature either. This just looks like a grab for per diem on your part by forcing another special session. Hope you enjoy your last days because I foresee a whole lot of you will not be re-elected back into office. Good luck on costing the state a lot more money.... Ken Federico

**From:** Kevin McCabe <[kevinj.mccabe@gmail.com](mailto:kevinj.mccabe@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 8:40 AM  
**Subject:** PF Dividend Testimony.

Good day.

This is my testimony for the 07/15/2019 committee meeting on the PFD.

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# State of Alaska Fiscal Summary--FY17 and FY18 (Part 1)

(\$ millions)

|   | FY17 Budget                |                          |                     |                          |                  |                       | FY18 Budget                |                          |                     |                       |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Unrestricted General Funds | Designated General Funds | Total General Funds | Other State Funds        | Federal Receipts | All Funds             | Unrestricted General Funds | Designated General Funds | Total General Funds | Other State Funds     |
| <b>Fund Transfers (9)</b>                           | <b>29.4</b>                | <b>39.3</b>              | <b>68.6</b>         | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>         | <b>68.6</b>           | <b>(70.6)</b>              | <b>13.7</b>              | <b>(56.9)</b>       | <b>-</b>              |
| <b>Current Fiscal Year Transfers</b>                | <b>20.0</b>                | <b>39.3</b>              | <b>59.3</b>         | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>         | <b>59.3</b>           | <b>(70.6)</b>              | <b>13.7</b>              | <b>(56.9)</b>       | <b>-</b>              |
| Statutory Budget Reserve Fund                       | -                          | -                        | -                   | -                        | -                | -                     | (95.6)                     | -                        | (95.6)              | -                     |
| Oil & Hazardous Substance Fund                      | 15.6                       | 7.2                      | 22.8                | -                        | -                | 22.8                  | 15.9                       | 2.2                      | 18.1                | -                     |
| Vaccine Assessment Account                          | -                          | 31.2                     | 31.2                | -                        | -                | 31.2                  | -                          | 10.5                     | 10.5                | -                     |
| Alaska Capital Income Fund (2)                      | 4.4                        | -                        | 4.4                 | -                        | -                | 4.4                   | 9.1                        | -                        | 9.1                 | -                     |
| Other Funds   | -                          | 0.9                      | 0.9                 | -                        | -                | 0.9                   | 0.0                        | 1.0                      | 1.0                 | -                     |
| <b>Supplemental Appropriations (Fund Transfers)</b> | <b>9.3</b>                 | <b>-</b>                 | <b>9.3</b>          | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>         | <b>9.3</b>            | <b>-</b>                   | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>              |
| Community Quota RLF                                 | -                          | (9.4)                    | (9.4)               | -                        | -                | (9.4)                 | -                          | -                        | -                   | -                     |
| Statutory Budget Reserve Fund                       | (20.0)                     | -                        | (20.0)              | -                        | -                | (20.0)                | -                          | -                        | -                   | -                     |
| AMHS Fund   | 30.0                       | 9.4                      | 39.4                | -                        | -                | 39.4                  | -                          | -                        | -                   | -                     |
| Oil & Hazardous Substance Fund                      | (0.7)                      | -                        | (0.7)               | -                        | -                | (0.7)                 | -                          | -                        | -                   | -                     |
| <b>Post-Transfers Authorization (unduplicated)</b>  | <b>5,223.4</b>             | <b>996.8</b>             | <b>6,220.2</b>      | <b>752.6</b>             | <b>3,841.7</b>   | <b>10,814.4</b>       | <b>5,017.7</b>             | <b>966.8</b>             | <b>5,984.5</b>      | <b>752.6</b>          |
| <b>Post-Transfer Balance to/(from) the CBR</b>      | <b>(2,821.5)</b>           | <b>Revenue Covers</b>    | <b>46.0%</b>        | <b>of Appropriations</b> | <b>(2,372.7)</b> | <b>Revenue Covers</b> | <b>(2,372.7)</b>           | <b>Revenue Covers</b>    | <b>(2,372.7)</b>    | <b>Revenue Covers</b> |
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| Agency Operations                                   | 3,926.8                    | 823.5                    | 4,750.3             | 598.4                    | 2,478.5          | 7,827.1               | 3,732.6                    | 877.2                    | 4,609.8             | 598.4                 |
| Statewide Items                                     | 430.4                      | 121.8                    | 552.3               | 60.3                     | 28.9             | 641.4                 | 463.6                      | 47.8                     | 511.4               | 60.3                  |
| Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve                     | 695.7                      | 0.0                      | 695.7               | 0.0                      | 0.0              | 695.7                 | 760.0                      | 0.0                      | 760.0               | 0.0                   |
| <b>Total Operating</b>                              | <b>5,052.9</b>             | <b>945.3</b>             | <b>5,998.2</b>      | <b>658.6</b>             | <b>2,507.4</b>   | <b>9,164.2</b>        | <b>4,956.2</b>             | <b>925.0</b>             | <b>5,881.2</b>      | <b>658.6</b>          |
| <b>Capital</b>                                      | <b>141.2</b>               | <b>12.2</b>              | <b>153.4</b>        | <b>93.9</b>              | <b>1,334.2</b>   | <b>1,581.6</b>        | <b>132.0</b>               | <b>28.2</b>              | <b>160.2</b>        | <b>93.9</b>           |
| <b>Transfers</b>                                    | <b>29.4</b>                | <b>39.3</b>              | <b>68.6</b>         | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>         | <b>68.6</b>           | <b>(70.6)</b>              | <b>13.7</b>              | <b>(56.9)</b>       | <b>-</b>              |

## Notes:

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- (2) Permanent Fund Dividends and earnings on the Amerada Hess portion of the Permanent Fund were reclassified as UGF expenditures. Prior to 2017, they were recorded as DGF expenditures.
- (3) There are two adjustments to the revenue forecast. First, the legislature appropriated only the constitutionally mandated 20% of royalties to the Permanent Fund, down from the statutory 30%. The combined impact is a \$27.1 million. Second, existing motor fuel tax revenue was reclassified as designated general fund revenue in accordance with statute, reducing UGF revenue by \$36.1 million. The combined impact is a \$27.1 million.
- (4) Carryforward is money that was appropriated in a prior year that is made available for spending in a later year via multiyear appropriations. Repeats increase revenue by reducing prior year authorization unknown until the close of FY17. Reappropriations to operating budget funds are counted as UGF revenue.
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- (6) Duplicated authorization is in the budget twice, such as when funds flow in and out of a holding account or one agency pays another for services provided. Duplicated authorization also includes the expenditure service on bonds (which includes repayment of principal) will be reflected in future operating budgets.
- (7) Including duplicated fund sources in the amount of capital spending provides a valuable measure of "money on the street" because it includes projects funded with bond proceeds and other duplicated funds.
- (8) The post transfer deficits for FY17 and FY18, estimated to be \$2.8 billion and \$2.4 billion, respectively, will be drawn from the Constitutional Budget Reserve.
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**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 8:57 AM  
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**Subject:** Budget

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Thank you.  
Kevin and Denise Hall  
Sterling, Ak

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**From:** Michael Hawfield <mchawfield@alaska.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you for your work

Thank you for all your work on the House Finance Committee as you address the issue of this year's PFD amount.

I emphatically oppose adopting the ruinously high amount of PFD payout proposed by Governor Dunleavy. I urge members to continue your tradition of seeking compromise and act with moderation in resolving the financial challenges faced by the state. I urge the committee to recommend a low PFD payout (under \$1,000) The budget can be balanced with the funds NOT paid out in the PFD give-away.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tania Harrison <taniaharrison90@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:14 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Tania Harrison and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

One does not need any training in economics to understand that a 3000 dollar hand out can not possibly compensate for the loss in services and economic collapse of the state. I am in full support of maintaining a small PFD to support our low income families and instituting a state income tax.

Thank you for your hard work. Save our State!

Tania Harrison

**From:** C R Ellingwood <cellingak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:14 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Input on HB 2001

Dear House Finance Committee,

I'm writing in the event that I'm not able to testify telephonically. Thank you for coming together at this critical juncture.

Regarding the Operating Budget vs. "traditional PFD" amount, there are some factions who refuse to diversify the state's income by the mistaken thinking that we can balance the state budget by simply cutting it. All that approach does is shift the financial burden to the various communities in the state.

Although it may be past time to consider other revenue sources such as a state payroll tax, revising our oil production taxes, a sales tax, (even if it's just seasonal) and possibly a motor vehicle fuel tax increase, (that could apply only to those communities on the 'road system'), as far as I can tell, modifying the PFD formula (since banishing it outright isn't an option) in order to fund essential services is the responsible and prudent thing to do. Bravo to the House of Representatives for voting down the \$3000 dividend in the regular session.

Listening to some of the testimony yesterday, I was dismayed to hear how many Alaskans referred to 'MY governor' and 'MY permanent fund dividend.' It struck me that "my" was invoked so often, rather than "our," thus demonstrating the speaker's indifference for the greater good. Sadly, Governor Dunleavy is also disregarding the majority opinion of the people of when it comes to the co-joined issue of the Budget and PFD.

It made me wonder how many of the people testifying for a "full" PFD were residents in the mid-1980s when the Alaska economy crashed. It took a catastrophe (Exxon Valdez) to prime that economic recovery. Driving us to a self-imposed disaster as prescribed by the Governor's vetoes is not responsible government. Per statements by economists, past governors, legislators, a former US Senator (Frank Murkowski), as well as business and community leaders, the draconian budget resulting from Governor Dunleavy's vetoes imperils every aspect of life in Alaska.

I respectfully ask each of you to reflect on the not so distant memory of when "we don't care how they do it Outside", was a matter of pride and working "across the aisle" was the routine way of doing the state's business, rather than blindly subscribing to party partisan philosophies. I ask and expect each of you to act on behalf of the common good, by reversing the \$444 million in vetoes and reducing the PFD to \$1600 or less.

Thank you for your time and attention,  
Carolyn Ellingwood

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Todd <alasquette@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:15 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Governor Dunleavy's Vetoes

Dear House Finance Committee,

PLEASE reduce or eliminate the PFD to return money to the operating budget. The overall health and well being of our State far exceeds a once a year money for nothing check.

Thank you for fighting this fight.

Sincerely,  
S. Todd

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Laura Kacsh <laurakacsh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:17 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Laura Torgerson and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

Laura Torgerson

**From:** Moriah <moriah.mckittrick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Mat-Su Public Testimony

Hi, my name is Moriah McKittrick. I am nineteen and I have spent the past 11 years growing up in the Valley. I am opposed to the budget cuts. Specifically the budget cuts that affect the Alaska Performance Scholarship, the UA Schools, the Alaska Marine Highway, and Medicaid.

I spent two years at Colony High School taking classes to earn my Alaska Performance Scholarship. Then, I went to the Alaska Middle College, started taking UAA classes, and I graduated high school with 40 college credits. I am starting UAA's nursing program this fall. I am reliant on the funds from the Alaska Commission of Post-secondary Education. The support I receive from the state is valuable to our community. In high school I worked hard to earn my Alaska Performance Scholarship, so that I could earn my nursing degree, and give back to my community.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

**From:** Jessica Cler <Jessica.Cler@ppvnh.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:27 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001 Written Comments

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for your efforts to restore funding to many critical, life-saving programs through HB 1002, and for providing the opportunity to comment this week. Attached are written comments on behalf of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Jessica

**Jessica Cler** (*she/her*)

Alaska State Director

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii

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**Dear Representatives:**

**On behalf of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest & Hawaii, I am writing today to urge you to restore funding for vetoed programs and services.**

**Over the past month, thousands Alaskans have asked their elected leaders to protect our resources, services, and the future of Alaska, and override the Governor's reckless vetoes. These drastic funding cuts will harm nearly every resident of our state, especially youth, seniors, and people with low incomes and disabilities. A full PFD is not worth the cost of losing life-saving services.**

**Cutting the Medicaid program by an additional \$77 million, including eliminating the adult dental benefit, would cut the most vulnerable Alaskans off from the care they need to stay healthy. These cuts will not just impact Medicaid enrollees, but will upend our state's entire health care system. Most of Alaska's health care providers – including children's hospitals, rural**

**hospitals, and community health centers – serve Medicaid patients. If reimbursement rates are slashed and health care providers cannot afford to provide health care in our state, they will be**

**forced to shut their doors or stop seeing Medicaid patients who have nowhere else to turn, threatening all Alaskans' access to health care.**

**The cuts to early learning programs, K-12 public education, and the University of Alaska, along**

**with programs to address homelessness and domestic violence will also have a lasting impact for generations. The Governor and the legislature cannot simply balance the budget on the**

backs of the most vulnerable in our state.

On top of these cuts to health care, education and social services, the Governor made politically-motivated cuts to our state's court system. This attack on the judicial branch sets a dangerous precedent, and we ask the legislature to protect our state's independent judiciary and protect against executive overreach by restoring these funds.

We appreciate the committee's effort to protect access to health care and other much-needed

state programs and services. We need fair and equitable revenue sources, not dangerous and unsustainable cuts that will harm every single resident of our state.

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Please vote to restore funding from all of the Governor's vetoes.

Thank you,

Jessica Cler

-----Original Message-----

From: jacquelyn sparrow <sparrowjd@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:29 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: 2001 bill

I strongly support the new version of Bill 2001. Hopefully there can be forward progress. Jacquelyn Sparrow

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Ed Kaufmann <edwardkaufmann2012@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:30 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** University of Alaska Budget Cut

Good Morning/Afternoon,

I am currently a online Graduate student at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. I live in New York State. UAF has provided myself and others like me a wonderful opportunity to raise the bar on our educational goals. I looked at other Graduate programs at various universities and UAF afforded me the best opportunity to obtain a Masters Degree. I was , at one time, a resident of the great State of Alaska having been stationed at Fort Wainwright. My youngest son was born at Bassett Army Hospital. The pursuit of my Masters Degree at UAF helps put me on a course to return to Alaska. Education is a life-long experinecne that should never fall victim to financial despair. When you invest in education of any level, you invest in the future.

The University of Alaska provides so many people with the opportunity to invest in their futures too and it is not just the in-state students but the scores of out-of-state students like myself. Most of the students in my online courses are from out-of-state as well. The impending budget cut to the university will not only affect Alasla but it could very well impact us in the lower 48 as well. Denying the present with opportunities to learn will also deny the future. Please, reconsider and don't let this great

institution of higher learning, it's staff, it's faculty, and it's students be deprived of what it needs to fulfill its mission of education. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Ed Kaufmann

MSDM Class of 2020

**From:** Christopher Smith <cwsmith1318@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:41 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Protect Public Education, Not Pompous PFD

Dear Legislative Members,

Hello my name is Christopher Smith, I am an Alaskan working for the Geophysical Institute at UAF researching wildfire risk and prevention strategies. I am frankly dumbfounded by the lack of legislative support towards education in Alaska from a Pre-K to a university level, especially considering the irony of the Governor (Dunleavy has a masters from UAF in education, how can he logically move forward with his proposed budget).

A state funded university creates opportunity for the youth of Alaska and illustrates the importance of education to future generations, creates the educated professionals that fuel the future of the state, and produces world-class research (UAF is a tier-1 research institution and is a worldwide leader in Arctic research because of institutions like the Geophysical Institute and Institute of Arctic Biology). All of this will be stripped away if appropriations are not made to restore the states funding to the university!

There are outcries across the world from people advocating for the University of Alaska, one of the top Arctic Research Universities. Many funding agencies at the federal level are already saying they want to help pick up the slack from the state (NASA, NOAA, NSF, etc.) however, this federal funding will not be a long-term solution because researchers and faculty earning grants from these agencies will look for positions elsewhere because of the insecurity of the university system caused by upheaval at a state level. As researchers, faculty, and grad students look for opportunities elsewhere this federal funding will be stripped from the University of Alaska system as well.

It is sad how the federal agencies seem to care more about the integrity of the state's public education system currently than the state itself. As a state, the legislature should be protecting Alaska's public education, especially since Alaskans are so geographically cut off from the rest of the U.S. Every \$1 spent by the state on the university returns about \$7 in grant money from other sources, like the National Science Foundation or other federally supported agencies. In order to maintain these funds and grant money from other sources, state funding is required to maintain that faculty that help bring in federal funds.

Legislatures fighting for the future of Alaska thank you for all your efforts! Let's show Alaska that the state's future is more important than a pompous PFD amount.

Sincerely,

Concerned Alaskan Resident Christopher Smith

**From:** Grace Wyatt <ghwyatt@alaska.edu>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:42 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Mat-Su Public Testimony

Hello, my name is Grace Wyatt, I am 19 and currently a student at UAA after growing up here in the Valley. I am writing in regards to the proposed budget cuts on UA campuses and especially the cuts on the Alaska Performance Scholarship of which I oppose. I worked very hard throughout my high school career and through the Alaska Middle College program to earn this scholarship. I cannot afford school without debt without the APS. This scholarship, which I have already earned, is one that I need to help support my success in the future. Please consider this testimony.

Thank you for your time,

Grace Wyatt

**From:** David Popiel <davidpopiel@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:44 AM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001 and Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes

House Finance Committee members,

I went to Anchorage Leg. Building yesterday to give testimony on Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes and on HB 2001. Unfortunately, I was not able to stay due to the number of people testifying. I left work at 5pm and waited until a bit after 6pm and I think I was 20th in line, I would've stayed but kids, dinner, and life called me away. Thank you to all the representatives and staffers on the Committee who were present. I understand that being present to listen to testimony takes time away from family and life and I appreciate the commitment.

For your reference, I am writing as an individual citizen.

I am very concerned with Gov. Dunleavy's line item vetoes of the proposed budget from the Legislature. The election of Gov. Dunleavy caused me concern and nothing he has done while in office has alleviated any of that concern. He appears to be committed to cutting government services to the point of seriously damaging our State. I strongly disagreed with his proposed budget and his subsequent line item vetoes of the proposed budget.

Gov. Dunleavy has disrespected the legislative process that generated the budget. The legislature worked hard to craft a compromise budget and the Governor responded with poorly considered cuts that a majority of residents disagree with. The Governor's vetoes are effectively raising taxes on all Alaskan's as costs are shifted to the Municipalities.

The Governor is challenging the balance of powers within the State government. The Legislature appropriates the funds and the Governor executes them. Dunleavy is acting in an autocratic manner which is out of sync with our republican values. It is the responsibility of the Legislature to keep the Executive in check. I encourage the Legislature to move forward legislation that removes the line-item veto authority of the Governor.

**For the record, I support HB 2001.**

For the future, I encourage the Legislature to move forward considered tax legislation to fund our government from a sustainable source; residents and businesses paying into the government to support services we all value and use.

Best,

David Popiel  
6836 Crawford Street  
Anchorage, 99502

**From:** Janet Fink <janetfink17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** support of HB 2001

Dear Representatives,

I am writing in support of HB 2001. I support a lower dividend in order to fund essential services in Alaska. The legislators did a good job creating a budget that was a compromise. The Governor did the state an disservice with his vetoes. This bill is a step towards resolving this issue.

We are the only state without income tax and sales tax and we also get the permanent fund. Many people feel entitled to receive their PFD. But the majority of the state is speaking clearly that It is essential that one of these is used to fund the University, social services, early childhood education, senior benefits, the arts council, public radio and the other items vetoed by the Governor. HB 2001 seems like a good compromise to distribute some monies directly through the PFD and use the rest to fund our services.

I would also like to say that I sat at the Homer LIO office for hours Monday afternoon. The Finance co-chair called on one person at the very beginning from LIO offices . I finally left at 5:40 as they had not returned all afternoon to any LIO offices. Therefore I am writing you and pleading with you to figure out a way to save this state from the influence of outside politics.

Thank you,

Janet Fink

Homer, Alaska

[janetfink17@gmail.com](mailto:janetfink17@gmail.com)

From: Paul Kendall

ITS WAY PAST TIME TO "REDEFINE OUR USA / ALASKA GOVERNMENT ROLES AND SERVICES" AND "RECONSTRUCT OUR ALASKAN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SECTORS WAGES".

No one has a right to "NEST OUT" or become a Public Employee Union COMUNIST in the Public Employees Sectors. Period!

What is the role of our Government and its services ? Why have they become moral, financial, and regulatory predators on one hand and socialists/communists on the other ? How did we let them become so corrupted;

And; While we pay them to do this to us ?

Not to mention the Decadent and Deviant Moral, Racial, Gender and Educational,, Devolving, Neutering and Bending Social Engineering indoctrinations of our children,, so as to become their foundation for developing a product which virtually guarantees them a full proof scheme of recurring or streaming revenue for personal wages and compensation plans. ie

(Nearly 90% of education funding goes to their employee wages and benefits; Not the children. Oh, I forgot, its not the children or our children; Its “their children”). (Note 50,000 children in ASD times \$1,000.00 dividend theft = \$100,000,000.00 dollars Walker and you took from the children’s mouths – per year in ASD AREA )

I want my Dividends that you stole from me against my will paid back ! (NOW !) And; I want accrued interest, damages, and a written public apology from each of you for your blatant theft under the guise of “We’re your elected officials doing the will of the people for you- crap”.

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## ALASKA STATE CONSTITUTION

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You Maleficent / Corrupted elected public servants were supposed to go to JUNEAU, --- (The fake capital which again, you have betrayed us multiple times now in our will to dump this expensive criminal enterprise platform expenditure JUNEAU, disguised as a Capital )

and cut 20% off the top of the budget, and open up for public viewing and correcting of our Alaskan Government, and not touch our PFD,,,yea, yup, as I recall it,

because the environment in Anchorage was just so distracting with too many special interests, and you needed this remote and inaccessible little tourist retreat ( Juneau-The FAKE Capital) for deep thinking, Zen and Harmony ....

((((((((( by the way, I personally dare any or all you to try to make the case for JUNEAU as our viable Capital of Alaska,,, I dare/double dare you ! ( see my partial power point presentation sent to The Press and the Frontiersman ) Stevens, Stedman, Begich, Bishop,, and what is that rich chicks name ,,Am I hot

or,,,? Somthin like that..yea, gentlemen (?) lets have a an unhurried “fake capital Juneau screws me again” public discussion.))))))))))))))

Instead of cutting expenses and looking into our government growth, you betrayed-flipped on us 600,000 + Alaskans and took our monies ( lied your asses off with Walker the Liar and his Scheming Group or Ilk )

So, I wouldn't say too much about Gov Dunleavy lying,,, if you get ma drift?

So, as a Simple Man, (speaking of myself), let me see if I can help you out; Ya Ready ?

Ok, lets begin,,, (note: you have to do this publicly and publicize it in Anchorage so we can watch and participate in our real capital of Alaska, Anchorage/the Valley

(see the google maps blue dot line Homer to Talketna = 300 miles with nearly 2/3 population of Alaska)

(also see public testimony below/end)

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LET US ALL,, MEDIA, WHITEBOARD, CHART/DIAGRAM and ISSUES UP WITH SNACKS IN THE MARSTON THEATER/STUDIO 8 HRS PR DAY FOR 30 to 90 days SO WE CAN RE-eDUCATE YOU LOST AND LYING PREDATORS ABOUT YOUR ROLES AS PUBLIC SERVANTS.

And, lets not forget you people drew “first blood” (RAMBO movie) by lying and Ambushing us from that Illegal Fake JUNEAU Capital vortex of Darkness. - - - (All political power is inherent in the people.

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I am not an Accountant,, just a common sencer.

1..Chart - you add up all the PFD monies you schemers stole from us everyday Alaskans by showing the real PFD amounts due for each year; And subtract what you took from us.. to give the TOTALS of your economic ambush on us.

(hmmm, increased fees, pass ons, wages, cut back in services and hours??costs?)

2..Chart- show us in block diagrams of where our stolen pfd amounts went to save “The Govt of Alaska” “from catastrophic failure”.

Now, be proud of your investigative and accounting work,, show us the holding institutions, instruments of transfers, who and how the monies were delivered; You know, show us some names and faces of departments (now agencies?) to relate to that we saved from desperate poverty and economic collapse.

This shouldn't be too hard; ,,, As we do have a Centralized Accounts Payable Department where all monies are dispersed for comprehensive tracking purposes.... Don't we ???

You can make the case for why you stole our pfd to save the\_\_\_\_ agency??? And, that is where our monies went to,,, right ???

3..Now, the fun part,,, TOTAL NUMBER OF FEDERAL.(yes, while were at it, why not?) STATE, BURROUGH, AND LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

OF ALASKA. Now, again, lets be proud, open, and have public participation in our work here... (did I mention 2 minutes to give opinions ? Yea, best not get me started on just how bad you people are failing-betraying us)-- - -

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4..CHART -Now,, remember that centralized accounts payable for all expenditures for tracking purposes ( called accountability) lets show TOTAL WAGES PAID TO ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (others later)

5.. -CHARTNow,, next column will be ? Yup, you guessed it ,

„TOTAL BENNEFITS

Paid to all Public Employees along with all information and amounts paid to Public employee unions.

6.. NOW,, I THINK THIS IS GOING TO GET A LITTLE complicated (deception usually is) , we need to have a column on OTHER ENERMATIONS,, Child Care, Cell phones, Lunches,,,,,, Advertising, Contracts, Grants, ,,,,( Well, well, lets wait on ADVERTISING, CONTRACTS, AND GRANTS for a later lecture.)

7..Now,,, HOW MUCH MONEY IS PAID OUT FOR ANNUAL RETIREMENT IN CASH, AND (new sub column) OTHER BENEFITS

8..AND yes.. HOW MANY RETIRED INDIVIDUALS; AND: THEIR AGENCY / DEPARTMENT CLAIMS SOURCES OF ORIGIN.

AND ,,, ARE THEY SINGLE, DOUBLE , or TRIPLE retirement plan DIPPERS ??

where do they live? Alaska ? You know the routine,, Number of, How long, How much, from what department/agency, ethnicity, foreigners, sponsors, etc.

9..Now,,, take all the monies you “corrupted, lying and scheming JUNEAU Walker traitor public servants stole from us 600,000 + Alaskans, add accrued interests, and lets say \$500.00 for each Alaskan for damages and duress your WALKER-JUNEAU kind did to us and subtract that total from column #4 TOTAL STATE WIDE EMPLOYEES WAGES... (and maybe lines , #5, #6, #7, and #8 totals...)

(Note: Did I overlook the fact that the public employees unions ( Communists) also raised fees, wages, and other items and cut back on services or hours in addition to ambushing my pfd ?? Hmmm, oh that’s right, I did mention that earlier, just no amounts for 3 or 4 years)

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Note: You JUNEAU CRIMINALS - LYIN SCHEMING WALKER COMMUNISTS -have failed AND KEEP FAILING us again and again and again !

In closing for now ( If this gets printed, I will address next, what needs to be done (now) in the Voting and Election process of how we have to stop electing these kind of Lying, Scheming, Self indulgent, double talkers, greed based, medically injured, morally deviant, Stupid, disingenuous, corrupted or criminals as Elected Representatives of the Great State of Alaska.

Keep in mind that Corruption comes in many forms and guises; It is not just about being “Cash Whipped” or “Cash Petting”; And the worst kind of corruption is when a bunch of “like minded” who know how to “work the system” decide that they really are smarter and more important than all of us little people and that “the ends justifies their means”. “ the only way we get fooled or played is by us trusting in them”; And they just think they are smarter than us!

JUNEAU as our Capital and Legislative Platform IS SO “FUCT” ( look this word case up before the USA supreme court now)

And in my opinion, those who think JUNEAU should be our capital of Alaska and they should take our PFDs,, are so FUCT Up, that they don’t know they’re FUCT up; And that is how deeply FUCT ed up these People (or their paradigms) are!

Especially in seeing all the new, unprecedented, leaping technologies, transformational, evolving/devolving, metamorphic or extoll-skeleton unknown outcome like pieces that are in play in the world , USA, and Alaska in process that we may need to deal with in overnight like moments.... And instead of great bodies of leadership we get screwed by the JUNEAU paradigm based and politically bred cowards, self indulgent, greedy, stupid, ill informed, corrupted or Criminals (?) elected public servants. (public employee unions are communism.)

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH..

LET US BE TRULY THE NEW GREAT FRONTIER AGAIN; NOT JUST IN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT BUT IN LEADING IN RECONSTRUCTION of OUR true, undeniable and agreed to PRIORITIES BASED ON MORALS AND ENERGY, FEARLESS LOVE AND COMMUNICATIONS... TRULY OPEN AND ACCESSABLE FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH ,,,ETC..

SO MUCH OPPORTUNITY COMING FORWARD FOR US AND WE,, GET “JUNEAU LAND the yellow brick road to CORRUPTION and COWARDS”

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1..JUNEAU IS A FAKE CAPITAL AND LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM ---

2..EDUCATIONAL INDUSTRY USE OF OUR CHILDREN AS A MEANS OF STREAMING AND RECURRING REVENUES

3.. TERM LIMITS NOW – ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS

4..TERM LIMITS OF A SORT FOR ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ( NO “NESTING”) we all deserve an opportunity to be a public employee if we choose

5..ITS THE END OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNIONS,,, ( not unions in themselves)

6..DID I MENTION THE PERS AND TERS BILLIONS IN THEFT FROM US little people of ALASKA?

And Oh, Yea, how they (Walker, and his kind of people) tried to borrow against our permanent fund monies and then invest that in the stock market so they could pay PERS and TERS annual payments,,, You people,, or we people are either STUPID, ILL INFORMED, CORRUPTED,, or just simply CRIMINALS !??

considering the unbelievable Crap coming from JUNEAL THE FAKE CAPITAL for Criminal Like behavior or thinking.

7..DID OUR MONIES FOR OUR CHILDREN and INFRASTRUCTURE > GO TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS WAGES ? I am bettin they did,, that is how they became communalist political parties disguised as public servant employees.

(By the way, I do find merit in private sector unions)

In summary,,,, There is a lot more to point out in how our GOVT is out of control,, gone rogue they have,, JUNEAU is their base of operation

and hideout, from which they make a wide array of raids on the rest of everyday Alaskans..

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If you as a Public Employee Union Social/Communists Member who is a “NESTER” and “OPPORTUNIST” disguised as Government Public Servant even hint at taking our PFDs or not paying us back in an honorable and forthright manner,, then

I say lets cash it all out ,, which I make out to be ( subject to re-review) at around \$150,000.00 and 150 acres of land to each of us Alaskans...

(note: 150 acres land to each to be public drawing in parcels of ,5,10,and 25 acre tracts at a time)

When considering OUR JUNEAU/capital SUPPORTERS CORRUPTION RECORD AND THE UNCERTAINTY IN TODAYS WORLD, I WOULD HAVE TO BE AN IDIOT TO LEAVE OUR PF AND PFD IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO STOLE AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO STEAL OUR DIVIDEND... Not to mention how they did it by lying, scheming, cowardly misrepresenting our will, and denying us participation in the decision,,, Just shameful,,, if not criminal...

Thank You, Paul D. Kendall “Just a simple man”

(And I admit I am perhaps amongst the least of men who should be making these few “morally inferenced accusations’ based” attempts to make a stand against what clearly is a government who has lost

“THE MISSION”.

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Today I am writing you to provide a brief written testimony of my thoughts regarding the purposed budget cuts. I have had the opportunity to call Alaska home for almost 13 years and dearly love this state. I have spent a large portion of my time in the state enrolled at the University of Alaska Anchorage. At this time I am enrolled as a PhD student in Alaska's only APA

accredited Clinical Community Psychology program through UAA. I am in my sixth year in the program and am currently working on completing my dissertation which I plan to defend in the next few months. I have had the opportunity to work at Providence Family Medical Center, which specializes in serving the underserved, and I currently work at North Star Hospital, another organization which serves many of our underserved community. As it is apparent, I have a strong stake in what happens to UAA and what happens to our mental health resources in our community. There are several topics that I would like to address that affect me directly as a student, a mental health care provider, and as a member of this community.

To begin, I would like to express an understanding that this is a difficult decision to make with multiple viewpoints to consider. However I also believe that there is a correct choice, a choice that will benefit the community both immediately and in the future. While this budget cut may lead to an immediate increase in money for those in need, it will also result in an immediate loss of income for those who no longer have jobs due to the budget cuts, a loss of this state's ability to grow its own professionals, and increased barriers for individuals trying to access healthcare and mental health services. It will also result in an *immediate* deprivation of resources to our community members who are already struggling.

These are all things that Alaska cannot afford. As a community we already struggle to fill professional positions and meet the needs of our underserved. The loss of educational programs would force Alaskans to go outside of the state to pursue their education, which would lead to a decrease in young professionals in our community and decrease the potential that these individuals would return to our state. I have witnessed first-hand that we also struggle to meet the needs of our low income and vulnerable portions of the community. Cutting Medicaid would increase these barriers that our most vulnerable neighbors face and lead to an increased deterioration of both of physical and mental health.

In conclusion, I implore you to reflect on how the budget cuts will not only affect the welfare of our community but our students' ability to give back and support our community. If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to email me or call me at 907-250-8334.

Sincerely,  
Kierra Brecht, M.S.

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Kierra Brecht, MS  
Pre-doctoral Intern  
Doctoral Student, UAF-UAA  
PhD program in Clinical-Community Ps

-----Original Message-----

From: James P Schwartz <schwartz.jp.lf@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:55 AM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: SUPPORT FOR HB2001

Dear Finance Committee members,

Thank you for introducing and holding hearings on the HB2001. It is a critical piece of legislation that must be passed in order to reverse the crippling effects of Governor Dunleavy's vetoes and the unreasonable impact of paying a \$3,000 dividend. The future of Alaska lies in your passing out of committee this bill and the 75%+ passing of this bill by both Houses of the Legislature. The ramifications and the motivations of the vetoes has been made clear with research and testimonies and a reasonable alternative is before you. Please do not bargain away your bill in negotiations with an extreme position and political manipulation. You have already done that during your regular session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Schwartz  
PO Box 1506  
Petersburg, AK 99833

**From:** Sarah Welton <alpha@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony on Appropriations

The attached letter is my testimony as I am unable to attend in person.  
Thank you,

Sarah R. Welton, PhD  
Alpha Counseling & Education Services  
373-5595

July 16, 2019  
To the House Finance Committee

Dear Honorable Representatives:

The following are my thoughts some of which have been printed in the *Anchorage Daily News* prior to the Governor's Vetoes and reflect my on-going concerns.

I believe that the legislature worked hard to develop a budget that was created through compromise and respect for the people. The Governor's Vetoes do not reflect my values and hopefully not yours.

From the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article I Section I. Inherent Rights- *This constitution is dedicated to the principles that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their own industry; that all persons are*

*equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law; and that all persons have corresponding obligations to the people and to the State.*

Budgets are moral documents and the Governor's Vetoes and the impacts on the budget do not reflect my values. I specifically want to reiterate that *all persons have corresponding obligations to the people and to the State*. We are the government and together we provide the things that we, as individuals, cannot provide alone. This includes the care of those who are unable to care for themselves. It includes the education of our children and the education of our young adults. It includes our seniors, our infirmed, and our indigent.

People of Alaska, legislators, government employees, hardworking individuals in private industry, entrepreneurs, and those who struggle to live each day, we are all here together. We are fighting over "our" piece of the pie. There are needs and there are wants. There is enough to go around and for everyone to get what they need and to get some of what they want. We are not going to get all that we need, let alone what we want, unless we look at revenue instead of cuts. It is time for compromise and clear understanding that the conditions that have gone into effect, or will go into effect, do not reflect our values. This state is wealthy and can provide for today and the future with careful consideration for the good of all. We have the knowledge of how to invest our wealth that will benefit all if we choose to be creative and caring.

As a person of faith, I am grounded in the American Baptist traditions, covenants of faith, and liberty of conscience. I follow Jesus as a Christian. I am a Matthew 25 person." ...as you did it to the least of these you did it to me" (NRSV Matthew 25:40 b).

Yes, the budget is about education, healthcare, safety, transportation, and quality of life. The politics of scarcity and dominion over those deemed unworthy or "disposable people" is not who I am. I hope it is not who you are. I cannot support the disregard for "the least of these" that is blatant with the actions of the Governor's Vetoes.

An example of the issues is happening today, not somewhere in the future, occurred in a local nonprofit that provides services to mental health clients, those with traumatic brain injuries and those reentering society from prison. These people have lost the access to services due to grants not being distributed by the state even though the grants were approved. Others have lost services due to no knowledge whether the grants were approved or not. The people who were to provide the services are furloughed or laid off with no certainty of returning to work. The consumers or clients are not receiving food, shelter, medical assistance and the possibility of returning to health and work. There are no feelings of certainty due to the lack of the State's follow through on these agreements. Even if the dollars come through now (we hope when not if) unnecessary anxiety has been inflicted upon all of the people in the process. The trust in the system is gone and people have been harmed.

Please consider passing appropriations that will meet our needs and provide a healthy future for the citizens of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Sarah R. Welton, PhD, Pastor Church of the Covenant, Palmer Alaska  
Licensed Professional Counselor at Alpha Counseling, Wasilla Alaska  
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I serve on the Mat Su Borough School Board. I am writing this as a private citizen and my comments are my own and do not reflect MSBSD or the Board.

-----Original Message-----

From: Breanna <mymothunder@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:12 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: budget

Please leave the govoners veto stand. Yes it hurts non vital and what some feel are vital programs but if you don't have the money you don't get the program. The university will be fine. They will make up the money other ways. It is foolish to take money from every Alaskan just to serve a few. Our family uses our full dividend to pay bill, save for our kids college, and support local businesses. That money will be cycled through our community many times before it leaves the state. If you choose how to spend it we will never get a chance to better our family and others in the community. We would like a full dividend and maybe next year things can be budgeted better and programs can be added back in. You had your chance to veto the veto and you were unsuccessful these are the consequences.

**From:** Sarah Campen <sarah.campen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; governor@gov.state.ak.us; senatefinance@akleg.gov; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** comments on PFD and state budget

Governor Dunleavy and Legislators:

Last night the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) closed its doors after both state and private philanthropy funding was vetoed by Dunleavy's disastrous moves. This after 53 years serving the people of Alaska. We are now the only state without an arts council.

As an Alaskan schoolkid in the 90's, I was a direct beneficiary of the arts education programs ASCA supports. It was working artists in my schools who first helped me know that art is a thing a person can do.

I credit ASCA entirely with jumpstarting my career as an Alaskan artist over the last five years. My first arts education jobs were through the amazing Artist in Schools program that ASCA supports. I attended two state-wide arts conferences organized by ASCA, and met working artists and representatives from arts organizations across the state. Through those conferences I was connected with a fellowship program with the Center for Performance and Civic Practice, which trained me as a civic artist. ASCA tied me to artists and arts organizations across the state. ASCA helped me not feel alone, helped me not feel isolated in my small town and life, helped me know that there are brilliant people making brilliant things in this state, and that I could know them, learn from them, and make my own work better and better. ASCA supported the idea that by working together we could build our communities and our state. ASCA staff, and the people they bring together, are so kind and generous. Such community builders. They answered the phone when I called. They responded to my questions about taxes, gave advice when I was nervous about an arts program I was running, helped me find places to sleep. You could not ask for better humans. I was just recently thinking.... oh I need to call up Keren Lowell and ask her to connect me to this person and that person... and now the phone lines at ASCA will be dead.

It is absolutely imperative that we bring ASCA back. Not just for us working artists, but for the culture and vibrancy of our communities and our state.

I do NOT support the Governor's plan for a \$3,000 PFD. I do support receiving a smaller PFD and supporting key public services in our state, including ASCA, public education, public safety, public transportation, and services for seniors. The vast majority of Alaskans support this as well. Please do your work to represent us and the future of this state. I would much rather have a future for Alaska than \$3K in my pocket for one year. Without a university, ferry system, pioneer homes, arts council and the economic power these systems create, \$3K won't get me much more than a ticket out of here.

Thank you,  
Sarah Campen

Sarah Campen  
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-----Original Message-----

From: joel jackson <jobee56@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:27 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Budget cuts

Good afternoon from Kake Ak I have many concerns about the governors budget cuts , the K-12 , the VPSO program, the cost equalization program, the ferry system, all the cuts pertaining to the rural areas , the cuts to the arts , the universities, the whole budget cuts. I understand that there needs to be cuts but not to where it's going to cripple our state , the cuts are way to deep on everything. The thing I have seen when the state gave the oil companies a tax break that's when things started to fall apart, I've seen where their profits are very high, so why continue to support tax cuts to the oil companies. Thank you for your time have a great day

Joel Jackson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Tanya Leinicke <tleinicke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:31 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Restore funds

I have been appalled over the past few months by the irresponsibility of our Governor. I came to Alaska while serving in the US Air Force. I am now an Emergency Physician with Alaska Emergency Medicine Associates but I have also spent the last 13 years growing and developing the clinical teaching program at the WWAMI School of Medical Education. In addition, I am a small business owner and own a large portion of the shares for the Alaska Rock Gym. I have dedicated my life to service and the improvement of my Alaskan community. I love this state and the people that live here. But I simply cannot imagine an Alaska with the Governor's budget. He has systematically targeted services that help support and lift up the most vulnerable amongst us. How can we imagine that our state will prosper and grow without offering support to the least fortunate. We are dooming the vulnerable and offering no path for advancement. Without housing, healthcare and education what do we really expect will happen over time? I tell my medical students each year that "the rising tide raises all boats". I believe that this is true and it has proven effective time and time again.

Please vote to restore funds. I want to envision an Alaska where we take care of each other and prosper. I want my son to love Alaska as much as we do.

Thank you for your time.

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Tanya Leinicke, MD

Emergency Physician, AEMA

Head of Colleges, Alaska WWAMI

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**From:** Gina <gsenko2008@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:35 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please keep the budget cuts in place.

Please keep the budget cuts in place.

I respect the need to have a budget where we live within our means. If these deep cuts are necessary, then so be it. Every responsible adult should strive to live within their means. I admire Governor Dunleavy and the leadership who are attempting to do that for the State of Alaska.

I have listened to UA and the community fighting to get back every dollar. UA tells the public that this is a 41% budget cut. When in reality, it is just 17% of their overall budget. That's a figure that can be recovered from. In 2017 I lost my job and took a **FIFTY PERCENT CUT** at my next job!! We made sacrifices in our household and are surviving within our means. Why shouldn't the responsible government of the State of Alaska be willing to make sacrifices, like I've had to???

Speaking from first-hand experience, I see places where UA can save. Many staff work full-time during the summer, yet have very little work to do. Hours could be reduced, thus saving funds. The UA leadership seems to be very top-heavy, and may be reduced. Rock climbing, kayaking, pottery, and other "elective" classes are not core to a quality education and can be eliminated. These classes can be obtained in the community. These are just a few small ideas, and I'm sure there are many more areas where reductions can take place without sacrificing quality education.

Please keep the budget cuts in place.

Thank you,

Gina Senko

**From:** dolsen2@mosquitonet.com <dolsen2@mosquitonet.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:39 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Restore vetoes

To Members of the Finance Committee,

PLEASE find a way to restore funding to Governor Dunleavy's devastating vetoes. It seems that the PFD is becoming an obstacle that could cripple our state. As I understand, we could cut the PFD to \$900 and we could maintain funding for the university and decent quality of life for Alaskans.

Sincerely,  
Dori Olsen,  
Born and raised Alaskan  
UAF Alumni

**From:** Cheryl Powers <capowers53960@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:45 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** PFD PAYOUT ISSUE

Good day to all !

First of all I can't figure out why this issue is in the legislature ??? The PFD payout process and payment has worked just fine since we have been here from 1991 to present. I am assuming this was the work of our previous Governor - what a joke.

First of all get it back out of the Budget Process and send it home to where it belongs. Let the PFD Dept take care of this. The formula has been set for years and if we need to change that formula, that should

be a vote of the people. Otherwise, if it stays in the legislature, then we could eliminate the whole PFD dept and save us some money.

Further more, the way our Alaskan government is really RUDE AND DISRESPECTFUL. .You always wait until the last minute to notify us, or you don't notify us at all when there are changes made. Some of us do live within our means - NO CHOICE - WE DON'T HAVE OTHER PEOPLES MONEY TO SPEND LIKE THE STATE DOES. WRONG, SO WRONG.

BOTTOM LINE:

Full PFD payout this year, at minimum. Governor Dunleavy did say he would work on back payouts also. But, any changes to existing calculation for the PFD payout should be voted on by the alaskan people. Maybe look at changes to qualification for funds. Oh, like military, non yearly residents, illegal aliens...

I can't believe we actually pay you people to represent us - but have to bring in an OUTSIDER to help with the Budget ????. Which only goes to show you that we don't have the BEST AND BRIGHTEST PEOPLE in our government ????

What happened to the adults ????????????

Sincerely, 2 Alaskan Seniors, that live here because we want to.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Sonia Mazurek <sjmfbks@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:46 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Fund the Items that Were Vetoed

Dear Legislators,

I am in Arizona for a family emergency, otherwise I would testify in person.

I retired fourteen years ago. My husband and I chose to stay in Alaska because of the quality of life. This included a vibrant university for lectures and music, the multitude of different arts, and options for care as we aged. We have seen many friends move to the lower forty-eight.

Although we no longer earn money in Alaska, we spend money here. We pay taxes on two residences. We are willing to forfeit our dividend or pay taxes. We are less inclined to sacrifice our quality of life.

I have lived in Alaska since 1974. This is the first time I have seriously contemplated leaving.

I commend all of you for the budget you passed and the work it took to reach this compromise. I urge you to stand up to this governor.

Sonia Mazurek  
1233 Chena Ridge

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: John Henry <jwhenyiii@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:46 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB2001

Legislators,

I do not support taking any portion of peoples PFD to support government services. The PFD must be paid by its historic statutory formula. I believe that the Governor did what was necessary to push the state towards a balanced budget. If you want to add money back into the budget, then you should be making equivalent cuts from elsewhere. After the State's spending is cut to sustainable levels, I would support a flat tax to pay for some services. Therefore, I suggest that you scrap HB2001.

John Henry  
Fairbanks, AK  
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**From:** Erik Hirschmann <ethirschmann@alaska.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:52 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support full funding for University of Alaska/School Bond Debt reimbursement

Dear Legislators:

Please support legislation that restores funding to the University of Alaska and school bond debt reimbursement. Do not agree to fund the PFD until Governor Dunleavy and his supporters in the legislature negotiate to restore all or most funding to education. I would much rather have a fully funded state government than a big PFD. I would also welcome a state sales tax and/or income tax in the future. Being at the mercy of oil prices and production each year is no way to run a state. The years of the free oil ride are over. The sooner this fact is accepted, the better off the state will be in the future.

Gutting the university, K-12 education, and other state services will drive Alaska into the ground. Alaska will no longer be able to compete with other states to attract families, businesses, and investment. The governor's current budget is immoral and attacks our state's young people and elderly in particular.

Stand up for Alaska and fight. No PFD until adequate funding is restored for the University of Alaska and public education. History will judge us harshly if the governor's budget is allowed to stand. There is no "fiscal crisis" facing Alaska, rather, what we find ourselves in is a manufactured political crisis brought on by Governor Dunleavy and his supporters.

Thank you,

Erik Hirschmann, Ph.D.  
Wasilla resident

**From:** Hannah Weed <hfweddle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:54 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001 Comments

My name is Hannah Weed and I moved to Juneau five years ago. I have made Alaska my home - met and married my Alaskan-born husband, became a homeowner and have a child on the way. I am disappointed with the governor's actions and lack of regard for how his vetoes will impact the state.

I urge you accept HB2001 (or find whatever way in you are able) to reverse the governor's vetoes or at the very least, minimize the severe cuts that are going to be made if no action is taken. I am in full support of reducing the PFD amount to ensure that vital services to our state remain intact. I believe that these cuts will be disastrous to the economy and completely neglect the state's most vulnerable populations.

Thank you for your time and hard work,  
Hannah Weed  
4532 Glacier Spur Rd, Juneau 99801

**From:** Chantel Caldwell <caldwell.chantel@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:59 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Chantel and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

As a community member of Cordova, the cuts to the ferry will lead to possible decreases of the communities economy and way of life for Alaska residents. Access to specific medical staff in Anchorage, vets, and other services not available in Cordova by way of air will far exceed the extra \$1500 for the pfd. Also, many of our goods, including produce, is transported by the ferry and with limited to no ferry services we will see a decrease in healthy, fresh food options, and an increase in cost.

The ferry is only one example of how the proposed budget cuts will negatively impact communities and residents across Alaska. These cuts will impede forward growth of the state, and the extra funds in the PFD will only be beneficial for a portion of residents over a small timeframe. Do not harm the state and residents for a few years of greed.

Thank you,  
Chantel

**From:** Lynda Giguere <lynda.giguere@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:01 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001

I would prefer the Legislature muster the votes to override the Governor's vetoes; however, I support this bill or anything that will restore some sense to Alaska's budget.

The Governor's budget was obviously designed to inflict pain and hurt the most vulnerable among us. It is without vision and mindless of the long-term impacts on Alaska's future economic well-being. He chose to ignore public input gathered during the legislative session. His draconian budget was thoughtlessly cobbled together without consideration of the consequences or any attempt to ease us into a future less dependent on oil. This is not leadership. It's my way or the highway and it's no way to run a state as great as Alaska. I am thoroughly disgusted by the entire process.

Please meet in one place and work to override. Absent that happening, I support your efforts to set us back on course.

Sincerely,  
Lynda Giguere  
Douglas, Alaska

**From:** Dawn Walsh <dawnwalshshuzyq@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

I want to thank the House Finance Committee for their efforts to restore the vetoes made by Governor Dunleavy.

As a business owner we are already starting to feel the stress of the proposed cuts, professionally and personally. Not only has this caused stress for myself and my business partner, but we employ students who attend UAA and have lost their scholarships. One suggested she may have to quit.

We were told 4 years ago to hang on and the recession will go flat in 2019 and our economy will start to grown in 2020 or 2021. We held on, but we will not survive another recession. Then there will be another 10 unemployed, and another empty retail space in Anchorage.

Please pass HB2001.

Dawn Walsh  
Douglas Alaska  
907-321-7223

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Karen Williams <williams\_karen5461@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** support SB2001

Hello, my name is Karen Williams. I am a thirty-three year resident of Alaska, and I appreciate this opportunity to share with you my thoughts regarding the PFD and the state budget.

My husband and I moved here from Minnesota to work for Hope Cottages in 1986. We were going to spend one year in Alaska, make some money, and move back "home". About eight months into our year, we were out in the mountains on a beautiful winter day...fresh snow, blue skies, and incredible mountains. We looked at each other and said, "Why would we ever leave Alaska?"

So we didn't. We stayed, received our Masters from UAA, enjoyed rewarding careers with the Anchorage School District. We chose not to have children, but did provide foster care, and then adopted one of my former first grade students. She is now a strong, resilient, independent twenty-seven year old woman who is contributing to our community. We also have a beautiful little five year old granddaughter.

We have retired here, and we want to live our final days in our true "home" of Alaska...but we finally have an answer to the questions we posed thirty-three years ago..."Why would we ever leave?" With the budget Gov. Dunleavy has presented to us, we realize we do not want to live in a state which puts the profit of large corporations over the well being of ordinary Alaskans. Cutting UAA, Headstart, Medicaid service, The Alaska Council of the Arts, Homeless services, Alaska Legal Services...it simply isn't right. The fix? SB2001 is the start. Also...CHANGE THE OIL TAX CREDITS, tax me, change the way the PFD is paid out. Please! Now is the time to listen to your neighbors-the people who voted you into office...keep Alaska and Alaskans strong. We love Alaska, and we don't want to leave.

Sincerely,

Karen Williams  
3400 Upland Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

**From:** Pam & Roger Robinson <7332ski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature, House Finance Committee:

My husband and I would gladly take much smaller Permanent Fund dividends in exchange for making sure that critical state programs continue to be funded fully, including the university and other school systems, health and welfare services, senior services, rural services including public information (radio and television), among many others. We would also support an income tax and/or other equitable taxes as ways to generate funds to keep Alaska's economy and people healthy. The proposed budget cuts will be devastating, and getting a bigger PFD is not going to help us replace those state services that we and others rely on and only the state can do!

PLEASE HELP!!!

Pam and Roger Robinson  
Mat-Su Borough

**From:** Robert Gant <rrgant@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Restore Funding to UAA

Hello,

I am a student at UAA, as well as a journalist with UAA's award winning newspaper The Northern Light. The thought of the university losing so many valuable resources, including the newspaper, is horrifying. I moved to Alaska solely because I could not afford tuition in my home state. The Northern Light and UAA have given me a strong sense of community I have never felt before, and I don't want to leave until I have my degree in hand. The funding cuts risk accreditation to my degree, the ability for The Northern Light to keep creating award winning content, and valuable programs such as Disability Support Services that offer a network of support and community to many at risk students. Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions or testimony.

Best,

**Robert Gant**

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**From:** Barbara Creighton <brbr.creighton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** take my PFD and please override the Governor's vetos

I'm unable to participate in the public testimony this week but wanted to express my deep concern about the Governor's vetos. I'm a physician at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and see the current difficulties of older Alaskans who struggle to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. Cutting the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program would make these hardships even worse. Many older Alaskans are "unfriended" and have no family support and no where to go when they can't afford to care for themselves any longer. They already end up in the hospital now when they can't care for themselves which is sad and devastating. Most already can't afford to pay for assisted living facilities. A full PFD won't support their needs.

Please support our University in Fairbanks to avoid a huge exodus of people leaving the state, changing Fairbanks dramatically reducing jobs/employment for the younger generation.

Lastly please also support the Alaska State Council on the Arts which adds to quality of life in AK.

The Governor's approach to Alaska's fiscal problem is too severe of a disruption to all of Fairbanks and all of Alaska.

Barbara J. Creighton, MD, FACP

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Smayda <lisasmayda@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:21 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB2001

Dear House Finance Co-Chairs Neuman and Thompson, Vice Chair Saddler and members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of HB2001.

As a resident of the great State of Alaska for 41 years I am at a loss for words to express how disgusted I feel with what I see taking place in our government today.

Our Legislators worked for 4 months on the Governors proposed budget, and came to a broad bipartisan agreement by listening to experts in their fields, fiscal experts and Alaskans. They successfully cut \$200 million dollars, the largest percentage of cuts in the States history, and passed it through the Senate unanimously. Alaskans are aware that this years budget follows years of cuts. To say that Alaskans haven't given enough is not only unjustified but bordering on abuse. Cutting services to those who have built this State is unacceptable.

As a State we need to review both revenue and expenditures. One of the largest expenditures we continue to make includes massive oil tax credits to the oil industry. Over \$1.2 billion in credits to some of the wealthiest corporations in the world. I am asking that you focus on the priority of providing opportunities for all Alaskans to succeed not just the wealthiest among us. The Governors Vetoes were not necessary given reductions already achieved through the legislative process. We simply can't cut our way to prosperity.

On a personal note, My daughter was educated through University of Alaska Anchorage, has a full time job, pays Anchorage property taxes and is an active, responsible citizen of this State. While working full time she has completed half of the UAA Masters in Public Health degree. An extra \$3000 dollar PFD is not an acceptable consolation to loosing the ability to complete her Masters degree.

I feel this bares repeating, I am asking that you focus on the priority of providing opportunities for all Alaskans to succeed not just the wealthiest among us by supporting HB2001 so next year we don't have to go through this again.

Thank You for your service,  
Lisa Smayda  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** jo.bennett907 <jo.bennett907@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Zack Fields <Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov>; Sen. Tom Begich <Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Please work together and figure out a WIN-WIN for ALL Alaskans

Legislators;

Please work together in the best interests of ALL Alaskans. Restore funding to UA, senior benefits, Mental Health support, Medicaid, PBS and agriculture funding/ food security. We need to be as independent as possible in our food supply. We'd be wise to be prepared to overcome any interruptions to our supply lines, whether caused by an earthquake or something else.

In light of our financial situation, please fund a realistic PFD. Something closer to \$1000. Since the PFD inception in 1972, payouts have ranged from as low as \$331, in 1984, to as much as \$2072, in 2015. Please compromise on a prudent PFD that is more in line with our fiscal reality and without risking a recession.

Finally, Alaska would be prudent to increase revenues. Relying heavily on oil isn't wise. Let's broaden our revenue sources. Reinstate an income tax and add a seasonal state sales tax, exempting food, prescriptions and personal hygiene items.

Very truly yours,

Jo Bennett  
Landline: 907 677 3669

**From:** Robbi Mixon <info@alaskafarmersmarkets.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:25 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Chris Birch <Sen.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Senator@sullivan.senate.gov; senator@murkowski.senate.gov; Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Adam Wool <Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov>; Garan.Tarr@akleg.gov; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Steve Thompson <Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Alaska agriculture - SUPPORTING Committee Substitute for HB 2001

Hello Alaska State Legislators,

I am the Director of the Homer Farmers Market, the Alaska Food Hub, and the Alaska Farmers Market Association, as well as a proud member of the Alaska Food Policy Council governing board. I'm writing to you today in shock and disappointment regarding the Governor's recent budget vetoes. **I can personally attest to the benefits of the Division of Agriculture and how much capacity, and economic opportunity, they've created in supporting and promoting Alaska Grown businesses.**

Many of your constituents do not want to leave their homes and lives in Homer, and across the state, but the state is becoming quite inhospitable to farmers. We've worked hard to create economic opportunities, build sustainable businesses, and create greater food security within the state of Alaska. All of this effort and momentum has paid off (see stats below). Agriculture within the state, and even more so on the Kenai Peninsula, has made significant and

meaningful strides in the last decade. The Governor's vetoes put this, along with other invaluable programs, all at risk.

I implore you to consider the implications of these vetoes - even greater food insecurity, loss of agriculture resource and USDA federal funding

**I am writing in support of HB 2001.**

The devastating vetoes result in cuts to statewide agriculture programs: farmers and ranchers would be losing key programs for market development, research, access to federal grants, and more if funding is not restored. Specialty Crop Block Grant recipients, several of whom I work within the Homer area, will be affected as well as those interested in the hemp program, trade missions, grain seed cleaning, inspection programs or getting products into schools or other institutions.

These ag programs should not be considered "low priority" - they should be considered core functions for building a robust agriculture industry in Alaska, and crucial to greater statewide food security.

Thank you,  
Robbi Nixon

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**TAKE THE \$5/WEEK ALASKA GROWN CHALLENGE**

By spending \$5 a week on Alaska Grown products, you'll help local farmers, boost the local economy, increase Alaska's food security, and eat better too.

**From:** Discovery Bay <[discoverybay@hopealaska.org](mailto:discoverybay@hopealaska.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:37 PM

**To:** LIO Anchorage <[Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov](mailto:Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** restoration of funding

Can you please forward this message to the House Financial Committee AND the entire legislative body?  
Thank You.

Dear Members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I am an employee of Hope Community Resources, Inc., a non-profit organization celebrating 50 years of service to Alaska's most vulnerable citizens who experience disabilities. Hope provides services across

the entire state of Alaska, enabling people to remain in their community of choice with the family and friends they love. Over the past 6 years cost containment measures imposed by the state, and regulatory changes mandated by state and federal agencies reduced Hope's revenues by 35%, and that is before taking into account the impact of this years' budget reductions or the governor's vetoes.

Hope provides services to more than a thousand people throughout the state. Budget cuts imposed by the Governor's vetoes will seriously restrict Hope's ability to deliver support. Individuals in rural communities will be particularly hard hit. These cuts will eliminate community safety nets and services, like nursing oversight and care management.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR MEDICAID AND ADULT PREVENTATIVE DENTAL SERVICES PROPOSED IN CSHB2001 Section 1, page 6, lines 25-28

The Governor's vetoes will result in much higher cost to the State of Alaska for these recipients who will need emergency and crisis level services without maintaining community based and preventative services.

Hope reduced its staff by 34 positions this year, in anticipation of the legislature's 2020 budget cuts. The governor's vetoes will require even more job losses.

Please vote to reverse the effect of the Governor's vetoes to preserve the safety and well-being of thousands of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Janene Lovelace <stephenjanenelovelace@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:47 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please read my testimony

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time open this email, but please read to the end.

I've debated for the last 10 minutes whether to send this email from my personal email or my work email. Should I even identify my chosen career or maybe I should NOT disclose that? I was afraid that perhaps this would look like some sort of plea for my job, but I can assure you that it is not. I've decided to just say who I am and why we know cuts to early childhood education will be more expensive in the very near future. I sincerely hope that I receive a response that is more than just the "cookie cutter" we've received your email jargon. I hope that someone reads this and takes some action. We all know that there must be cuts, but this is not the place.

I am going to stay focused on what we, this state and the rest of the nation, 100% know about early childhood education and how we also know that it directly affects the budget in the very near future. So here we go.

My name is Janene Lovelace. I am an Early Learning Coach in Kenai for thread, I've been in early education for over 10 years now. thread is Alaska's Child Care Resource and Referral Network. My job is to train, educate, and coach early care providers (in child care homes & centers) and preschool teachers for multiple school districts and Head Starts across the state of Alaska from Barrow, to Nome, to Fairbanks, to Sitka and everywhere in between.

Here is what we know, from the piles of existing data we've now collected about early childhood education; how very important early care and education is during a child's most vulnerable years. The brain requires multiple inputs: It requires stimulation and care to spark neural connections across multiple regions of the brain. It requires access to good quality early childhood education programs that provide children with early cognitive and language skills, build social competency and support their emotional development. It requires good health and nutrition to feed and nourish the architecture of the body, including the brain. It requires safety and protection to buffer against stress or trauma and allow absorption of nutrients for growth and development of the nervous system - including the brain. Early stimulation and interaction with qualified, educated caregiver's jump-starts brain development and promotes well-being.

**We don't have to prove it anymore and we can't pretend we're not aware.** We know that children receiving quality early care have shown improved cognition and language skills, have lower school drop out rates, and are even less likely to commit crimes...I'm seeing a huge savings here...how bout you? We know that the impact we have in those early years, and the advantages that we give children by providing quality care has long lasting affects on their success in life.

We need to stop looking to early childhood care and learning to make the sacrifices. Investing in Early Education doesn't just save the state money, it **BUILDS** the economy.

As a parent, an educator and a concerned tax paying Alaskan...I cannot possibly imagine a more important segment of the population to invest in. The health and education of the very youngest in our communities needs to become a priority to Alaska for their future and for ours.

I know Alaska and our Governor need to make some tough cuts. Many of which make sense and I am in favor of. But early childhood education is something that this state has got to wake up to. Please look at the numbers. We can't expect Alaska's children to compete globally, or even state-to-state if we don't give them this fundamental advantage. Put the money on the front end where it will be **most effective**. We tend to have a clean-up mentality; low scoring students, crime rates, prisons, drop out rates...how do we fix it once it's broken. We need to stop that cycle and recognize, the economic benefits that far exceed costs. I am asking you to please consider being proactive.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. Please feel free to share.

Sincerely,  
Janene

**From:** Lisa Smayda <lisasmayda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:52 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of HB2001.

As a resident of the great State of Alaska for 41 years I am at a loss for words to express how disgusted I feel with what I see taking place in our government today.

Our Legislators worked for 4 months on the Governors proposed budget, and came to a broad bipartisan agreement by listening to experts in their fields, fiscal experts and Alaskans. They successfully cut \$200 million dollars, the largest percentage of cuts in the States history, and passed it through the Senate unanimously. Alaskans are aware that this years budget follows years of cuts. To say that Alaskans haven't given enough is not only unjustified but bordering on abuse. Cutting services to those who have built this State is unacceptable.

As a State we need to review both revenue and expenditures. One of the largest expenditures we continue to make includes massive oil tax credits to the oil industry. Over \$1.2 billion in credits to some of the wealthiest corporations in the world. I am asking that you focus on the priority of providing opportunities for all Alaskans to succeed not just the wealthiest among us. The Governors Vetoes were not necessary given reductions already achieved through the legislative process. We simply can't cut our way to prosperity.

On a personal note, My daughter was educated through University of Alaska Anchorage, has a full time job, pays Anchorage property taxes and is an active, responsible citizen of this State. While working full time she has completed half of the UAA Masters in Public Health degree. An extra \$3000 dollar PFD is not an acceptable consolation to loosing the ability to complete her Masters degree.

I feel this bares repeating, I am asking that you focus on the priority of providing opportunities for all Alaskans to succeed not just the wealthiest among us by supporting HB2001 so next year we don't have to go through this again.

Thank You for your service,

Lisa Smayda

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-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Cizek <[and.czk@gmail.com](mailto:and.czk@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:55 PM

To: Rep. Louise Stutes <[Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov)>

Subject: Re: Government is broken and not for the people as article 1 section 2 of the AK constitution states.

Thank you for your response. Not many legislators even take the time to acknowledge the citizens of Alaska whom voted them into office. Legislators should be the most cordial and law abiding citizens in the world since they're supposed to represent the people and make the laws. What's wrong with following the law? Do you think you're above it? Check this out! This is what the constitution article 1 section 2 says: all political power is inherent in the people. All government originated with the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the people as a whole. Therefore it's not just about special interest groups and pet projects legislators want to support. Article 12 section 5 says all public officers, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation. "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Alaska, and I will faithfully discharge my duties as . . . To the best of my ability. The legislature may provide further oaths or affirmations. Pretty straight forward right? Yes. You're in the conservatives sights too for running as a conservative but voting as liberal and democratic as you can. Just like Paul Seaton was. Remember what happened to him? Thanks again for your correspondence.

Keep looking up!!!!

Andy

**From:** Jen Danielson <danielson.jen@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:54 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB2001- PFD Funding

As a citizen of Alaska, I want you committee members to know that it is more important to fund state services than a Permanent Fund Dividend. Education should be funded from Pre-K through University at equal or greater levels as last year. Social Services should be funded. The Arts Council should be funded. If you need all of the PFD to fund these things and it still isn't enough (it is) then please set up a state income tax.

Thank you,

Jen Danielson  
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**From:** molly rettig <molly.rettig@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:58 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Save our state

Dear Finance Committee Members,

Thank you for your service to Alaska. I know this is not an easy or pleasant time for anyone in the state.

Please support Rep. Foster's bill to restore funding for all vetoed items. I do not care if I receive one cent from a PFD. No check, no matter how big, can make up for my salary in a job that I love and that I would

lose under Dunleavy's budget. And what about income taxes going up and property values going down for all of us? You would thrust us into a recession, make it hard to stay here, and yet impossible to leave.

For my family to stay in Alaska, as well as most of my friends, we need to start paying for services that create the quality of life we love. This means an income tax and greater taxes on Alaska's resources.

Either way, you cannot allow this reckless gutting of the economy. Everyone who does not stand up to this administration is equally culpable.

Please restore funding for the vetoed items.

Molly Rettig  
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**From:** Lisa Worl <lmworljnu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:00 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Please count me among the thousands of Alaskans who do NOT support the Governor's vetoes or a \$3,000 PFD dividend.

I appreciate the work the legislators did in passing a budget with more responsible cuts while allowing our State government to support education and our most vulnerable citizens.

I ask that you do everything you can to keep working towards a fiscally responsible budget and plan that keeps Alaska strong.

Respectfully,

Lillian M. Worl  
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Juneau, Alaska

**From:** Cindy Reed <reedsinlower48@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:06 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Full pfd

Full Pfd, full Pfd full Pfd

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Wed, May 22, 2019 at 6:23 PM, Cindy Reed  
<[reedsinlower48@yahoo.com](mailto:reedsinlower48@yahoo.com)> wrote:

We demand our full pfd . We the people of Alaska are speaking loud and clear, LISTEN!

Cindy Reed and Mike Reed  
Big Lake, Ak.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** Marilyn Pierce-Bulger <MarilynPB@FASDxServices.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001 - I generally support this bill

Hello,

As you can see from my signature block, my life work involves efforts related to FASD but I think this disability intertwines with virtually every aspect of the proposed bill.

Medicaid is critical healthcare for thousands of Alaskans and needs to remain as fully funded as possible. Reducing the provider reimbursements is going to impact my team colleagues further (and they have already reduced the # of Medicaid clients they will see due to previous reductions). Most of the team members' current reimbursement rates are pretty pathetic and I am lucky they still want to work with the team to do this complicated diagnostic work.

Treatment programs for Behavioral Health, Addictions, Hiland Mountain, and therapeutic courts are also critical programs in my view. If we had a way to screen the folks in these programs effectively, I would venture that a fairly high percentage are seeking solace in bottles and substances and/or are in trouble with the law because they have a) trauma history and b) undiagnosed brain-based differences that are negatively impacting their ability to function effectively in adulthood without supports. If someone has an FASD and has gone through most of their life without a diagnosis, I can vouch for the fact that they believe it is their fault and they are a bad person...because they tell me this and their self-soothing behaviors are the option they've selected for treatment (often when treatment programs are SO limited...or do not meet the needs of someone with an FASD). I had one birth mother tell me that it was easier to go to the liquor store than to jump through all the hoops for a behavioral health appointment/service.

Individuals who are 'failing adulthood' end up homeless, in the OCS system, may need public defender services (because they get into trouble on a recurring basis) and *would benefit from supportive special needs housing*. I know this because I have worked with thousands of high social risk women over the years and know their life stories/trajectories. Homebased services & interventions made a difference for some of these women (the program Nutaqsiivik is still in operation at Southcentral Foundation today). We got some of them a diagnosis, they then qualified for supportive services, could keep a child when they had stable housing. The 'have a baby, OCS take the baby away' cycle shifted for these women once they had the correct supports in place.

Early Learning programs are well-researched and we know that children who attend these programs benefit long term AS DOES THE STATE in terms of future life prospects for these kids as they age. This funding needs to be supported at the highest level we possibly can manage.

In times of financial difficulty **I would like the State to truly look at the redundancies that may exist** between agencies (i.e. ABADA, AMHB, Trust; I'm sure there are many others that overlap & could be

merged) and believe that while travel for the Governor's Council group is important we have ways today to do effective meetings using online platforms that allow for visual and audio interaction and this needs to be considered as the way they do business for now.

I DO support the travel for OPA because GALs and others really do *need to see kids in their environmental setting* to make a good assessment & plan.

Thank you for your efforts to restore a sane budget for the coming year.

-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Baltensperger <abaltens@alaska.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:20 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: I am going to lose my job

To the House Finance Committee,

I am a 10 year resident of Fairbanks, UAF alumni (2015), and future unemployed researcher at the University of Alaska, if that institution still exists after this is over. I was recently awarded a highly, competitive Centennial Post-Doctoral Fellowship, which promised to provide my employment for the next 18 months and with the eventual possibility to join UAF's research faculty. I was supposed to be hired this month, but now, because of the governor's extreme budget cuts, my fellowship funding may be taken from me in order to pay to balance a non-sensical budget. The university has already suffered repeated cuts year after year, but this unprecedented evisceration of university funding would be so destructive to the UA system that it may take more than a decade to recover. Thousands of people would lose their jobs (myself included), Fairbanks would lose one of its main sources of employment and culture, and the Alaskan economy will suffer needlessly as a result! If these cuts are not restored, I and thousands of other professionals will have no choice but to leave Alaska for states that DO value research and education. We are intelligent, talented individuals, who love Alaska and who contribute important research, experience, and knowledge. We are also dedicated teachers who strive to develop young students as they pursue important careers in science, engineering, medicine, humanities and the arts. We represent the professional future of Alaska and we are intentionally being driven away. What kind of an investment strategy is that?! If these cuts stand, Alaska will lose all of this potential. "Brain drain", is a terrible thing for the economy, and for Alaska. PLEASE do not allow these cuts to stand. I would gladly pay more in taxes AND receive a smaller PFD instead; these are NOTHING compared to being out of a job! For Alaska's future and my own, do not abandon this important investment in our state, and restore funding to our public education system.

Thank you for your time and effort,  
Andy Baltensperger, Ph.D.

**From:** Craig Matkin <comatkin@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:22 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** House bill 2001

I am a 45 year resident and graduate and received my MS at the University of Alaska. I urge you to pass HB2001 restoring the vetoed funds to the state's budget, reversing the CBR sweep, and appropriating a

permanent fund dividend based on the revenue surplus that remains after funding state services. I have never been so shocked at a governmental action as the vetoing of these funds. Its disastrous for the state. Craig Matkin

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Craig Matkin

**From:** Lisa Ross <lrossak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Testimony re: HB2001

I am writing to express my deep concern for the state of affairs in Fairbanks should the Governor's budget veto NOT be overturned. Speaking as a 27 year resident of Fairbanks, I want our seniors, our preschoolers, and our students to continue having the valuable services they have been receiving. Each segment of our community is important and worth the investment of our tax dollars. As an employee of the Fairbanks Rescue Mission, I want to speak up for the disadvantaged that will be impacted by this budget veto. Men, women, and children will lose the safety net of the Mission's programs. People with mental illness and physical disability who through no fault of their own find themselves unable to cope with the demands of life depend on the state's funding of programs that help them find the support they need.

The idea of an exorbitant dividend while our neighbors are suffering is unconscionable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lisa Pullock, Alaskan

**From:** schmetz@acsalaska.net <schmetz@acsalaska.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 2001 – Appropriations for the Permanent Fund

Alaska Legislators,

My understanding is that House Bill 2001 will limit PFD checks to \$1600 and restore all vetoed line items to our state budget. **Please support this bill!!!** Our representatives worked hard this year to pass a bipartisan budget that required cuts from many areas. There may still be cuts needed in future years, but for now we need to proceed with the budget that our representatives sent to Governor Dunleavy and work hard on future revenue generation. We need to look at responsible resource development, tourism, fisheries, income tax, oil revenue.

Governor Dunleavy has cut spending to programs that obviously mean nothing to him and preserved funding for his pet projects. This should not be allowed. If you want to

cut our budget, you need to go department to department, program to program and look at every single position, every single tax break, etc. Dunleavy's approach eliminates the essence of why many Alaskans choose to stay here or why many Alaskans have chosen to come here.

Please note, I am NOT affiliated with the university system. I do NOT qualify for senior or low income benefits. I am NOT a musician or actor or artist. HOWEVER each of these items are important to me. *THE UNIVERSITY* is not just a place where our upcoming work force will learn their trades, but also an economic driver for our communities where millions of federal and private dollars are brought in for research and development. *THE POOR, ELDERLY, AND DISABLED* are members of our community that need our help. A strong society is one in which all play a role, and I believe that all members of our community deserve to live and work and play our their role here even if that requires some support from the rest of us. *THE ARTS* are vital to society's success. Music, theater, visual arts all promote community. They bring us together from all walks of life for a shared moment. Everyone benefits from that.

Please move this bill forward. Please put your faith in Alaska, make us strong, help us succeed for many generations to come.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Schmetzer  
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Fairbanks  
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**From:** Travis Michael Jennings <travismichaeljennings@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Members of the House Finance Committee, my name is Travis Jennings and I am registered Democrat in Senate District K/House District 21. I am a 100 percent voter. First, I must mention that I find myself full of emotion. However, in an effort to temper emotions, I have decided to write my statement to the House Finance Committee and email it to the body. I will also send a copy to every member of the legislature. Please accept this statement when considering HB2001.

I was born in Fairbanks in 1975 and consider this great State my home. I graduated from Wasilla High School in 1993 and have lived both here at home and in the lower 48 ever since. After having lived in San Francisco for seven years, I moved back to Alaska in 2012. Through the "Come Home to Alaska" program which offered Alaska-born people who had moved out of state an opportunity to return home and receive a quality education at an in-state tuition cost prior to requalifying for the permanent fund dividend(PFD)/residency, I was essentially provided an affordable pathway to become formally

educated. Ultimately, I plan to attend medical school and become a physician. I have a desire to return to Alaska following medical school/residency and plan to practice medicine here. The recent news that the governor is withholding funding for WWAMI is particularly frustrating as this is the best opportunity for me to achieve my goals in an affordable way. This is also good for Alaska and I do not understand this attack by the governor to such an amazing partnership and program.

I began my undergraduate degree at the University of Alaska Anchorage in the Fall of 2012 and through hard work and dedication to my goals/dreams, I graduated with my Bachelor of Science Degree in biological sciences/microbiological sciences option this Spring, 2019. I recognize this achievement was realized through my own efforts, but I also know that I could not have done this alone. I was enabled to achieve this milestone through the incredible support of my family, my friends, my employers, my clients, my community, my university, and my State. During my time at UAA, I worked a full-time job in my already established career as a hairdresser, as well as working a part-time job as a medical scribe in the emergency room at Providence Alaska Medical Center. I have even found time to volunteer on a semi-regular basis and have been able to shadow doctors in a variety of disciplines to increase my exposure to possible future interests in specific areas of focused medicine. Also, during my time at UAA, I have been exposed to amazing and knowledgeable professors and other faculty. During my Junior year, I was given the opportunity to participate in undergraduate microbiological research by Dr. Khrys Duddleston, Professor and Director of the Department of Biological Sciences at UAA. Through the mentorship by [the graduate](#) students in Dr. Duddleston's research lab as well as Dr. Duddleston herself, I have learned marketable skills above and beyond the knowledge obtained in the classroom. Dr. Brandon Briggs, Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences has also been instrumental in my educational experience at UAA. Countless other faculty and professors have inspired and taught me. This has allowed me to discover new passions and I cherish these opportunities as I have been able to evolve the purpose of my life. I will forever live in gratitude for those relationships I forged during my time as an undergraduate at UAA.

One of the most important skills I learned as an undergraduate is how to write a research grant proposal to secure funding for my own self-designed microbiological research project. I submitted my proposal to the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship which is associated with the Honors College at UAA and it was ultimately funded. This was a big win for me and will open other doors in the future. I am spending this summer doing the work of my research in Dr. Duddleston's research lab and I am enjoying the extended time on campus, post graduating. Research is a fundamental cornerstone and crucial to the success of any institute of higher learning as well as to the progress of any society. At UAA, total research grant awards have been increasing in recent years and since 2013 external research funding has increased by roughly 23 percent. The win rate during FY17 was around 46 percent, well above the national average of 25 percent. At UAF, more than 46 percent of undergraduates participate in research opportunities above and beyond the classroom. Exposure to, and participation in research is a game-changer when searching for employment after graduation. The University of Alaska (UA) system is an amazing institution which we should all be proud of and invested in its success and the success of its students. I understand that one's desire and fortitude play a large role in what that individual gets out of his or her own educational experience, but it is perhaps just as necessary to have the support and mentorship by professors/faculty, and FUNDING. I found all of those components at UAA. So, for me, I do not understand how members of our legislative branch as well as the governor who received their degrees from the UA system can stand on the side that would cripple, perhaps permanently, our State's PUBLIC institution of higher learning. It seems more prudent to invest more, not cut funding. What I hear this governor saying is that the UA system is not worth the investment. I hear him saying that the students and future students are not worth the investment. Well I absolutely do not agree with his

sentiment. I recognize the value of our public university and I recognize the world-class educational opportunities afforded me and all students.

I fully understand that our State is NOT experiencing a fiscal crisis, but to quote Senator Bishop, rather a “political crisis.” This crisis is being perpetrated by the governor and those lawmakers who entertain him. Unacceptable. We are better than this. I am very disheartened by the fact that the work (quite frankly, the miracle) that was realized in the senate through a unanimous passing of a responsible budget containing modest cuts and providing a \$600 million surplus by the thoughtful diligence of a bipartisan body went largely unnoticed and uncelebrated and eventually vetoed by the governor. Disheartened indeed, especially at a time when we see the breakdown of communication all around us. The governor behaves as though he wants chaos and disruption and he is empowered by the 22 lawmakers who chose to meet in Wasilla last week instead of meeting with the majority in Juneau. This completely overshadowed the big win in the senate we all should have been rejoicing and supporting all so that nearly \$2 billion could be distributed to Alaskans in the form of an unsustainable and unnecessarily inflated PFD. While I am a registered Democrat, I was particularly impressed with some of the comments made by several Republican legislators during last week’s floor session, especially Senator Natasha von Imhof; “Sometimes you have to spend money now in order to avoid spending much more money later,” as well as “To my fellow Alaskans; what kind of State do you want to live in? What kind of future do you want? I want one we can all be proud of. One based on a shared positive vision, constructed by hard work and cooperation and collaboration. That is what we are elected to do.” I agree whole-heartedly with Senator von Imhof’s sentiments.

I want to voice my appreciation for the swift response by Representative, Matt Claman to an email written by me and the graduate students in my research lab which was sent last week sharing our stories and voicing our concerns regarding the governor’s budget vetoes. It is incredibly important for our representation hear us and listen to us. Also important is the acknowledgement that they are listening to us, their constituents. However, I must voice my frustration with Senator Mia Costello (one of the 22 lawmakers refusing to travel to Juneau last week) who has yet to respond to any phone calls or emails I have sent. Unacceptable. The governor is playing a very reckless political game with real consequences. This is not only willfully ignorant, irresponsible and reckless, but it also seems immoral. The governor does not believe that his actions and his budget vetoes will hurt the Alaska’s economy, however there are many more qualified professionals and regular Alaskans who disagree with his narrative.

I appreciate that the House Finance Committee has started a working document called HB2001 which will provide a reallocation of funds previously vetoed by the governor. I support a minimal permanent fund dividend; \$929 I believe is what is being proposed. I would much rather give up my dividend entirely than receive one totaling \$3000 if it meant that funding was restored to every area currently threatened by the governor. I am not alone in this conviction. Polling shows that over 70 percent of Alaskans disagree with the governor and want funding restored. You must listen to your constituents. In case you have forgotten, your constituents are the citizens of Alaska.

Thank you for taking the time read this statement and please restore funding to all the areas and programs being attacked by the governor.

Very Sincerely,

Travis M Jennings

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Kate Bull <kfbull@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Please pass Rep. Foster and others' appropriations bill so that funding will be restored after Gov Dunleavy's vetoes. We need education, social services, and an arts council to mention a few, than any one person needs a large PFD check. Please undo the wrongs that the Governor's vetoes have done.

Sincerely  
Katharine Bull  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** Siri G Tuttle <ffsgt1@uaf.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony on Alaska Budget

Education must be supported in this state. If you do not act in this session and the next to protect it, this will be the only state in the union without a University. This could happen either through hesitancy, through inaction, or through participation in hyper-partisan drama. Partisanship will not help us right now. Political self-protection will not help us. We need leaders who are willing to take a stand for all of Alaska.

Every state in the US has a state university, and every state supports social programs that help the vulnerable, protect the arts, and help people gain skills leading to employment. Every state except Alaska also has some kind of state level taxation. Alaska did, too – until the oil boom arrived, with its promise of oil profits, and the tax was repealed. If we had a state tax at this time, whether it were an income tax that progressively targets those with higher incomes, or a sales tax that could take advantage of out-of-state dollars, we would not be talking about this now.

Oil, as everybody knows, is a non-renewable resource. No state government can depend indefinitely on such a resource. Diversification is a basic principle in investment, as it is in everyday life; it cannot be avoided in government. Other sources of revenue must be found and used in order to support a state government and basic services to the population.

This crisis has produced a lot of public comment that has been very educational for me. I have read online postings recently from those who work for the state, insisting that the state will never be the same if the cuts to education and social services go through. I have also read postings from people who believe that it is important to restrict the power of governments over the people they govern, and that this can be accomplished in part by limiting the money that these governments spend. I support both these positions philosophically, but neither position leads inevitably to the deletion of government

support for education and services for the vulnerable. Support for education, in fact, is required by the Alaska Constitution. Support for vulnerable residents of Alaska should be a high ethical priority. If the question is how to pay for what our government should be doing, the answer must include consideration of revenue as well as expenditure.

I believe that the way to solve our problems is to impose a state tax. If this were to be an income tax, I would propose that PFD distributions not be taxed; at present, they are taxed federally, and if they were taxed at the state level as well, this would be a hardship to recipients. Taxation need not disturb PFD distribution, which many feel is a uniquely important aspect of Alaska residency. I see the imposition of a reasonable level of state taxation as a good way to regain control of our budget.

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**From:** Colleen Heaney-Mead <crheaney@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:30 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001

Dear Finance Committee Members,

I am writing in regards to HB 2001.

I am a mother to two toddlers. I live in Mountain View and I work part time so that I can stay home with them. The only direct consequence of the governor's vetoes, to my family, is that we won't receive Imagination Library books in the mail every month. But we already have plenty of books. As a family of four, under the governor's plan, we would receive \$12,000 from PFDs this year. That would be a life-changing amount of money for us. It's more than I make in a year. It could be the down payment on a new house.

But that money comes at too great an expense. People will die from the governor's vetoes. Women experiencing domestic violence and their children will be sent out onto the streets during the day and will inevitably end up back in unsafe living conditions. Does my new home mean more than their lives? No. Nor does it mean more than the jobs my neighbors are already losing.

I will graciously accept a smaller PFD if it means my fellow Alaskans receive the services they so desperately need.

Sincerely,

Colleen Heaney-Mead

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Davis <robin.robind@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:30 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>;

Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Reduce or stop the PFD save AK communities

Hello

Please restore the funding to the many aspects of Alaska that will be devastated with Governor Dunleavy's vetoes and his suggested budget.

As a 38 year resident of Fairbanks, I am very concerned with the drastic speed of reductions, insensitive and lack of listening by the Governor and the Wasilla 22 minority.

I am proud of the nonpartisan majority who worked together to listen and compromise as they lead us through the complex budget process. Their work was a model of democracy in action. They worked out many details with Alaskan citizens in mind. Thank you.

In these times, both nationally and state wide, we have many different perspectives and issues to balance. All of us must listen to one another and be willing to compromise. Our leaders must also listen and compromise.

I have worked in Fairbanks and North Pole as a special education and K-6 teacher, as well as throughout rural Alaska as an teacher mentor. I am proud and concerned for all of our state- not only Fairbanks. Our diversity is our strength. Our people are Alaska's most valuable asset.

Thank you for your time and efforts during these challenging times.

Respectfully,  
Robin Davis  
District 6 resident  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** Karen Deatherage <karenldeatherage@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:33 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** (HB) 2001

Hello,

I am writing regarding HB 2001 to restore funding cut by the Governor's vetos and provide for a PFD. I support this bill because I support education and aid for the less fortunate in the state of Alaska.

I am asking that you all provide true leadership to the citizens of Alaska and set the budget on track to support important programs that provide a better quality of life for all Alaskans. While a \$3,000 PFD sounds wonderful to a lot of people, its like offering candy to a child. Please make the right decisions for those Alaskans who will not, and fund responsible government programs. Otherwise we will all pay for the cuts.

Thank you.

Karen Deatherage

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-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Lalor <amybrookelalor@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:36 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Public Testimony HB 2001

My Name is Amy Lalor. I live in Palmer, Alaska. This is my public testimony on HB 2001:

I believe Alaska is the greatest state in the union and the Mat-Su in particular best place in the world to raise a family.

I am a proud UAA Alumni and a current UAF Graduate student. I am a parent of two children, my son thriving today in part, thanks to early interventions in Head Start and the MSBSD preschool program. I have worked in rural Alaska in the Head Start program and seen the positive impact on many children and families. Early intervention is an investment in Alaska's future.

When I first enrolled at UAA my children were toddlers, we were homeless and lived in shelters. With a lot of hard work and support from many of the programs the Governor's vetoes will defund, I have been able to reach many of my goals and today serve my community through my work in the non-profit sector. We continue to struggle with bills at times and not receiving our full PFDs has had a huge impact on our lives, I understand those frustrations. Hacking a way at basic public services is not the way to solve this. As an Alaskan I believe other Alaskans deserve these same opportunities, public services and resources, please, do not let those bridges crumble by allowing the Governors Vetoes to stand. Receiving a bigger PFD is not worth the cost of the well being of our community.

Many of my peers in the non-profit sector are at risk of losing programs & jobs and we are all fearful of what will happen to the clients we all serve without these programs.

Our Elders, including my children's grand parents, who have built and served this state have lost their safety net of Senior Benefits and some at risk of losing their housing.

Thousands of Alaskans will lose their jobs in the coming months. Rural Alaskans will face energy costs that will make it even harder to for Villages to survive. Homeless Alaskans will die on the streets of Anchorage and woman and children will stay in abusive relationships with out adequate funding for homeless shelters.

We are not a resource colony for the oil companies. We are Alaska we share common values, we know how to take care of each other, as our Representatives & Senators we ask that your actions reflect those values. These cuts will tear our state apart, i have only listed a few of the impacts we will all feel, they are not good for our economy or our people, those that are the most vulnerable hit the hardest. Restore funding for the budget. Keep Alaska Great!

Thank you,  
Amy Lalor

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** RACHEL GREENBERG <randp@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:37 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** rep colleen sullivanleonard <rep.colleen.sullivanleonard@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson

<Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Permanent Fund Dividend methodology Testimony

Good Afternoon House Finance Committee Members; Representative Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; and Senator David Wilson:

I wish I could be there in-person.

Thank you for accepting written testimony.

I understand that HB2001 includes provisions about the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend and the Operating Budget. I understand there is some concern about the legality about including both in HB2001.

Since I believe the amount of the PFD should be determined based on how much is available after funding the programs and services to ensure healthy, vibrant residents; I think it is appropriate and should be considered legal (although it is up to attorney's to make the determination).

**My testimony:**

I encourage you to work together to create a positive solution for Alaskans.

Although I understand there is an expectation and reliance on the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend; I believe it is a government hand-out. At least with other programs such as social security or Medicare, we have paid into the system in order to receive the benefits.

Individual Alaskans pay no statewide tax, but there is an expectation that:

- Our roads will be maintained;
- People have clothing, food, shelter;
- Police and State Troopers will respond in the event of an emergency;
- Emergency Health Care is available even without insurance;
- Our elderly, children, and vulnerable are cared for;
- There are prisons to lock up criminals;
- Justice is served by the Courts, Public Defenders, Prosecutors, etc.;
- Services are available in the event of a job loss or major health incident;
- Art is available;
- Trails are maintained;
- Education is available at no cost to the family;
- Behavioral Health and Substance Use Treatment is available;
- We have three equal branches of government without coercion;
- And more.

Now is the time consider, what are these services worth to you? To Alaskans? To our future?

Is it worth giving up a portion of your dividend?

Would you be willing to pay a statewide sales tax or income tax?

Can you help create solutions? Long-term sustainable revenue that doesn't destroy part of what makes Alaska great? Outdoors. Fishing. Hunting. Hiking. Biking. ATV'ing. Clean Air. Clean Water. Freedom. Independence. Choices.

I strongly urge our legislators to maintain the positive, supportive, non-divisive place we call home. Please use the earnings of the permanent fund at the rate approved by the legislature last year to support the programs and services vetoed by Governor Dunleavy. These programs, and services make Alaska a great place to live.

If (and only if) there are funds remaining, please distribute through the Permanent Fund Dividend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Map Groves <mapgroves@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:37 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support HB 2001

Having been proud to be an Alaskan for over 40 years, I want to thank the Finance Committee for trying to save our state by drafting HB 2001. I support this legislation which will finance the essential services the state provides to make this a place where most of us want to live. And it will provide a reasonable dividend to Alaskan residents. Without funding for education at all levels, health and human services and the arts, Alaska will become a wasteland devoid of the characteristics and people that have made it the wonderful place I have enjoyed for decades. UAF is such an integral part of Fairbanks and major cuts and layoffs will damage the community for years to come.

Mr. Dunleavy and Ms. Arduin seem bent on their own personal agenda and enrichment without regard for ordinary Alaskans. I appreciate all the time you have spent this year drafting a responsible budget for the state and thank you deeply for continuing your efforts.

Like many Alaskans, I would be happy to pay some tax to help support our state government (except for paying Ms. Arduin's outrageous salary). I would like to see the oil companies pay more to help support the state and I feel the Permanent Fund should mostly be used to support state funding for education and health and human services. A small portion of the PF earnings can be paid to residents, but that should not be its main focus.

I urge you to continue to fight for all Alaskans and protect our state from those who only seem to care about personal enrichment and big business. Together, we can stand up to them and preserve this place we love.

Sincerely,

Pamela Groves

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Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** Cindy Gilder <cindygilder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:38 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

I support HB 2001 as currently written. Please restore state services. While my first choice would be an income tax this bill still keeps our state from falling off an economic cliff

**From:** Blanche Sam <besam907@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Dear Senator or Representative,

I write to convey my support House Bill 2001. My position is rooted in the Legislature's constitutional responsibilities to Alaskans.

Article VII of Alaska's constitution obligates the Legislature to provide for the public education (including a state university system), public health, and public welfare of Alaskans. **Upholding these responsibilities should be the Legislature's sole concern.** Prolonged focus on the location of the second special session or the amount of the Permanent Fund dividend, as various members continue to do, absolves individual lawmakers of their Article VII constitutional responsibilities to Alaskans.

For this reason, I urge the Legislature to reinstate the operating budget it passed on June 10 through HB 2001.

Sincerely,

Blanche Sam

-----Original Message-----

From: Goosefoot Farm <goosefootak@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:45 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

House bill 2001

To Whom It May Concern

I am in support of this bill. I will gladly take a \$900 pfd if it means saving our public university system, programs to keep the needy fed and housed, to help homeless and struggling families, to keep village public safety officers on the job and to fund the Alaska council on the arts which brings light to us in the far north winter. Though the dividend is important to my family, it is not worth losing the state I hold so dear.

These cuts are devastating. The town I love, where I have grown up, gotten an education, and am now raising my own children, will never be the same. Everyone in my immediate family has been educated at the university. Many of my friends work at the university. I'm a farmer, and a large percentage of my customers are university employees. If these cuts aren't stopped, my friends will leave, my kids will leave for an education elsewhere, and my farm will be in serious financial trouble. Destroying the university is equal to a military base closing or the mining or oil industry shuttering. This is a self inflicted economic disaster, brought on by greedy and mislead people. We must stop it. When did Alaskans become so greedy that we're willing to destroy what has been built by so many over so many years, for a couple grand? You think one snow machine is worth thousands of good paying jobs? Please pass this bill.

Christine St. Pierre

Fairbanks, AK 99712

Christine St. Pierre

Goosefoot Farm

-----Original Message-----

From: Dee Covalt <grandmawildthing@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:45 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: State of Alaska Agriculture

Agriculture in Alaska is one of the most important items that should be considered as 100% necessary! Did any one consider what will happen if we get cut off from the lower 48!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** hbissett@anvca.biz <hbissett@anvca.biz>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:45 PM

**To:** Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jennifer Johnston <Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov>; Rep. Daniel Ortiz <Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gary

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**Cc:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001

Good Afternoon Chairman Foster, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Hallie Bissett, I am the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) and I'm writing in support of HB 2001. We applaud your efforts to put forth a budget that reduced spending to sustainable levels and we support your bill.

The Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) represents 177 village Corporations in the State of Alaska created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and over 120,000 Alaska Native Shareholders

As you know, the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2020 operating budget contained an unprecedented number of cuts to state government—including the full scale elimination or massive reduction to constitutionality mandated services and supports for public education, public health, and public welfare.

The non-partisan Alaska Legislative Finance Division said the Governor's budget considers only the impact on the state treasury, not the impact on Alaskans;

Responding to the needs of Alaskans, the Legislature sent the Governor a constitutionally responsible operating budget for FY '20, which was the smallest budget enacted in over a decade and still, the Governor vetoed almost half a billion dollars from the budget

I'm asking you to (again) fulfill your Article VII constitutional responsibilities to Alaskans by overriding the Governor's vetoes through HB 2001;

We have major concerns about the ability of our members to continue their Alaska Operations if these cuts are implemented.

Thank you for your service to Alaska and Alaskans,

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**From:** Rebecca Cheek <rebecca.g.cheek@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:46 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Tax us. Don't take away services

Hello,

These past few weeks have been gutting. The state is heading for economic and social downfall thanks to the Governor's spiteful vetoes, yet the legislature failed to even meet in the same city to hold a proper vote.

I was born and raised in Fairbanks. I'm currently in Colorado pursuing my PhD in hopes that I could return to Alaska after graduation to bring my skills to bear back home. I wanted to teach, conduct research, and raise my family in the only state I've ever wanted to call home. But now I'm struggling to see a future for myself in Alaska.

It is shameful, and disheartening that the current administration doesn't value the welfare of Alaskans. The University system in particular would be a loss we will not be able to recover. I am a proud UAF graduate. I am where I am today because of the education I was able to receive at home. It took a century to build up a University system that was, until 3 weeks ago, the leader of climate research. And it is being torn down in a matter of weeks.

So please, find some sort of solution. I'd be more than happy to pay an income tax so that my children can go to well maintained schools. If I was still receiving a PFD, I'd donate it to the UA Scholars program so that hard working students can afford to go to college. Elders should never have to choose between feeding themselves and receiving health care. Shoot, have a sales tax during the summer so that tourism dollars can pay for maintaining the roads they drive on, or overseeing the cruise ships whose waste is dumped into our bays.

If this bill will free up funds so that I will have a place to call home after I graduate, then approve it. Demonstrate to the Governor that he does not have the right to ruin thousands of lives for the sake of his personal ambition.

--Rebecca

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Rebecca Cheek  
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**From:** Maureen Nolan <maureenolan@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:47 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001

I care about Alaska's future, especially for our children and families. While the veto override efforts were not successful, I believe in Alaska and have hope to change our course!

My testimony is in favor of House Bill 2001 to restore the vetoed operating budget that was previously passed by the legislature.

Thank you for listening,

Maureen Nolan  
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**From:** Jennifer Schell <jen852@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:52 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for State Services

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing to offer my testimony in support of funding state services. The proposed cuts (or vetoes) are just too deep and too widespread. They affect far too many vulnerable people in Alaska (the homeless, the elderly, the young, the mentally ill). I work at UAF as an English professor, and I know that the cuts will be devastating. Programs will be cut. Students will lose money and educational opportunities. I stand to lose my job. I know that the university cuts will not provide prosperity. They will plunge the state further into recession, especially in Fairbanks. Hundreds of people (possibly thousands) will be forced to collect unemployment or leave the state. These are not idle musings. For an example, we need look no further than Kansas, a state in which I used to live. They tried this economic experiment there. It did not work.

As for the PFD, I have come to view it as an albatross around the neck of Alaskans. I wish it had never been instituted. Practically speaking, my PFD (whatever it amounts to) will not be of much use to me if I do not have a job. It will buy me a couple of extra months of mortgage payments and living expenses, provided I don't get sick or my car doesn't break down. That's all it will do.

I urge you to find some sort of compromise so as to soften these cuts and restore funding to the agencies and institutions that need it.

Thank you,

Jen Schell

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Garner <garnerak@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:55 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Budget, and dividend

Good afternoon Folks,

Tried to stay on the line to testify, but was cut off some how, so thought I would put my words to you in email. form.

My name is Michael Garner.

I was born in the Territory of Alaska, and am a 3rd generation Alaskan. The budget that was proposed by the House and Senate was a well thought bill, with the thought in mind to keep Alaska's economy moving in the right direction. With the vetoes standing as of now, I feel that our State is in economic jeopardy. Our University will have to lay off a mass of people. The direct reflection of these cuts leaves many of Alaska's Coastal communities without the ability to have commerce in a reasonable fashion. PWS will be without Marine Highway service for the whole winter, and the people of Cordova will bear the economic cost of that decision. Head start will put kids behind in their learning abilities, and the absence of the Ocean Ranger program puts our pristine waters in question.

The question in my mind over this, is will saner minds prevail, or will this not well thought out budget by the Governor drag Alaska further into a recession that we are just now coming out of.

As far as the Dividend is concerned, the use of it to help pay the cost of Government was well laid out by prior minds.

Jay Hammond knew this day would come, and he also knew that the income tax should have never been stopped.

A lean government is one thing, a Government that will not have the ability to help those who are in need is another.

My upbringing was that we helped each other. From a disaster such as the 64 quake, the Floods in Fairbanks in the 60s, the downturn in the economy of the 80s, our State was there to help those who needed it, as were our neighbors!

That is the Alaska that I am most proud of. We help each other, and don't turn our back on those who need that help.

The Governor's Budget is turning the States back on those people. That is not acceptable.

The PFD is in essence, free money to those who get it. A family, or a person should look at it exactly like that.

Reduce the PFD to help pay for the cost of Governance. Some will say that a 3,000.00 PFD will go a long way for those people.

If a person is down to the point that it needs that much to just get by, they most likely have delinquent bills that have put liens on their PFDs anyway. In other words, those who need it the most, will most likely have it taken from them before they get it.

That is where the State needs to be ready to help those folks. Be it Medicaid, assistance for fuel, or any other thing that may become a burden for them, perhaps there is a program there if the budget isn't cut as much as the Governor wants.

And just a last shot at the dark. Reinstatement of the income tax. Revisit the breaks that big oil is getting. They pay less here than any other place in the world! Let that sink in.... Thank you for your time.

Please, make good sound, sane decisions for the sake of ALL Alaskans.

Regards,

Michael Garner

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**From:** Denise Carl <denise.m.carl@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:55 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** It is the responsibility of those who hold power to be human and humane

Hello House Finance Committee,

My name is Denise Carl, I live at 570 Seater St in Juneau, AK.

First of all, thank you so much for continuing to strive to find a solution to save our state. A friend of mine that lives out of state and has been attempting to follow along sent an email today asking if they understood correctly that the state was still planning to pay out the dividend this year. For both outsiders and insiders, this idea of destroying the state for a very limited gain makes little to no sense. For outsiders believe that they misunderstanding the situation.

This same friend asked what best case scenario my response: that I live in and Juneau and have a job that I can support myself. I don't imagine that I will have the same job (academic advisor at UAS). I don't imagine that I will be working in the field that I went to graduate school for (higher education).

I love being a member of the Juneau community. In my 41 years of life, I don't think I have ever felt like I was a member of a community. I hope that I can continue to be here, along with all other members of this community that I love.

I hope that students are given the opportunities that higher education affords. Even though I am facing the very real possibility of being laid off I made a contribution to the UA Foundation today in support of students that unexpectedly do not have access to their APS funds.

I hope that there can be some resolution for the longterm benefit of this state and its community members.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

Denise

-----Original Message-----

From: Carolyn Hanneman <sneakycaribou@gci.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:56 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Dividend and veto testimony

Attention House Finance Committee Members,

As you meet in this next special session I want to urge you to support our state's college students that will be attending one of the UA system schools. You must restore funding to the Alaska Performance Scholarship.

This budget cycle has meant hit after financial hit for Alaska students. First the horrendous cuts to the UA system and then to find out that the APS money had been swept bank into the constitutional budget reserve. As my daughter said, "we have been told since elementary school that if we follow all these steps we will earn this scholarship." Every one of these students has worked very hard towards this goal. To have the financial rug pulled out from under them again and at this late date is unforgivable.

Secondly our family does not support a \$3000 PFD. It is unsustainable. The PFD was created for a time when there was a reduction in oil flow in the pipeline. Thus we would need to look at other ways to close the budget gap. That time is now. It was not created to help someone buy a new car or snowmachine or fill their fuel tank.

The other thing that no one mentions is how much of that \$3000 will go to the federal government in taxes. A better use of the earnings would be to fix the roads in this state. It would create jobs that would pay much more than \$3000.

Respectfully,  
Keith and Carolyn Hanneman  
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: kfarrell@acsalaska.net <kfarrell@acsalaska.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:59 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Support for bill

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the appropriations bill Representative Foster and the Finance Committee are proposing to reinstate funding for all the items in the state operating budget which have been vetoed by Gov. Dunleavy.

Please please please do this as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Karen A Farrell  
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Fairbanks

**From:** pamela lorenz <pdblorenz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:59 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Full PFD is sorely needed by MOST Alaskans

We support the vetoes by Gov. Dunleavy and the full statutory calculation for the PFD! As a family, we MUST live within our means and we expect our state government to do the same! Cut spending, find an equitable revenue stream, and let the PEOPLE decide where we want to spend OUR money! Because as shareholders in this owner state, we own this PFD, it is NOT a handout that the government should be determining.

George and Pamela Lorenz

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** Valerie Therrien <vmtherrien@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:01 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** PFD and State Budget

Dear House members; I do not support a 3000.00 PFD. The needs of the state are greater and need to be addressed by the legislature. We need to reject the Governor's vetoes. The losses to the University, our Seniors and the marginalized portion of our communities need protection. Please make good choices in your deliberations. Valerie Therrien

**From:** Alatna Tribal office <AlatnaVillage@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support of HB 2001

Dear Senator or Representative,

I write to convey my support House Bill 2001. My position is rooted in the Legislature's constitutional responsibilities to Alaskans.

Article VII of Alaska's constitution obligates the Legislature to provide for the public education (including a state university system), public health, and public welfare of Alaskans. **Upholding these responsibilities should be the Legislature's sole concern.** Prolonged focus on the location of the second special session or the amount of the Permanent Fund dividend, as various members continue to do, absolves individual lawmakers of their Article VII constitutional responsibilities to Alaskans.

For this reason, I urge the Legislature to reinstate the operating budget it passed on June 10 through HB 2001.

Sincerely,  
Harding Sam  
First Chief, Alatna Tribal Council

**From:** Julia Scully <scully.e.julia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:06 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Good afternoon!

My name is Julia Scully and I live in District 11. I very strongly support HB 2001 and its efforts to restore funding to vital state programs and services.

Thank you for your time,  
Julia Scully  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Cizek <[and.czk@gmail.com](mailto:and.czk@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:07 PM

To: Rep. Louise Stutes <[Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov)>

Subject: Re: Government is broken and not for the people as article 1 section 2 of the AK constitution states.

I'm glad you asked. The Alaska constitution Article 2 section 9 states: special sessions may be called by the governor or by vote of 2/3 of the legislators. The vote may be conducted by the legislative council or as prescribed by law. At special sessions called by the governor, legislation shall be limited to subjects designated in his proclamation calling the session, to subjects presented by him, and the reconsideration of bills vetoed by him after adjournment of the last regular session. Special sessions are limited to 30 days. (Amended 1976). The governor called the last special session. Not the legislators as you didn't have enough votes but yet did your agenda in Juneau anyway. Laws are written in the Alaska statutes as well. Also during memorial weekend when representative Foster asked for a four day adjournment but that can only be done in special session if there's no objections yet as the recording on 360 north captured the objection and then went off air only to return with representative Edgmon hitting the gavel saying adjourned. Direct violation. (Article 2 section 10). How about when during that special session during public testimony it was stated by the speaker that for your information we are not getting per diem for this special session yet representative stutes declares after it's over that you should get per diem and Walah!!! Per diem is granted. There's been other legislative issues farther back pushed through in the same manner and this is not right. Your oath is to uphold the constitution not underhandedly circumvent it via the judicial system thus spawning sb26 which you all are very quick to hide behind. That can change with one vote just like it came into being last year circumventing the precedence set by the constitutional formula in place for 40 years. Now there's precedence for you. Hold on to that. Also by the way. The governor's plan to pay the stolen pfd back over the next 3 years will still work even with the 5.25% max in sb26. I was here before the pfd was handed out? Did I or anyone else complain? No. Did you hear the people complain when the pfd was only a few hundred dollars? No. But now that you rogue legislators are underhandedly trying to steal the pfd to the tune of 2/3 or more (billions of dollars already stolen from the people) to grow government artificially by purposefully (and I mean you went far out of your way clocking in for only half an hour per day during the regular session to burn them up) going into special session in 2018 so the people wouldn't have a vote on this till 2020 was completely underhanded and thus the people are rebelling as it isn't right in any way shape or form. Just like I was able to ask Gary Knopp at his town hall meeting in Soldotna what will happen in the future after you piss away the entire permanent fund and he and his row of liberals behind him shouted we will tax you more. Thus we don't need more or larger government till this state is in a flourishing position again sometime in the future. The fat toward the special interest groups needs to be cut now until we get back on our feet as a state as it sure isn't worth going into debt for or ripping off the one descent thing government set up for the people of the state of Alaska so it wouldn't all be pissed away. Note that the governments portion is all but gone but thankfully with the foresight of

governors Hammond and Hickel the people's portion is thriving. Let it alone as was its intent in the former governors who set it up and put it in the Alaska constitution so it would stay untouched by greedy politicians in the future. Hope this sheds some light on your question.

Keep looking up!!!!

Andy

**From:** Dan Polta <danpolta@dbsd.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:08 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Dan Polta <danpolta@dbsd.org>  
**Subject:** Support HB2001

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I applaud your consideration of HB2001 to reinstate the funding to state programs as approved by the Alaska Legislature in the state operating budget and to provide a dividend to Alaskan residents based on the remaining surplus of state revenue.

I support these efforts and also attach a resolution from the Denali Borough School District supporting the override of the Governor's Vetoes.

Thank you for your public meetings this week to hear broad testimony from Alaskans across our state.

Sincerely,

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Denali Borough School District  
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**From:** Lily <lilyweed@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:09 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB2001

Hello, my name is Lily Weed. I am a small business owner in Anchorage, Alaska. I am also a homeowner and a mother of two children under the age of three. Like my children, I was born in Anchorage and I hope that they can also be raised here. My husband works for UAA and my business has provided support to the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

I believe the character of Alaska lies in its people looking out for each other. This spirit is embodied by teachers, those who work in the nonprofit sector, and the artists who tend to and build our culture. I recognize aspects of the state budget that were cut as integral elements of our society and believe that the immediate future of Alaska depends on using funds from the PFD. I support HB2001.

Thank you,

Lily

-----Original Message-----

From: Ian Ludwig <ianludwig@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:12 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Lost Friends

Hello,

This past year I was a freshman at UAF. I, like many others, have grown up here in Alaska and love it here. Many of my friends made the choice to go outside for college, a choice that I could not afford. Myself and about a quarter of the other graduates from West Valley made the choice to attend college at UAF. Here, we met others from across the state and we all genuinely loved campus.

I have talked to many of them, and they will not be returning to UAF this fall.

One such student I grew close with over the school year, and was looking forward to seeing her when she got back from Idaho this fall. However, she will not be attending UAF because the tuition will be going up. She is now in a state of limbo, unsure what to do with her life and her quarter finished degree. Several other locals are now considering fleeing the state, looking towards other colleges who can give them the scholarships they need to afford college.

I am taking advantage of the international exchange this fall, and attending college in Colorado. This was already going to be an expensive endeavor, but now it seems to be the perfect financial storm. Instead of the original affordable price, I am looking at paying more for college, without the help of scholarships like the Alaska Performance along with the price of dorms in Colorado.

Last semester I worked full time to pay for college, and it was enough.

This year, I don't know what to do.

Thanks for your time.

Please consider alternatives.

Ian Ludwig

-----Original Message-----

From: Nushagak <nushagak@gci.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:13 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

Good Afternoon Chairman Foster, and Members of the Committee;, My name is Deborah Tennyson and I'm writing in support of HB 2001.

I'm asking you to fulfill your Article VII constitutional responsibilities to Alaskans by overriding the Governor's vetoes through HB 2001.

The Governor lied during his campaign and his vetoes are meant to hurt Alaskans and maintain over a billion in tax credit support to oil companies and his donors. You must stop the irreparable harm Gov Dunleavy is doing to the Alaska.

Sent from iPhone. Please excuse brevity & any typos

Debby Tennyson  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristin Shank <kristinshank@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:13 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Budget

I am a lifelong Alaskan. I believe it is critical that we look at each veto item singularly and weigh its necessity. I am willing to have a reduced pfd to ensure our youth and elders have access to services. I want my children to grow up with financially supported public schools, elders that are respected and supported, where rural and urban needs are not pitted against one another. I want my elected officials to quit insulting one's positions and instead offer solutions through compromise. No one political party has all the answers. Please meet in one place so you can finally vote and make decisions. Please release the Alaska Performance Scholarship monies promised to our youth. Please forward find education. Please reinstate the school bond debt reimbursement.

Thank you,  
Kristin Langhoff  
Wasilla, AK

**From:** dennis laurie <havenhollow0@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:15 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Ak Legislators,

My name is Dennis Laurie. I have been in Alaska since 1974 and the Mat-Su Valley, since 1977. In 1982, I began construction on my cabin in the Meadow Lakes area. I still live in it. I will turn 73yrs. in Jan. 2020.

Due to health concerns and accidents, I have been on S.S.I. since 1994. Since I turned 65yrs., I now get S.S.A. as well, plus I am on A.P.A.. That is the total amount I live on per month, plus \$19 in food stamps and receive Heating Assis., as well.

The current Governors budget will, by cutting Senior Benefits my ability to pay for food, items that [help] with my ability to deal with extreme pain, minor repairs, as needed, gas for shopping and doctors appointments, etc.

I believe that [Seniors] contribute, far more to local economies, and will expand in the next few years. we all pay to help those in most need and start, at home, with [citizens] of this State and country, before non-citizens. this bill, HB 2001 does not take into account, the time, energy and sacrifice, we seniors have Afforded this GREAT STATE of ALASKA, and will continue into the years to come. this bill

belittles the duty and conscience of the Governors rigid stance towards the people of Alaska's poor and disabled. Shame on him and those legislators who agree.

the so-called \$3000 PFD is a ONE time deal, with no future for those Alaskans affected. And cutting Medicaid's [Dental program] will cause even more problems; fewer seniors unable to support the local food stores and other businesses that seniors utilize.

What does this say about Alaska, when it starts to resemble- Russia.

thank you, all, Dennis Laurie

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**From:** Martha Cranor <m.cranor@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:15 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Public testimony re: budget

Dear Committee members,

I am writing to express my support for your efforts to return to the budget agreed upon prior to Governor Dunleavy's ill-advised, partisan, divisive vetoes. I believe the Legislature must clarify that the Permanent Fund Dividend is not an entitlement, and just as with corporate dividends paid to investors, if there are insufficient funds to cover expenses, no dividend is paid. I believe any more efforts to cut the state budget and/or services will adversely affect the state economy and make it even more unattractive to business investments, not to mention even more unsafe and unappealing to the population.

Marti Cranor  
2876 Circle Loop Road  
North Pole, AK

Sent from Surface

**From:** Naomi Davidson <ndavidson907@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:16 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Support HB 2001

I urge you to support HB 2001.

We don't have a fiscal problem, we have a revenue problem. One that the Gov's vetoes and valueless budget makes so devastating Alaska may never recover. Electric rates are rising in the bush, people are losing access to dental care (in fact, dental offices are being forced to close because of the cut of dental to medicaid along with a multitude of other businesses due to the vetoes), students are losing scholarships, poor seniors are losing income they depended on, the Arts Council is gone along with its economic benefits to the state, and teachers are already making plans to leave for the lower-48. The list is endless and the impacts are exponential as time goes on, each day starts with news of another devastation to Alaska and its families.

The state is perfectly capable of paying for the programs in HB 2001 and still giving every person in the state a permanent fund dividend of over \$900. As you've now heard from the majority of Alaskans, some who have never spoken up before, we'd rather have the services, education and commitment to these programs for the families of Alaska than the maybe of a larger dividend.

I urge you to support HB 2001 and the legislature's budget.

Thank you,  
Naomi Davidson

**From:** Ron Howard Jr <ronhowjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Dan.Ortiz@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** Full pfd and support the vetoes!

I and my family in Ketchikan fully support the Governor's vetoes and a full PFD! You have a duty to stop the waste and unsustainable spending! As a tax payer we demand that you budget within our means and no more!

Ron Howard Jr  
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Ketchikan, AK 99901  
907-204-0057

**From:** Jayne Harvie <jayne.harvie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support a reduced PFD to save our State's future.

Members of the House Finance Committee,

Born here in 1957, raised and educated here, and hoping to live out my life here in Alaska, I care that this great State and its people have continued access to education across all age levels, pre-K and K-12 and higher ed. I wish to go on record as supporting a reduced PFD so that funding may be restored for Education needs, in particular.

While it was not possible to override all the Governor's vetoes earlier this month, which would have been a much more fair and preferable scenario, PLEASE DO ALL YOU POSSIBLY CAN NOW to preserve the future of our home.

We must see beyond the puny, greedy vision that has forced you into this current, tragic situation. Thank you sincerely for your efforts.

Jayne Harvie

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Rudis <akwildlife@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:18 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Cc: Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Budget and PFD concerns

Good day,

I am writing to express my disgust at the budget that the governor has released. We need to restore funding especially to the University system for the future of this state. He has sent a clear 'we don't need you' message to seniors by cutting benefits to that important part of our community. The vibrant Arts community helps give our state diversity that adds joy to our lives. Cutting the Arts Council destroys this vital and creative part of Alaska. These are only a few of the items whose funding should be restored.

Please limit the PFD to the proposed \$1,600 amount so that some of these egregious budget cuts can be restored.

Thank you for your efforts.

Deborah Rudis  
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Juneau, Alaska  
907.723.9981

**From:** Rebecca Kinworthy <rebeccakinworthy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:20 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** \$.02

Conservatives,

Please tow the line. If you fail to stand for Governor Dunleavy you will fail those who voted for you, and concede moral ground that we will never get back.

Thank You Sincerely,  
Rebecca Kinworthy

**From:** michelle scaman <mscaman@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:22 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony

In 2003, UAF is what brought me to Alaska to pursue my master's degree and UAA later employed me. I'm an example, like many others, of a state investment using my skills cultivated in Alaska to continue to contribute to our state.

Alaska is my home and I don't want to see it fail. I care for my community and under the current circumstances restoring the funding with a PFD reduction is a reasonable short-term solution.

Thank you,  
Michelle Scaman, M.A.

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**From:** Susan Crevensten <screvensten@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 2001

I am writing you in support of House Bill 2001 that is being put forward by Neil Foster, House Chairman of the State's Operating Budget. Bedded within this support is the intention that Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes will not be allowed.

Go forward with the intention of integrating the Permanent Dividend amount into the budget. Make the Dividend part of the plan within the Operating budget. As it stands now, the word "compromise" means somebody "gets" and somebody "gives". Let's throw out the word "compromise" and use the word "integrate" in order to bring all Alaskans together in support of our State and be able to share a vision for the future

Respectfully,

Susan

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Hannon <rhannon54@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:25 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Restore vetoed Items

First, I know the majority of you tried to address this issue last week. Thank you for your effort.

Recently it was rightly pointed out to the UA Board of Regents that this is not a "fiscal" crisis. This is a POLITICAL crisis. You have it in your collective powers to resolve it. Please do so by restoring those line items vetoed by the governor.

The governor seems to prefer the ideas of outside interests to the knowledge and experience of Alaskans in fashioning his budgetary vision for the state. This is ironic. It was partly the rejection of outside control that helped spur the drive to statehood. The governor's vision lacks compassion for the vulnerable. It short changes the education of our youth; and it seeks to undermine the safety and security of our rural communities.

Is this really your vision? I think not.

I would happily see a reduction to or even an elimination of my PFD if it helped secure safe and sanitary shelter for the most vulnerable, and access to medical care for the poor, if it helped support a robust

state university system and vibrant school districts, and if it aided rural communities to meet the scourges of sexual assault, suicide and substance abuse.

Please reject the governor's borrowed and blinkered vision of our future and instead help fashion one that meets our real needs and asks all Alaskan's to share responsibility in the "owner state."

Thank you again for your time and effort.

Robert Hannon  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709  
907.687.9861

**From:** Tom Smith <raven1@alaska.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:29 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>

**Cc:** Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 2001, ssurplus PFD

Honorable Committee members:

Please accept this email as my written testimony in support of HB 2001, the "surplus PFD bill, as introduced Monday, July 15, 2019—hopefully without any modification. I was in State government when the Permanent Fund was created; it was a thoughtful, well considered effort established to secure Alaska's future when the oil revenues ran out. Like many sovereign wealth funds however, it almost immediately came under scrutiny by many of the time viewing it as a potential source of funding to be plundered and spent for whatever needs or wants select legislators and their base thought important at the moment—business loans, new construction projects, etc., etc. To protect the corpus from being so plundered, then Governor Hammond and others proposed giving out a small portion of the Fund's income to all Alaskans, placing priority on their respective longevity in the State. Thus was the PFD born, reasoning that the citizens would thereby protect the corpus from being frivolously spent.

Well, the concept worked for awhile, until (1) the courts removed the longevity constraints and (2) the corpus grew until the outdated formula for computing the PFD distribution caused it to grow into the voracious monster it now is with its \$3000 valuation. At the same time, as predicted and understood by the founders of the fund, oil revenues have fallen through inevitable production decline and world markets to the level that Alaska now needs substantial income from the PF to support its core needs and institutions as the founders originally intended. Sadly though, despite fantasies of a minority of Alaskans there is not enough PF income to justify both a \$3000 dividend and covering the State's basic needs.

Thus, while I agree with then Governor Hammond that a small dividend is probably a useful tool to protect the corpus of the PF, it should be reduced to a modest level comparable to the original 1982 dividend of \$1000 or less. HB 2001, the "surplus PFD bill" does exactly that. I am counting on you to pay the bills, keep the lights on and if anything is left, then and only then consider a small dividend.

Thomas E. Smith, (907) 460-7125, [raven1@alaska.net](mailto:raven1@alaska.net)

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Corcoran <marycorc@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:27 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Zack Fields <Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>

Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY--Written--HB2001

To Members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for your work. In lieu of oral public testimony which circumstances prohibit me from providing, please accept this written testimony regarding HB 2001.

I fully support the \$1600 or LESS PFD. ALL Alaskans will suffer unnecessary hardships with a larger payout. State services need to be restored fueled by cuts to oil tax credits and enacting a statewide tax (income, sales...). I support the work of legislators who have already compromised and cut expenses to produce HB39 and SB19.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Mary Corcoran

Delta Junction

**From:** Emilie Loran <emloran@alaska.edu>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:27 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** House Bill 2001: Please restore vetoed funds to the University

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

I'm writing today to urge you to restore vetoed funds to the University. **I believe that saving our state from economic collapse and recession and saving the University are well worth cutting the PFD.** I am urging you to please consider refunding the budget lines that were vetoed by Governor Dunleavy.

I am a PhD student at UAA in the Clinical and Community Psychology Program. If the University's budget is cut as much as has been proposed--this would drastically alter my ability to finish my PhD at UAA--and if I am unable to finish the program at UAA, I would have no choice but to leave the state of Alaska and pursue a PhD elsewhere.

Not only am I student at UAA, I also teach in the psychology department at the University. I am sure you are aware of how crucial education is for communities--Alaska needs to invest in education. Such a cut to the University system would send many students (such as myself) to pursue graduate and undergraduate degrees from different states--and ultimately this would hurt Alaska on a deeply economic level.

I believe that it is far better to cut the PFD than to so severely cut the University's budget. Gutting the university would harm the future of Alaska on many levels.

I chose the PhD program at UAA for a specific reason--this program has a rural indigenous emphasis and trains professionals who want to stay in Alaska to help the state as a whole. I moved to Anchorage a year ago with a commitment to the state of Alaska. Please don't put me in a situation where I will have to go elsewhere to pursue my education.

Furthermore, please don't put Alaska in a situation where it starts losing all those who want to pursue higher education.

Thank you for considering.

Emilie Loran  
University of Alaska Anchorage  
*Student*, PhD Clinical-Community Psychology  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Psychology Department

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**From:** David Pelunis-Messier <dp2477@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:33 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for HB2001

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am writing this to show my support for HB 2001 and the over ride of the devastating vetoes that have been proposed by Governor Mike Dunleavy and his administration. This past year's legislature was one of long meetings and difficult decisions with buy in and comments from Alaskans all over our great state. I appreciate the work that our legislators did to come up with reasonable cuts to the PFD and a responsible budget for UAF and other necessary state programs. To have the governor disregard all of that hard work with specific vetoes aimed at giving Alaskans a larger PFD at the expense of our economy is dis-heartening and shows a lack of leadership coming from the governor's office. The proposed cuts would likely send our state into a prolonged recession and limit the ability of Alaskan businesses to hire and attract young, in state talent for important jobs they need to grow this economy and diversify our dependence out of the oil sector.

I strongly support balancing power across the different branches of our state government and believe that the governor's office has over stepped its bounds with their combination of vetoes and a refusal to look at raising additional revenue. My Alaskan Family of 4 earns more through our PFD than we pay

through our only local tax- our property tax- and I'm fine with part of my PFD supporting schools, roads, education and all of the other services that keep our state Great. HB2001 and a smaller PFD in exchange for state services and the full funding of the power cost equalization program all have my support.

thank you,

Dave Messier  
790 Pelican Way  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

**From:** Laura Norton-Cruz <lauritadianita@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:34 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB2001

Esteemed members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify last night in Anchorage. Here are the remarks I shared, in writing:

I am here today as a mother of two young children, and as a member of a grassroots group of parents and caregivers called Growing Alaskan Leaders. As we consider this appropriations bill, our hearts and minds are of course with children, and with that frame we ask you to do what is right for Alaska's children and Alaska's future, and use HB2001 to restore all of the vetoed funding and restore the designated funds lost in the sweep.

We know that not only our children, but ALL Alaska children matter. What happens to children early in life shapes their brains and bodies for the rest of their lives. If infants, toddlers, and preschoolers lose access to early childhood programs vetoed by the Governor, this will affect their brain development, their readiness for kindergarten, their high school graduation, their ability to parent and earn an income when they themselves are adults.

With children on our minds, we think about families fleeing domestic violence, and we ask you if you can preside over a budget that throws them to the streets (or, more likely, back their abusers). We ask you if this aligns with your tough on crime stance, and our shared dedication to reduce domestic and sexual violence, which is a tremendous problem for Alaska that I know you all care about.

With children on our minds, we think of the millions cut from mental health and rehabilitation grants, which pay for services that are vital for ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect that so plagues Alaska. With children on our minds, we think of parents with untreated dental disease trying to parent.

With children on our minds, we look at all of the cuts, and what kind of Alaska it creates for our kids. And for your kids, and your grandkids. A state that throws away the arts. A state that says to families in rural Alaska, "You can go cold in the depths of winter." A state that says, "Work hard in K-12 and then leave for your post-secondary education, because we don't want trained professionals here. And we don't want doctors here."

What kind of state is that? Is that the Alaska you envisioned when you ran for office? I know it's not.

I think if you search in your hearts and beliefs, most of you don't want the kind of state that the Governor and his Outside budget director are vying for. It is a deeply cynical vision they have for Alaska. And it is an outsider vision. It is a Koch Brothers vision. It is not our Alaskan way. We have always been a state that did things our own way, not the way that failed ventures from Kansas have done.

So, the question before you is: Which Alaska will you be remembered as working towards? Which vision for Alaska's children and families do you want on your name? Which future do you want to be responsible for?

This is your chance to answer that question with morality and courage. This is your chance to say no to billionaires from Kansas, and stand up for our beloved Alaska by working together. Restore the vetoed funding in full. Stand up for this state we love. Thank you."

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**"Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral " – Paulo Freire**

**"When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afr**

**From:** Jenn Wagaman <jenn.wagaman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:38 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** please restore the funding

To whom it may concern;

As a Fairbanks community member for nearly 25 years, a UAF graduate, a UAF adjunct faculty member, a parent and a concerned citizen, please add my voice to those who are asking you to restore funding and use taxes and the PFD to maintain services for our University and our most vulnerable citizens. I worry that we have already gone too far to recover the damage that has been done. This is not the Alaska I have chosen to live and raise my family in.

We can reasonably balance our budget without killing our communities and destroying the cultural and educational benefits our university has brought the state for the last 100 years.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jenn Wagaman  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Kramer <glgk@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:40 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Help!

We need those important services that the legislature funded in the session. Don't let the compromises and hard work be for naught

Thank you,  
Glen Wright

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn Adams <schiroadams@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:40 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Testimony On HB2001

Dear House Members -

I do not approve of the Governor's excessive budget vetoes that would result in slashing our education systems from birth to post-graduate. The education systems are the foundation of future Alaskan citizenry, government, and economic security. We can't send the message that Alaska doesn't care about our children's education.

The minimal pfd is fine with me. As an individual, I can't build a road, fund the preschool, create a scholarship, or captain a ferry. We need government to be responsible for supporting the existing programs and investing in its citizens that want to create a positive future.

Thank you for your work on behalf of ALL Alaskans.

Dawn Adams  
Dave Schirokauer  
Healy AK

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Braddock <djbraddock@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:41 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: PFD

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee -

I urge you not to follow the statutory formula for determining the Permanent Fund Dividend.

Following that formula will result in an unsustainable dividend this year and, increasingly, in future years. Soon, paying a statutory "full" dividend will have to become the dominant state expenditure, forcing further annual reductions in all functions of state government. It won't be many years before there is little money for anything other than the dividend. Smart financial planning would have us reducing the amount of the dividend now.

In my opinion, funding the essential operations of the state, including the university, must take precedence over paying a dividend. I would be more than happy with the ~\$900 dividend that is apparently possible after Gov. Dunleavy's \$444 million in cuts have been reversed and without dipping into savings. Don't dip further into savings; doing so is unsustainable!

The PFD was originally supposed to build consensus for the protection of the Permanent Fund. Ironically, it has instead built a consensus for itself, which may eventually result in the demise of the Fund through overspending. If this happens Alaska will truly be poor.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment!

Doug Braddock, 36 year resident of Alaska

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**From:** Ronald Johnson <rajohnson@alaska.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony re HB 2001

### **Testimony re HB 2001**

I support HB 2001 as the lesser of many evils.  
The \$ 1600 PFD with the budget passed by the legislature will still result in a POMV draw more than 5.25 %.

A 3000 PFD is not sustainable. I would only support a \$ 3 K PFD for 2020 if there were an accompanying statute rewriting the PFD amount calculation that reflects today's realities.

No matter what, we need to redo the PFD amount calculation.

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Ron Johnson

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-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Brooks <brooks.markaanne@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:45 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Permanent Fund Dividend

I support a \$1600 dividend (or less) if you restore some of the state services cut by Governor Dunleavy's vetos. Our priorities should be services for seniors, youth, health care and education. I also support

restoring a state income tax as a way to “put everyone’s skin in the game” and capture the revenue leaving the state with out of state workers.

Thanks for the hard work you are doing. I hope you are listening to the citizens of Alaska. The status quo and the Governor’s cuts are not universally accepted.

Thank you,

Anne Brooks  
45 year Anchorage resident

-----Original Message-----

From: Laurie Hueffer <l.hueffer@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:46 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Support replacement of funds

I am writing in support of replacement of vetoed funds. I support a reduced permanent fund dividend, I support an income tax but most of all I support a strong Alaskan economy and community. I task the legislature with standing up against Dunleavy’s disastrous programs on my behalf as well as that of seniors, young children and others hurt by his cuts.

As a business owner I am appalled at the damage that has been done by threatening the University. As a teacher, I am appalled at the idea of reduced early childhood education support. As a spouse of a University employee, I am appalled as I watch the dismantling of a vibrant educational system and all that it provides to Fairbanks. As a patron of the arts, I am appalled at the removal of our Arts Council. As a human, I am appalled at the idea we can’t provide basic health services to our neighbors.

I don’t believe in cutting programs that result in loss of federal funds. I don’t believe in Dunleavy and support his removal, and if possible the defunding of his office.

Thank you for standing up against Dunleavy’s disastrous plans for Alaska.

Laurie Hueffer

Laurie's iPhone

**From:** Alli Harvey <alliharvey527@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:46 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support HB 2001

Dear House Finance Committee:

Thank you very much for your continued work to balance the budget, and for your consideration of HB 2001 to restore funding that the governor vetoed. I am in support of this bill.

I am a constituent in Palmer, AK represented by Senator Hughes and Representative Tilton, and am sitting on the LIO conference line. In case I am not available to testify over the phone, I want to weigh in and say I do NOT agree with the draconian cuts put forth by the governor which I believe would harm Alaska's people and economy. I am disappointed by my representatives' decision to stay in Wasilla last week and not go to where there was a quorum to represent me and others who are concerned about

the future of our state. Now that there is an opportunity to overturn these cuts, I am asking you to please vote for this bill and then when the governor inevitably vetoes it, please vote to override.

My address is 18178 E. Walling Road, Palmer AK, 99645. My phone is (907) 342-2045.

Best,  
Alli Harvey

**From:** Alaska Glacial Mud Co. <info@alaskaglacialmud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:48 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Lauren Padawer and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

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Lauren Padawer

**From:** Mathew Sorum <mathew.sorum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:49 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Approve funding for UAF

Legislators,

I'm writing to let you know that I do not support Governor Dunleavy's line item vetoes and hope the house finance committee can find ways to restore funding. The cuts to our education systems from early childhood to post secondary would be incredibly detrimental to not only the community of Fairbanks but Alaska as a state. The University system in particular is one of the most important institutions in our state, in its research programs, development opportunities, revenue sources, and diversity that then enter our communities and local workforces. The proposed +40% cuts would all but eliminate these resources and opportunities, leaving Alaska as a less desirable place in which to study, work, and live.

Please do what is best for our community :)

Mat Sorum  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709

**From:** Joan Braddock <jfbraddock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony regarding PFD

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

As a lifelong Alaskan I am deeply concerned by the current budget situation. I now believe that establishing the permanent fund with dividends to all citizens was the greatest mistake ever made in our state. For many people a check in the mail each year has become more important than caring for our less fortunate citizens; than having excellent higher education opportunities to help keep bright people in the state; and than the arts which both enrich our lives and, in some cases, save our souls.

Seeing the greediness that is rampant in our state right now, my preference would be to abolish payments from the permanent fund. But I do realize that the funds have become a part of the annual budget for some of our citizens. And for that reason, I would support a more modest payment this year (closer to amounts paid out in past years). Ultimately, our state needs an income tax, which would be much fairer to everyone, particularly in light of how many people live outside but work in Alaska, paying nothing into the system.

Should the governor's vetoes go forward, and the dividend amount paid be as high as the \$3,000 being discussed, we will destroy many functions in our state and rob our children's future. Huge payouts are not sustainable. How many more services do we cut next year to keep paying out huge dividends. All the university? All of law enforcement, not just in rural Alaska? All road maintenance?

I am particularly distressed about the cuts to the university. Despite what many people seem to believe, the campus I am familiar with here in Fairbanks is a world class institution in many disciplines. I was a former dean at UAF and have already been asked by several faculty for letters of reference for jobs elsewhere. These are people who will easily get jobs at other institutions. We will lose the best and brightest. And, we will no longer have a world class institution for our children.

In talking with people, most are very supportive of the university, but several people have said they don't really care because they want "their" \$3,000 and the university being decimated won't affect them. In Fairbanks the university is a huge economic driver in the community. Every single person in this community will eventually feel the effects of losing much or most of our campus. There will be fewer people who need water delivered so water delivery drivers will be laid off. There will be fewer people to buy cars and need them worked on. There will be less incentive for stores to stay open and many will go out of business. And more.

The legislature worked hard to propose a budget that was reasonable and that would not destroy the economy of Alaska. Please use reason in setting a permanent fund amount for this year that will allow for the vetoed funds to be restored and for us to have a future. If reason does not prevail this year, I fear the situation will only be worse next year.

Thank you.

Joan Braddock

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Fairbanks, AK 99709

[ifbraddock@gmail.com](mailto:ifbraddock@gmail.com)

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I was recently reflecting on the decision my wife and I faced in 2000 about whether to move back to Alaska after being away for 5 years. We had both done our PhD at UAF moved on to jobs first in Tennessee and then Montana, but it just wasn't Alaska nor Fairbanks. We were getting ready to start a family and we sat down one evening and listed the places we would most like to live that would lead to the highest quality life for us and our kids. Fairbanks was number 1 on our list because it was a vibrant college town offering many of the things we value in life with Alaska as it's backyard. Fortunately, in 2001 I landed a job at UAF and my wife a position with the National Park Service. We had our first child in 2003 and second in 2007 and until recently things have been pretty great.

However, the recent cuts proposed by Governor Dunleavy and the minority caucus are compromising our dreams. I could lose my job and more importantly we don't see a bright future for our children who are now in 7th and 11th grade. We are concerned about reduced quality of their K-12 education and there is currently no way we can see them continuing in the UA system for college even though they might have free tuition if I were still employed. We are also concerned about the economic consequences to the state and the future of services like senior benefits as we start to consider where we will retire.

We think that the Governor is very short-sighted and is making decisions about what Alaskans value that are inconsistent with the values of most Alaskans. I looked to our neighbors in Canada who have no PFD, some of the highest taxes in the world, and are number one in the world in quality of life and realize that there is much more to life than a \$3000 PFD. We would be more than willing to pay our share of taxes to continue to receive the quality education and other services the state previously provided.

Thank you for continuing to pursue this matter and considering the future of Alaska.

Sincerely;

Mark Lindberg  
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907-460-8040  
Republican

**From:** Larri Spengler <lspengler@ak.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** support HB 2001

Greetings, House Finance Committee members:

I support a smaller PFD amount, and overriding the Governor's budget vetoes.

Please support HB 2001.

Please bring our state back to itself....

Larri Spengler

Larri Irene Spengler  
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907-586-9768 (phone/fax)  
[lspengler@ak.net](mailto:lspengler@ak.net)

-----Original Message-----

From: baludwig <brooksaludwig@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:56 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Gov.Dunleavy Vetos

Dear House Finance Committee

Over the past four years I've seen first hand the effects of state budget cutting measures. Our state infra structure is crumbling. While I understand the need for fiscal responsibility there comes a time when enough is enough. That time has come!

As a family in Fairbanks, with three kids looking forward to attending UAF we are distraught over the loss of the performance scholarship funding. Our oldest is a junior at UAF and was depending on that funding. Our two younger sons are working extra hard at school to get good grades for the scholarship. With the proposed cuts at UAF and lack of scholarship funding why would they go to UAF?

My wife and I see a bleak future for Fairbanks and anticipate a recession and much lower house values. Alaska needs you to stand tall and give us a healthy community with arts, schools, opportunities, parks, and basic services.

-We do not expect a PFD, reduce it. Governor Walker had the right idea.

-Institute a sales tax ( tax our visitors as well as us) We are willing to pay.

-Fund UAF  
-Fund Performance Scholarship  
-Fund the Arts

Alaska needs your leadership to stop the disassembly of our great state.

Sincerely,  
Brooks Ludwig  
POB 82496  
Fairbanks, AK. 99708

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Schlichting <pls510349@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:00 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Cc: Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Zack Fields <Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>  
Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY--Written--HB2001

To House finance committee members

I am in support of the proposed H.B. 2001 with a dividend payout of approximately \$1,600. or less. In an effort to present an affordable and responsible plan to fund state agencies, programs, institutions, and services necessary for a functioning state government such a proposal is most realistic. I support the work of legislators who have already compromised and cut expenses to produce HB39 and SB19.

I am also in support of the reinstitution of an income tax and a repeal of oil tax credits. If oil tax credits are not repealed I would like a dollar for dollar tax credit for stock shares. That way the state could redeem them if need be.

Please keep your spirits up and know you have a lot of people that support you and appreciate you for the work you do in these trying times.

Sincerely  
Pat Schlichting, Delta Junction

-----Original Message-----

From: John Whissel <John.Whissel@eyak-nsn.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:09 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is John C. Whissel and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

I do not believe that the Permanent Fund was ever intended as a guaranteed dividend payment, I believe it was rightly intended that our state could operate on oil revenues without taxation of the population, and that a portion of those revenues be set aside to provide a bridge after the decline of oil production to new means of funding the state, and that portion set aside is invested and those investments often exceed what is intended to maintain our Permanent Fund. It is only that surplus that should be available for distribution. To completely dismantle our State budget in order to provide a payout to residents is short sighted and irresponsible. Please pass HB 2001. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Johnson <johnson.carolhill@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:10 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

You are taking testimony on HB 2001. I SUPPORT the bill as it allows for a \$1,600 permanent fund dividend. Our state cannot afford a larger dividend while maintaining our current level of functioning.

I am disappointed that the governor's veto was not overturned.  
At this point, I urge you to support HB 2001.

Thank you.  
Carol

Sent from my iPad

From: Marty West

worked at our local University campus and also at KRBD-FM, our community station. I worked there when U.S. Senator Stevens, in a rare turn, spoke before the Alaska legislature to explain the vital services that public media offers to the state - particularly in rural areas. Emergency services, news, and entertainment were all valuable, and essential, things that public media offered.

At the University I coordinated Vocational Education programs including Certified Nursing Assistant. It was a 9 week class that enabled people to get a start in a healthcare field. The jobs paid about \$15 an hour. Some of these students went on to become nurses.

Most of these people had families and jobs and couldn't just leave for a few years and go to school. I helped establish the UAA distance program for these students so they could become RNs.

I now work at PeaceHealth Ketchikan and see these nurses in the

clinics, at bedsides, and in the emergency department. UAS also helped with distance programs for Imaging Techs. I see them where I work now too.

I am also the President of the Ketchikan Arts Council. Cuts that eliminated the State Arts Council are short sighted and not business friendly. I'm sure I'm not the first person to talk about how the arts is a vital part of any healthy economy- especially one, like ours, that has a heavy reliance on tourism.

You may not think I'm talking about essential services but I am. We want to live in a state that values communities, that provides families with a place to build their futures and that encourages businesses to invest in these communities, it's vital that we restore the funding.

**From:** Sherry Tamone <[sherrytamone@gmail.com](mailto:sherrytamone@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:13 PM

**To:** House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** House Bill 2001

Hello

I am a University Professor writing to support HB2001 and this a reduction in PFD is well worth the support of AK infrastructure including the University. I wrote a long letter in support of the override but since that failed I am strongly urging you to restore the vetoed support of state programs and the University. The University is a strong economic force in AK and while resource extraction is valued as the major economy the investment in the University provides a sustainable economic engine for this great state I have had the honor of calling home for the past 2.5 decades

Thanks

Sherry Tamone

**From:** Shirley Martin <[malamuteranch@hotmail.com](mailto:malamuteranch@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:16 PM

**To:** House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Testimony

**From:** Shirley Martin <[malamuteranch@hotmail.com](mailto:malamuteranch@hotmail.com)>

**Date:** July 16, 2019 at 4:09:41 PM AKDT

**To:** [housefinance@akleg.gov](mailto:housefinance@akleg.gov)

**Subject:** Testimony

My name is Shirley Martin from Palmer Ak.

I was at the testimony today in Wasilla but couldn't wait any longer. Here are my bullet points.

1. PFD needs Not be touched and used by Government. We expect our 3,000 payout this year and pay us back what was taken from us.

Yes their are people that don't care if they get it or not.

One fair way is to Pick, Click and give. The ones that want to give so be it. The ones that don't they keep what is rightfully theirs.

2. Education- yes is important but also needs to be cut. Administration has bloated and salaries are out of control.

Sports we pay too much. We should not be paying for out of state teams to come here and play.

I also know for example hockey alone we pay 1.9 million. What do we pay for all the other sports? That is not education.

Why is more money the answer to education? Why are we 49th in reading and math? More money going to solve that?

There are three things to education-

Teacher

Pupil

Curriculum

Are the teachers teaching wrong?

Are the students unable to learn?


Is the wrong curriculum being taught?

Find out before we throw more money?

Each city, town, village whatever you call it needs to address their own homeless. Should not be State funded. They need to address the problem and fix it.

Medicaid needs to be vetted and followed up. I personally know people committing fraud. Young girl gets pregnant not making much qualified for Medicaid. Here's the catch living with boyfriend making excellent money where he can afford medical. Oh no we will pay for it.

Dental - we cannot afford dental ourselves but don't qualify for Medicaid. We get some work done making payments but will not go back until my bill is paid. Then we start all over. My husband had teeth pulled in front and back 2600.00 worth. Now after two years he will go back and get implants. As of now I have several broken teeth so I have to wait.

I cannot see paying for two people to fly in, lodging and dental work. All expenses paid. That has to .

Native Corporations should help the natives by flying in a Dentist quarterly.

I looked up average income in Bethel and barrow it was like 70-80 thousand.

Governor Dunleavy is right we need to reel in spending. You people need to help him get there.

I would like a reply that you actually read this email.

Thank you  
Shirley and John Martin  
Palmer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Kevin Krein <kevin.krein@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:24 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on HB 2001

My name is Kevin Krein. I was born in Anchorage and have lived in Alaska my entire life. I currently live in Juneau. I am a faculty member at UAS and have taught at UAA in the past.

I am writing to ask you to support and move forward with HB 2001 in order to overturn Governor Dunleavy's vetos.

It is very clear that Alaska's dependance on oil as our sole source of revenue is not feasible in the long term. One significant problem with Governor Dunleavy's budget is that deeply cutting the arts, social programs, and particularly education, destroys our best chances of developing a healthy diversified economy as we move into the future. If the Governor's veto stands, we will be more dependent than ever on the oil industry. Cutting the budget as Governor Dunleavy has amounts to selling out the future of our state.

I have former students who live and work all over Alaska. They have careers, have started small businesses, and contribute to their communities. Without a strong university, many of those students would have left the state, or would not have the tools they needed to be successful.

The legislature put together a very reasonable budget. I thank each of you for your work this legislative session. The people of Alaska do not support the governor's vetoes. Please work to pass HB 2001 and maintain a budget that funds our infrastructure at a reasonable level. If you do not do this, the future of our state is likely to be bleak.

Sincerely,

Kevin Krein

**From:** aurora\_two@gci.net <aurora\_two@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** AMDEND THE BUDGET - Save our University

Senators, Representatives,

As I can't meet you in person while you are in Fairbanks this week, I want to communicate my budget input via email:

**I urge you all pass an amendment to the Alaska state budget to reinstate funding for the University of Alaska System.**

If UA budget is not reinstated, thousands of UA employees will lose their jobs. If not corrected, the governor's devastating cuts will have far-reaching impacts on the state economy, its education system, and its people.

YOU CAN prevent this from happening. YOU CAN do what you know is right.

**I URGE YOU ALL to come together and save our state. I URGE YOU ALL to put politics aside and rescue our University!**

Respectfully,  
Franz J Meyer, Fairbanks

**From:** Lauren Blanchett <laurenblanchett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Hello Finance Committee Members,

Please appropriate a dividend this is maximum of \$1600. I implore you to find a way to restore vetoed funds, use the earnings from the Permanent Fund to fund state government services.

A \$3000 PFD is a slap in the face if you've just lost your job.

While not on the table, I am also in favor of an income tax, if that means funding government services and keeping Alaskans employed.

Sincerely,

Lauren Blanchett

**From:** Patricia ware <patty\_ware@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001 (FIN)  
**Importance:** High

Dear Co-Chairs Foster and Johnston, and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am a thirty-three year resident of Alaska. I've raised two children here, and obtained my MPA from the University of Alaska Southeast. I love Alaska, as I'm sure all of you do. It is my home and I will be buried here when the time comes.

I support HB 2001, as amended by the Finance Committee. I do not support the drastic reductions that would be imposed on our state as a result of the Governor's vetoes, and am concerned about the serious economic downturn that would result if these are not overturned.

The ongoing political football of the size of Alaska's permanent fund dividend must be solved. I don't know what the answer is, but I don't believe providing a \$3,000 PFD at the expense of virtually all sectors of public service is an approach that is sustainable or responsible. I do not see the PFD as my right. I see it as a gift, for which I do absolutely nothing other than being a citizen of this great state. But I also understand that all services cost money and that when the Permanent Fund was created, Governor Hammond understood that there would come a time when oil would no longer pay for everything. We are well beyond that time.

Although I didn't agree completely with the budget passed by the Legislature, I understand I don't get everything I want. No citizen does. That's the nature of a democracy. What I did appreciate was the incredible amount of work and compromise that went in to the budget passed, which was balanced and included a reasonable PFD. Thank you to all of you who voted for the original budget.

I urge you to compromise to reach a solution to this impasse.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our state.

Sincerely,

Patty Ware  
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**From:** Kelly Ireland <kellysue94@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Restore Funding to UA

Hello House Finance Committee,

Today I met with my graduate advisor for my masters in biology at UAA. We discussed the impacts the budget cuts will have on our ability to conduct research, finish my degree, and for my professor to stay at the university. We cried and shared a hug at the grim reality created by the cuts in Governor Dunleavy's budget.

Regardless of what party you belong to Governor Dunleavy's budget will

hurt Alaskans and our future economy. The cut to the University of Alaska system is the most atrocious of all. The cut is unprecedented not only in our state, but our entire country. Alaska already has major issues with brain dump and now thanks to the cuts to the University of Alaska this issue will multiply exponentially.

The university system will be unable to provide the programs and services Alaska so desperately needs to develop our workforce beyond the trades. No PFD is worth the detriments made for Alaskans to further develop themselves and create greater earning potential for themselves.

Now thousands of students in the UA system get to stress over how they may pay for school with the defunding of scholarship programs like the Alaska Performance Scholarship. Those lucky few who will still be able to afford school will lay awake wondering if they will get to even finish their programs as the University of Alaska shuts down campuses, lays off staff and faculty, and reduces programs. Future students may now never consider attending college. Our economy cannot continue to grow and diversify without an educated workforce.

I myself am lucky enough to have a research fellowship paid for by the Department of Homeland Security. The budget cuts won't personally affect my ability to continue pursuing my masters. However, the quality of my education will not be left unscathed with the potential laying off of my professor I do research under and whose my advisor, the administrators who help me and other students and faculty secure external grant funding, and the staff who help run our research facility and equipment. As well as the potential consolidation of programs and classes that may lead to the complete cut of my program or to classes that I need to graduate.

The cuts will also impact so many other people, programs, and services in Alaska outside of the university. All in all the budget put forth by Governor Dunleavy is bad for Alaska. I hope that moving forward you and the other legislators can put back in place some of the funding that was slashed in Governor Dunleavy's budget, specifically to the University of Alaska.

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**Kelly Ireland**

Graduate Student, Kat Lab

Graduate Research Fellow, Arctic Domain Awareness Center

University of Alaska Anchorage

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**From:** Emily Kane <dremilykane@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:29 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Cc:** elizabethdahl.alaska@gmail.com

**Subject:** Don't wreck the state

Dear Finance Committee

An overwhelming public outcry about trashing our safety net has been heard loud and clear. The majority of legislators supported overriding the hideous vetos. If there were time and will to follow the money we could expose the governor's craven kowtowing to the agenda of the Koch Brothers. Alaskans deserve better. Please adjust the PFD to an amount that allows for a balanced budget without destroying social services, the arts, education and the Alaska Marine Highway. The vetos also negatively affect millions of dollars in matching federal or private contributions. Talk about shooting your self in the foot! Don't let that happen. Not a good look.

Stay on the high road and do the very best for the people who elected you.

Thank you so much.

Dr Emily Kane

Alaskan citizen

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-----Original Message-----

From: Judy <crondahl@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:30 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

I am writing to testify in favor of House Bill 2001, appropriating funds for state government programs to replace those funds vetoed from the operating budget by the Governor. I am very afraid for our future if we do not maintain vital services that we have come to rely on and that have contributed to our quality of life. An uneducated populace lacking the resources to provide for basic needs will lessen the quality of life and personal safety of everyone. That is meat and potatoes and must come before the sugar high of a Permanent Fund Dividend.

Judy Crondahl, Juneau

**From:** Mary Ver Hoef <mary.verhoef@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:33 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please return funding for ALL items vetoed from 2019 Legislative budget

Dear Finance Committee Members:

As a 49 year Alaska resident I writing again today to ask that funding for all the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy be put back into the Capitol budget and PASSED.

We must support our University, the Arts, the Seniors benefits and Head Start Program, fund housing for homeless, Village Safety Officers, Medicare and Medicaid, and all the other programs cut by the vetoes.

These are the things that matter most in a civil society: good lifelong education, health care, the arts, caring for our young and old and most vulnerable citizens. This is where our government money should go first and foremost!

I support a smaller, modest PFD. I support changing oil tax structure to pay less (or nothing) to oil companies. I support a modest state income tax in the future. I support enough funding to University of Alaska and State programs to allow for US. Government matching funds.

Thank you for working to save our state from these Devasting Vetoes!

Sincerely,  
Mary Ver Hoef  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** Alison Krein <alisonkrein@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:34 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Public Testimony on HB 2001

My name is Alison Krein. I have been an Alaskan resident for almost thirty years. Alaska is my home and I do not plan to leave. I ran my own business full-time for ten years and currently work for the University of Alaska Southeast. I have a sixteen-year-old daughter who will enter her junior year of high school this fall. I am writing to ask you to support and move forward with HB 2001 in order to overturn Governor Dunleavy's vetos.

The legislature passed a responsible budget that included cuts. It was great to see the legislature work together, make compromises, and responsibly represent the people of Alaska.

Governor Dunleavy's vetoes and proposed cut of \$135 million is not responsible. If it stands the damage will be difficult and perhaps impossible to reverse.

While I understand the dual appropriation was meant to protect the community campuses, because the services they rely on are part of the main campus budgets, and they are not setup (or accredited) to operate independently, they will likely suffer significantly, and some will likely close.

This is not to say that further cuts to the university system are unacceptable. But this type of drastic cut is the type of thing that may destroy a system that has taken decades to build.

With declining oil revenues, Alaska needs to diversify its economy and support economic growth. Undermining the university system does not help. In fact, it really means that the only part of the economy left intact will be the oil industry. With oil production declining and the price of oil uncertain at best, this is not how we should invest in the future of our state.

In short, it is abandoning long-term investment in Alaska for a cash out that is unlikely to result in any long-term benefit.

Alaska is my home and I hope to continue to live here. I am a tax-paying property owner and investor in the state. I hope that my daughter will have to opportunity to attend the University of Alaska and that when she graduates the economic environment will be one in which she can be successful. If we dismantle our state services and educational system in favor of paying the largest dividend in Alaska's history, we are dismantling our states economic future.

Please work to pass HB 2001 and maintain a budget that supports Alaska's infrastructure. I fear the consequences of inaction will create great inequity and suffering for Alaskans that no short-term PFD can offset.

Sincerely,

Alison Krein

**From:** Owen Tucker <tuckeror@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:35 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony

Madam Co-Chair and Mr. Co-Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Owen Tucker. I am from Anchorage and am representing myself.

I am a UAA employee, a small business owner whose clients have included non-profits and the Alaska State Council on the Arts, a homeowner, a father of two children under the age of 3, and an artist.

The governor's budget vetoes do not accurately represent the Alaska I have come to know since moving here several years ago. In Alaska, we help those who are in need, we celebrate our diverse cultures, we support the arts, and we understand the value of education.

As a university employee, I know that the leadership and faculty have worked very hard to accommodate a smaller budget while still meeting the workforce needs of the state. The massive cut to the UA budget would undermine the efforts that have already been made and cause immediate and long-term harm to the state.

The cuts would affect me and my family in many ways, but they would put countless more Alaskans at risk of irrevocable loss and unnecessary hardship.

This is not the story that we should be telling about ourselves.

I support HB2001 and welcome a smaller PFD.

Thank you.

Owen Tucker

**From:** Steve Behnke <srbehnke@ak.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:36 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please support HB 2001, and oppose the Reverse Robin-hood budget vetoes

Dear Finance Committee members

I support a smaller PFD amount, and overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001. Don't give to the rich and take from the poor.

Author Rich Moniak laid it out pretty clearly in his July 14 Op-Ed. You've been given a choice between favoring the more privileged, or protecting the full interests of all Alaskans in a fair, future-looking budget.

"Gov. Mike Dunleavy has done what none of his predecessors ever considered. He's divided Alaskans who qualify for the Permanent Fund Dividend into two classes: Those who still get the money free of charge, and those who have to give something up to get it, including some who stand to lose a lot more than they'll get back."

"Dunleavy is no less disingenuous by claiming he's giving us all an equal dividend. Because "to contain costs and reduce dependence of individuals on state funds," he vetoed the entire benefit program that provided \$76, \$175, or \$250 each month to about 11,000 low income seniors. The full PFD will effectively give only \$116 of that back.

Meanwhile, there's about 20,000 millionaires living in Alaska who aren't being taxed to get their full share." <https://www.juneauempire.com/opinion/opinion-the-new-pfd-class-divide/>

Please support HB 2001.

Sincerely,

Steve Behnke

-----Original Message-----

From: D Herrmann <herrmann1@gci.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:37 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore the funding

Alaska House Finance Committee members,

I understand that you are considering a bill that would restore the budget to the legislative compromise that was reached earlier this season--I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT. I understand that it also pays a reasonable PFD amount--I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THAT AS WELL.

It is ridiculous to pay a \$3000 PFD while decimating programs and institutions that Alaskans need to survive and to help them to improve their own earning power. The Permanent Fund should be used to fund the state's government. That is what it was intended for.

Personally, I think the PFD should be phased out over several years.

Some citizens think that the previous administration stole their PFD money. If there is a conflict in state law about how the dividend is calculated, then by all means, please fix that!

I agree with the governor that we need to balance our budget, but there is no question that we need to fund critical services--supports for homeless people, outrageous rural energy costs, public broadcasting, Pre-K through university education, and so much more. I would rather the Permanent Fund earnings be used for that, but if that isn't achievable, then raise the money in some other way. Please don't let us down in restoring this funding.

Thank you for your service during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Diane Herrmann

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[herrmann1@gci.net](mailto:herrmann1@gci.net)

**From:** Kevin Maier <kevinkmaier@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:37 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2001

Good Evening,

I called in to testify this afternoon, but after waiting for an hour, I had to run to my son's little league game, so I'm sending along my written testimony. I will attempt to call in tomorrow, but for now, please accept this as my contribution to the official record.

Thanks,

Kevin

16 July 2019

House Finance Budget Hearings

For the record, my name is Kevin Maier (spell out, not M-y-e-r-s). I'm calling from Sitka today, where I'm visiting to watch my son play in a little league baseball tournament. I have lived in Juneau since 2004, where I'm raising two boys, and work as a fishing guide and professor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **favor** of HB 2001. And thank you for the hard work you are doing to find sustainable fiscal solutions.

I agree with the Governor that the PFD is important to Alaskans—especially our most vulnerable residents. I do not believe, however, that we should be forced to choose between funding PFDs on the one hand, and, on the other hand, funding K-12 and higher education, homeless shelters, and the countless essential services we rely on to live in this great state.

The Governor believes his budget is “sustainable, predictable, and affordable.” While I’m not sure what it means for a budget to be “affordable,” recent evidence suggests its ongoing reliance on the non-renewable resource of oil will mean it is neither predictable nor sustainable.

Our so-called budget “crisis” suggests to me it that we need to diversity our economy, and the University is one key driver of this diversification. The draconian cuts in the OMB director’s vetoes will not only stall these efforts to move beyond our careless reliance on our dwindling oil resources, but most analysis suggests they will lead to a deeper and more chaotic recession.

After you did the heavy lifting in the legislative branch of crafting a truly “honest” budget, the Governor returned to his proposed draconian cuts. This bill represents an opportunity to restore some sanity to our fiscal situation, and I’m calling to voice my strong support.

Thanks again for your time and especially your work to find sustainable fiscal solutions for Alaska. We need you to stand tall for Alaska more now than ever.

Kevin Maier

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-----Original Message-----

From: Delisa Renideo <[delisa@yestolifesolution.com](mailto:delisa@yestolifesolution.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:38 PM  
To: House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>  
Subject: Budget

I support a smaller PFD amount, and overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001.

Delisa Renideo  
Wasilla

-----Original Message-----

From: JW Sivertsen, Jr. <[canislupusjws@yahoo.com](mailto:canislupusjws@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:38 PM  
To: House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>  
Subject: Over ride vetos and smaller pfd

Tuesday 16 July 2019

To House Finance Committee Members:

I would happily accept a smaller PFD in exchange for your support of HB 2001. The Governor's veto action fails to provide for fair government.

Sincerely  
JW Sivertsen  
Juneau Alaska

**From:** sylvia kreel <[sylviakreel@gmail.com](mailto:sylviakreel@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:39 PM  
**To:** House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: PFD

Hello,  
I would like to change my testimony below to request that you approve a PFD that is no greater than \$928 and approve the reverse sweep. Thank you

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **sylvia kreel** <[sylviakreel@gmail.com](mailto:sylviakreel@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Jul 15, 2019 at 10:02 AM  
Subject: PFD  
To: <[housefinance@akleg.gov](mailto:housefinance@akleg.gov)>

I urge you to limit the Pfd to no more than \$1600. I would rather see funds available for important programs that help Alaskan's, including the university system, Medicaid, the elderly, the arts,

scholarships, the marine highway, and other government services, than a larger PFD. An enlarged PFD will not make up the difference in losses to individuals impacted by the cuts or to the community as a whole. Once programs are ruined by the cuts it will take years if not decades and yet greater funds to build them back up. Finally, it is unconscionable that the cuts hit those who are most in need of support- the poor, the sick, the elderly, the young.

Please do the right thing and limit the PFD.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Kreel  
Juneau, AK

**From:** Cliff Tollefsen <gifts@alaskapeddlers.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:40 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** FULL PFD

As lifetime, year round Alaska residents, we use OUR PFD's to pay bills which then generates Alaskan monies back into Alaska's economy! (Past administration, former Gov. Bill Walker, at his sole discretion without PFD Formula change or a General Ballot Vote; seemingly, this past practice has set a precedence! Thus, the Legislature, dipping into the People' PFD clearly HAS NOT balanced the State's budget shortfalls!!)

Where to cut:

Salaries from the TOP Administrations  
.. to the Bottom!!

We KNOW Best how to Responsibly spend OUR Own PFD's!!  
REIMBURSEMENT for Past PFD'S also!!

Throughout past years for Education\Schools funding increases  
HAS NOT resolved Alaska's Failing National Educational standing; of 49th in the 49th state!!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Manning <manningkelly20@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:46 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001 Written Testimony

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to support HB2001, and the efforts to reinstate funding vetoed by the governor. Education, social services, Medicaid, Marine Highways, the arts council, and other vetoed state funded programs are vital to a thriving Alaskan economy.

As an Alaskan, born, raised, and educated in the state, I encourage you to continue these efforts to return funding to necessary state programs so that I can raise my two children in a thriving economy, rather than struggle in the inevitable recession.

Thank you,  
Kelly Manning

**From:** Allyson Hamby Hirschmann <ahh2ndemail@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:49 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** I support HR 2001

Dear Legislators:

I support HR 2001, to restore funding for the Alaska state government. Governor Dunleavy's budget, if upheld, will drive Alaska into a third world ditch. In particular, I support full restoration of funding for the University of Alaska. For the longer term, Alaska needs a state sales and/or income tax. To be dependent on oil prices and production each year is no way to run a state. Times have changed, it's not the 1970s and 1980s anymore, and the oil free ride has to come to an end. The PFD has become a tortuous economic and political poison for Alaska. Force Dunleavy and his legislative supporters to the bargaining table. No PFD until state government is fully funded. Please do not allow Alaska to become a poor resource colony whose motto is "South to the Future." Let's be more like Norway, not Mississippi.

Thank you,

Erik Hirschmann, Ph.D.

Wasilla

**From:** Megan Behnke <megan.i.behnke@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:52 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** testimony: support smaller PFD

Greetings:

I support a smaller PFD amount for Alaskan residents, and I support overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001.

A massive PFD will not help my friends and family who are losing jobs and due to the budget vetoes. A massive PFD is a terrible, terrible idea. I would rather do away with the PFD entirely and work toward building our state's economy through a strong university system.

Best,

Megan

**From:** Erin Harvey <eharvey206@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:55 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Override Dunleavy's veto for university funding- public testimony

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

My name is Erin Harvey and I currently teach 4-6th graders in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. I have lived in Alaska for 5 years and plan on making this my permanent home. Many of

my students rely on the university as their only option for higher education.

Governor Dunleavy has used his veto power to slash 130 million from the University of Alaska funding among other line item vetos that directly impact education in Alaska. The state of our state depends on an ample budget for education at all levels. Without the university, students all over our state will not attend or be able to take advantage of higher educational opportunities.

My hope is that you will support funding for our one and only university.

As a K-12 teacher I believe education is our future. Please override his veto and support our university and education throughout our state. Children's education is more important than a PFD.

Sincerely,

Erin Harvey

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Fairbanks, AK 99709

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Brass <slbrass3@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:59 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

I support the governor's intention to reinstate the full PFD. The legislature should convene in Wasilla as directed by our governor.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Tanya Q. Kitka <astrotq@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:02 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Stop being petty

Dear Legislators,

Please stop the petty fights. We are all tired of being told that we Alaskans have no good options. Let's cut through the bologna.

Fund the PFD in full. The money is there. It has never had anything to do with the budget. If you want to spend more for state services and the budget, you should really put it to a vote of the people. If it's time, it's time. If more want to keep the PFD for this generation and that of our children, then you should honor that and represent that (instead of forcing your personal opinions on us.)

What is up with the oil tax credits? Why are our only options presented being "fund the PFD" or "fund the budget /government services"??? Why is NOBODY actually bringing up cutting the oil tax credits instead of poor Alaskans?? I mean it's a good ploy to divide the people of this state, just as our legislators and governor area all divided, but how is that working out? Even Abraham Lincoln in his famous quote that I'm sure you've all heard, said a house divided among itself cannot stand.

While you're being petty and pushing back against the governors vetoes (or not! actually, since if you'd met in Wasilla and raised his ante, you might have actually had a CHANCE!) Alaskans are suffering and you're just watching it burn. It seems like to spite Dunleavy, you've renewed your efforts to kill the PFD. You're only hurting US! STOP!

Fund the government, by all means, overturn the vetoes of you can, but surely even you can see that they are needed to get to a sustainable budget and plan for the future. Yes Dunleavy hacked and slashed. You can mend that, and cut more tidily, but DO IT. Don't play games. Stop with the politics and playing party lines. Everyone is sick of that. We've been sick of it all year. We've been sick of it at the national level and are so disgusted that it's leeching over into our state representatives. What the heck guys?

Talk about a state income tax as well if you think it's needed, (really needed, not just for the excess or wants,) but I swear to God, if you give my tax to the oil companies as a credit, that's not what I mean by NEEDED.

So, in summary:

FUND THE PFD IN FULL,  
STOP CUTTING OFF YOUR NOSE TO SPITE YOUR FACE (playing politics,)  
FUND THE BUDGET WITHIN OUR CURRENT MEANS and  
STOP HURTING ALASKANS.

Regards,  
Tanya Kitka

907-539-2885

**From:** Carl Brodersen <carlhcb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support HB 2001

I support a smaller PFD amount, and overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please protect Alaska's future. Support HB 2001.

Thank you,  
-Carl Brodersen, Juneau

**From:** Emily Coate Thompson <ecoate@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:04 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** In favor of HB2001

Well, here we are again. It seems that there is a never-ending need for Alaskans to continuously stand up and advocate for the very young and the very old this year. What a sad time we live in. I support HB2001 and urge you to as well. This is a turning point in our state: will we chose personal, short sided greed or will we work together to help support ALL Alaskans? I support a smaller PFD, **an income tax** and a strong Early Childhood stance (not to mention basic decency) for our state.

Thank you-  
Emily Thompson

**From:** John Harley <john.r.harley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:05 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support HB 2001

Hello,

I'm a resident in Douglas Alaska (99824). I'm writing this email in support of HB 2001 which grants a smaller PFD in exchange for increased state budget. Please take my PFD in order to save the state. I'd rather have a job and no PFD than 3000 bucks and be forced to leave the state.

Thank you.  
John Harley

**From:** Ale t <thealexthompson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 2001

Hello,

I am writing the House Finance Committee to voice my support for House Bill 2001. Being a longtime poor-to-moderately poor Alaskan I know how much the PFD can help families struggling around the end of the year; however, no amount of dividend is worth the damage to the University of Alaska system, and the hundreds or thousands of additional, unforeseen jobs lost from these budget vetoes.

As a graduate and former employee of UAF, I know the quality of education provided by most of the programs offered by the university, and feel very lucky that I was able to graduate before the current administrations monstrous budget decisions. A lot of the research being done at the university would surprise people who haven't been a part of the research community there, and I am very proud of what the university has accomplished. If you don't understand the importance of education in a functioning society, you do not belong in public service.

The additional money that would be received from a larger PFD will NOT be put back into Alaska's economy. To be honest, if I had an extra \$1400 - \$2000 PFD, outside of eating out a bit, it would probably all go to getting a ticket out of here, or purchasing items on my amazon, newegg, or other online retailers wishlist. I am not the only one, and this is a trend that is not going to disappear by any decision made by the Alaska legislature.

Please save our state.

Regards,  
- Alex Thompson

**From:** Rosalie Makar <lala\_ak88@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:10 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Medicaid Testimony

My name is Rosalie Makar. I'm 30 years old with Cystic Fibrosis and I rely on Medicaid for life saving treatments, medications and medical care. Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. My body produces thick sticky mucus that clogs my pancreas and lungs, and I spend a lot of time in my day to do medications and therapies to alleviate my symptoms, especially in my lungs. Because of a lung function of 40%, I can only work 15 hours a week, so I cannot afford my own insurance.

Currently I am in a review process that can take up to 90 days for a decision, and I am about 3 weeks from that 90 day mark, still without a decision. My coverage for Medicaid ran out in March and I am currently unable to have my nutritional supplies that only Medicaid covers. Which means I'm losing weight, and I need that weight to stay healthy, I was barely at a normal weight when I ran out of supplies. Supplies I rationed. Without Medicaid I am also unable to cover my Medicare Premiums, necessary tests, blood work, and possible hospitalizations. This is only a 90 day review that started before the veto.

With Medicaid's budget slashed to the bone with this veto, waiting for decisions and time spent waiting for meetings with case workers will increase because the case workers will be even more overloaded than they already are. People will lose badly needed programs. People like me who depend on these programs to live. Alaska's most vulnerable will suffer. Alaska will suffer.

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From: tom.rutecki@noaa.gov <tom.rutecki@noaa.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:11 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 2001

Please support HB2001 and restore all of the Vetos. Alaska does not have the revenue to pay for a \$3000 dividend because of the failure of Senate Bill 21 to live up to what was promised. The legislature has come up with a very responsible budget in HB2001.

The \$3000 dividend while very helpful to those in rural areas does not help make up for the services that are cut like VPSO.

The state legislature of Wyoming is more politically conservative than Alaska. I am gay just passed legislation to give 1.75 million to University of Wyoming engineering departments for engineering initiatives that will provide construction at the university level all the way down to K-12. Wyoming like AK depends on petroleum for revenue.

Tom Rutecki  
1513 Ling Ct  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** Stephanie Harold <lstephaniehar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:13 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** reduce the PFD

Good day,

As a 27-year resident of rural Alaska, I support House Bill 2001 -- with its substantially reduced PFD. Reducing the PFD is necessary to fund the items cut by Gov. Dunleavy.

Holding state services hostage to full funding of the PFD is absolutely irresponsible and is just pandering to individual pocket books. In fact, Gov. Mike Dunleavy's consistent promise to deliver a full statutory \$3,000 dividend is like that of a high school student council candidate who runs on a platform of lengthening the lunch period by 10 minutes and shortening the school day by an hour -- not realistic and counter to the mission of the school. In the same way, the state government is charged with managing the state for the greatest good; emphasizing a PFD over everything else is counter to that mission.

There is no way that even a full PFD would mitigate the impact of losing all the services that would be eliminated by the extreme budget cuts. Here are just a few examples:  
Alaska would no longer be an attractive place to move to -- new residents, including qualified professionals whom we need, would face a state barren of services and not get the PFD anyway! Strong high school students would leave the state rather than attend of a university at half mast. The cost of living in rural Southeast would sky rocket without the ferry. Increased crime and lack of services for seniors and the poor would burden everyone else. And so on. What happened in Kansas after huge state budget cuts is a good warning to Alaska.

Thus, I believe that the PFD should be reduced this year as a glide path to increasing oil taxes and considering sales or property taxes.

The Anchorage Daily News said it best: "Alaska needs to provide a dividend that is sustainable and doesn't jeopardize the state's ability to provide basic services. Alaska needs to provide a reasonable dividend that gives us a runway to shrink state spending in a thoughtful and rational way. The 1982 dividend formula, cherished though it is, has become the center of the political maelstrom jeopardizing the state's economy and its future."

Sincerely,

Stephanie Harold  
Hoonah, AK

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Williams <akfangler@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:17 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: In support of HB 2001 to enable restoration of vetoed appropriations

I urge the members of the finance committee to pass HB 2001 and recommend it's passage to the full House and Senate. At this juncture in Alaska's history, a dividend of \$1,600 (or less) is wholly appropriate to ensure protecting Alaska's present and future ability to provide vital public services.

I know that committee members will be assailed with demands of "give us our money." But I trust that each of you know the actual history of the Permanent Fund, the reasons for it's creation, and laws regarding the PFD. You also know that you are charged with the onerous task of guiding Alaska through perilous economic times. The charge means saying "no" to those who look for traditional funding, but also "no" to those wanting a PFD like they've always received, and "no" to a governor who bought votes with unrealistic promises.

Thank you,

Sean Williams  
Palmer

**From:** Linda Robinson <lgladys13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:18 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Budget cuts

Dear Representative:

If the Legislature cannot come to agreement about the amount of this year's PFD, I strongly recommend that there be no PFD at all. Dunleavy's concept is not consistent with the origin or purpose of the PFD. If the suggestion to eliminate the PFD this year seems extreme, just consider Dunleavy's proposal.

Dunleavy's vision for Alaska as a warehouse of resources for this nation indicates his intent of using Alaska for resources from oil and mining at the expense of some essential programs that make Alaska a successful state and home. Cut social services? Cut education? Cut the arts? Cut public media, etc. It is inconceivable that a leader would even consider cutting all of these important organizations that are necessary to keep a viable state alive and healthy. You live here too. No responsible leader should agree to this disastrous position.

I believe, in the tradition of Jay Hammond, that a modest PFD provides an incentive for Alaskans to "watchdog" PF management so that it doesn't get absconded. But the Dunleavy concept is not consistent with the origin or purpose of the PFD.

Please think about what you are doing. What will our State become if these items are cut and our State becomes a "warehouse." Would you like to live in a warehouse?

Thank you to those of you who acknowledged my last correspondence.  
I applaud those of you who understand that this cannot be allowed to go forward, and encourage the others to seriously compromise and uphold HB2001, reinstating services cut in Dunleavy's but for the healthy future of this State.

Linda Robinson

Retired, Southwest Region Schools and Prince William Sound RCAC  
Board member Bunnell St. Arts Center  
Committee member, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve  
Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council Information and Education Committee

**From:** kathleen shoop <kathleenshoop@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:19 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Michael Dukes <me@michaeldukesshow.com>; Thomas Williams <willeod@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT Vetos and Dunleavey and Full PFD

Dear House Finance;

I am writing to you again to ask you to please support Dunleavey and the vetoes and the full PFD. Alaska does not have the population to support a large government like we currently have. I feel squeezed more each year for money in taxes while the recession continues and hurts.

If you must continue with the oversized government please tax all Alaskans the same. Keep the PFD and pay in full. This is best and most fair for all.

Kathleen Shoop  
Alaskan resident since 1992.

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Williams <willeod@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:20 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: No on HB2001

My name is Thomas Williams. I live in Chugiak and represent my wife and 5 children. I am adamantly opposed to HB2001. We want a full divided and smaller government. I fully support the Governor's vetos. This is what the state of Alaska needs in order to survive.

Thomas Williams  
Iris Williams  
Tobias Williams  
Aubrieta Williams  
Trygg Williams  
Trevor Williams

+Baby in the oven!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: c m <cm25in25@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:21 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Restore funding!

I am appalled at the size of the cuts, esp UAF cuts and other cuts ( seniors, etc) Dunleavy promised NOT to cut during his campaign.

Reduce the PFD, REDUCE FUNDING FOR THE GOVERNOR's staff, and restore funding from vetoes.

Cathy Morgan  
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Anchorage, ak.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Chuck Foster <cfoste15@alaska.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:22 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Kelly Merrick <Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB2001

Greetings,

I am dismayed that the House has embarked on this effort to try again to restore the high levels of spending vetoed by the governor weeks ago.

My Representative is Kelly Merrick, and my Senator is Lora Reinbold. I urge them and all legislators who are serious about providing stability and prosperity in Alaska to oppose this bill.

Instead, follow the law:

- 1) Comply with the governor's call to meet in special session in Wasilla
- 2) Appropriate funding for the statutory PFD amount

After following the law, should a suitable majority of legislators vote to enter a new special session, you might consider whether to submit new spending proposals to the governor. But first, follow the law.

Best Regards,  
Chuck Foster  
Eagle River

**From:** Jennine Williamson <jenninewilliamson@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:24 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Override the vetoes...

Hi there.

I have been trying to follow all this budget stuff while trying to keep up with 'my life'...(huge garden that needs tending, chickens, volunteer work, etc etc).

I admit to not always understanding what you all are up to...

But I am writing again to BEG you to return the monies, however you do that, to fund all those things Dunleavy vetoed.

Reduce the PFD! Have an income tax! Whatever it takes to maintain those programs and our quality of life, economy, the University, K-12, Arts, and to support the vulnerable, young, old, disabled, addicted...any/all. Not everyone is as fortunate as everyone else and everyone deserves to have access to health, education, arts, public safety, a shelter.

I have been here 40 years and LOVE this state BECAUSE we take care of each other...

I know we have the money to do this...

But now I am pickling beans and need to get back to it.

Thanks.

**From:** Tiffany Hall <tiffanyjehall@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:26 PM

**To:** Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please support HB2001

Dear Chair Foster and the House Finance Committee,

Attached please find my letter in support of HB2001.

Thank you for working together to find solutions.

Dear Representative Foster and the House Finance Committee,  
I support HB2001. Please restore funding to all of the vetoed items.

The Governor made sweeping cuts with no consideration about long-term impacts (or short-term impacts, by the look of it). The Legislature, on the other hand, carefully weighed each line item, reduced greatly from prior years, and worked together to find compromise. These vetoes are a slap in the face to your hard work, as well as to the people of our great state.

I can't emphasize enough how short-sighted these cuts are. Many of them fund prevention programs, whether it's Medicaid, homelessness services, mental and behavioral health, or early childhood (which bolsters protective factors). All these services pay at returns of at least 7 to 1, and cutting them will end up costing the State much more money in both the short and long term. This doesn't even take into account the millions and millions of Federal matching dollars Alaska will lose out on. These cuts make Alaska a far less hospitable place to live and I personally know people who are already leaving or actively looking for jobs in other states.

Speaking of jobs, not only will all these services be cut, but so too will multiple hundreds of jobs be lost, creating an even bigger population of people who will need some of those very services. And when unemployment rates go up, alcohol misuse increases by 17% and DUIs go up 35%.

Arts, education, public radio are all equally important. Please do not pit these non-profit services against each other. Connection and access to art is a protective factor in all people, education *should* speak for itself, and public radio is absolutely critical for our communities in this state as a source of information. I could give statistics and numbers for each and every one of these devastating cuts, but they've been told to you repeatedly already. You are all fully aware that people will die because of these cuts, or you are denying data and will likely continue to do so. I recognize the importance of the permanent fund dividend and would much rather pay a more equitable income tax than make these regressive changes to the PFD that will have greater impact on folks with lower incomes, but it seems too late for an income tax this year. A bigger permanent fund will do nothing to save any of us, and these cuts will result in increased unemployment, increased homelessness and alcohol misuse, and death.

Please Save Alaska.

Thank you,  
Tiffany Hall

**From:** Beverly DeKay <bjdekay@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** hb2001

The pfd is not the issue for me, it is the out of control spending. Cuts are hard, some will be hurt more than others but it has to be done. If you keep kicking this down the road, it will come a time that the bills will need to be paid and there will not be any \$\$ left. We still have some control. Don't wait until there will be no other way and the cuts will be brutal. UofA is an out of control institution and can consolidate programs and admin. This is the same as racking up credit card debt. Sometimes you have to put on your big boy/girl pants and cut the card into pieces.

**From:** Melanie & Michael KEENAN <mnmkeenan@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:29 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on budget vetoes

To whom it may concern,

I am an orchestra teacher, or at least I might be for at least one more year. If cuts went through as the Governor wanted I would already be out of a job and my 200+ students would have NO music program if not this year than definitely next year. I work at a Waldorf inspired charter school in Palmer, Alaska. Our charter's goal of teaching to the whole child will not be met under the Governor's budget. Our state will be lacking humanity under the proposed budget, we know this. We lose so very much of what makes our hearts kind and what makes our state great. Please find a way to override his vetoes and save our state! My proposal is that we stop the handouts to the enormously wealthy oil industry and put forth a vote on one of the following: a seasonal sales tax or an income tax. We need to pay our share of what is needed to take care of

infrastructure and those most vulnerable, which most certainly does not include big oil!! We can do that without sacrificing education, medicaid, the arts, health care, Veteran care, our ferry system, and on and on. Please find a way!!

Sincerely,  
Melanie Keenan  
Alaska resident since 1990

-----Original Message-----

From: John G. Phelps <johngphelps@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:31 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: PFD stalemate three Stooges, who's on third???

Who ever is the Guru of the House Finance Committee, please step up and convince the HFC to do the right thing. Legislature Gavel in, yesterday, at the Wasilla Middle School. Vote on this year's PFD using the old Statute. Adjourn and go home. Gavel In January 2020 and change the old Statute if you don't like it. Do what is RIGHT or WRONG not what is RIGHT or LEFT. Get it? Quit playing games and do what is RIGHT for Alaskans. 150+ day Session is not good for Alaskans. If this request does not work for You, please resign! Liberal Democrat Politics is bad for Alaska and Alaskans. If any of You on the Finance Committee cares to respond, please do, just keep it civil. No response, no idea if this was received. Thank You

Sent from my iPad

**From:** janalee gage <janaleeg66@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:29 PM

**To:** Rep. Daniel Ortiz <Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov>

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**Subject:** My story,

Dear government,

Alaska needs you to stand up for the invisible, and the dismissed.

We are treading on dangerous ground by destroying all of our programs for not only the Arts council, education but those that assist our most vulnerable.

I need you to think about this for a moment, this has been my experience in this past several years, and it is a sad state of affairs..

Also note, I have attached my story of how I became disabled below.

Recently, due to what appears to be my belief system, I have been written off by a person I have known my whole life, no worries, I am sure there are several more that feel the need to use that as a weapon to shut me down, and shut me up. Just an FYI, how is that working for you? Love you all still. But here are a few things that has been gnawing at me from the inside out this last several years.

I have been trying to figure out and unfortunately, there is not a lot in the literature on disabilities and the role that religion, culture and beliefs play in sustaining discriminatory practices against persons with disabilities, but it has become even more blatant in the past couple years. O, and try asking someone, yeah, you will get no where, they are so blind in their justification of what they do, and because you don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, you find yourself stuck in

another prayer session where you are the one they are praying for. No I have not been fully healed yet, and no it hasn't gotten better. Thank you for thinking it though.

Many of these practices are exclusionary in nature and unfair. They are either embedded in or sustained by religion, culture and beliefs about disability and persons with disabilities. Everything in religion screams at a person with a disability and trains those who attend, that "hey look, someone who is worse off than you." It is sometimes hard to take the high road when every day there is someone pointing their fingers and telling a person with a disability or other life challenges, that it is their fault they are the way they are based on their culture, practices and belief system.

Some how we believe in a just world, which is the idea that all things happen for a reason, and that people like myself have a disability or became disabled, because they do not have enough faith, or They must have done something to deserve what happened to them, or maybe they didn't pray enough or they have hidden sins. Well I am curious to know what people think I did that was so bad that it justified a 20- ton boulder on my leg. Also, I would like to know where all these people who think they can cure me by touching and praying over me came from overnight. Not to be hurtful to those I know who believe this, but I am sorry, O, Wait, Sorry, I am not sorry, because what you do is hurtful, and although you mean well, you inflict shame, pain and self-proclaimed dominance upon me every time you think you are doing me a service. Love you, but

24 years, 1 ½ months and 2 days, I have come to terms with my disability, my feelings regarding those involved, and the pain I wake up to every morning. O and for those people who would like to lambaste me, or before someone decides to blast me about whining or using my disability to get sympathy, or that I don't know real pain... You don't get to trivialize my experience or anyone else's experience because you still haven't worked out your anger and feelings of loss

Over the better half of the last 4 years I have noticed a steady growth in the lack of empathy, which has been taken over by an all-out mixed sick twisted, love and joyful celebration by those who look down upon those who are less fortunate. The sound of people nudging each other because those who didn't plan or made mistakes early in their lives are now getting the shaft and will have to pay for their mistakes. I see posts daily, that read like this "You can't live off the backs of us hard working Americans anymore." "Go get a job, and pay your own way!" Who are they talking to? Does anyone even know who they are talking about, or who these lazy people are who are sucking off the tit of the government, do they even know who they are referring to? I recently saw a post that resonated with me

regarding the Gay Pride month and I posted it... it said. "Be careful who you hate, it could be someone you love." This holds true among those who you are hating on that you haven't even given a face to.

It is really hard to not get angry, and yeah, the F word has been coming out of my mouth more frequently, because one, I have really had to consider buying a cane with a taser in it, just for protection due to several incidents in cities out side my home town. Why you ask, because I had a man come at me in Seattle spewing this exact hate, he stopped the minute he saw my husband, but what about next time when my husband isn't there? And what about all the other disabled people out there who have been attacked based not on whether they get SSDI or Medicare or Medicaid... Which by the way they paid into, or their families for generations paid into, and how many of us really know what we pay out in taxes that goes into these programs.

well today is your lucky day, because I am going to tell you, drum roll please!

As of 2012 the average American making \$50,000 per year paid just \$36 towards the food stamps program and about \$6 a year for the rest of the social safety net programs, which include the following Social Security, Medicare and Unemployment. Yeah I looked it up. You know what, I will gladly pay my total of \$42 so that someone can live with dignity.

Now for the disgusting report regarding the attitudes and behaviours of people these days per the FBI hate crime page,

As reported by the FBI's newly released 2017 Hate Crimes Statistics, hate crimes committed based on disability increased from 70 reported incidents to 116 reported incidents between 2016 and 2017.

That is a 65 percent increase in a single year. When considering hate crime statistics, however, it is important to know that hate crimes are often under reported, due to factors ranging from reporting protocols which vary greatly from state to state and victims hesitating to report a crime to the police or not knowing how to do so.

Why do you think these hate crimes have increased? Anyone care to venture a guess.

So if you think I am angry, damn straight I am angry... because of callused individuals who point fingers assume they are guilt free of ever needing help or a hand up, or they forgot about the hand up they got when they were down, or they think they will never be in that position why because, their god is better than

mine, or they pray more than I or maybe they are way better than me. But what about your loved ones? Those who you forgot who rely on these programs, need these programs, who will go without food because these programs are being wiped out?

Who will be responsible for the care of our most vulnerable? Have you stopped to think how much will we be paying out in emergency care when these programs go away?

As for me, I haven't been on a program since 1997, I went back to work, it was hard work to get there, because of the discrimination in the work place regarding people with disabilities, but that's another story.

**From:** Murph O'Brien <murphobrien@gci.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:34 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Dunleavy's Vetoes and 2019 PFD Amount: HB 2001

Dear Co-Chairs Neal Foster, Tamie Wilson and Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Murph O'Brien. I am 43 year resident of the State of Alaska and 40 year resident of the Mat Su Valley. Senator Shelley Hughes is my senator and DeLena Johnson is my representative. I want to state it very clearly that I do not support Dunleavy's vetoes or the position that my representative and senator along with the other Valley senators and representatives have taken in support of Dunleavy's reckless actions that will irreparably harm the State of Alaska now and well into the future. Dunleavy is a train wreck and the representatives and senators who support him are wrong and will be on the wrong side of history.

I support the efforts to reinstate funding eliminated by his vetoes through HB 2001 and to limit the PFD to a reasonable level that does not bankrupt the state somewhere between \$900 and \$1500. Dunleavy campaigned on a lie, bribed voters with the promise of a \$3000.00 PFD, back PFD payments and no cuts to essential services. Now he is following the lead of his non-Alaskan OMB Director and causing harm to Alaska. His legacy will be the destruction of the institutions that make Alaska a great place to live and his OMB Director will leave Alaska in the near term.

A vocal minority of people say they do not receive benefits from state government.

I counter with every time I catch a salmon I benefit from state investment, every time I drive a sanded road during the winter I benefit from state investment, every time I eat in a café I benefit from a state investment, every time I hike in a State Park I benefit from a state investment, every time I see Colony High School perform at the Massey Theater I benefit from state investment, every time I meet a new engineer, nurse, social worker, small business owner educated at the University of Alaska I benefit from state investment. Every time a person can schedule one's medical or dental treatment through Medicaid and not through the emergency room I benefit from state investment. Every time I see K-12 children make their way to school I benefit from state investment. Every time I see teachers working late, I benefit from state investment. These benefits are just a few of the many programs that all Alaskans benefit from the investment of our oil revenues and other state revenue sources.

It is my understanding that polls show that the majority of Alaskans support a lower PFD and funding the continuation of state services and investments even in the Mat Su. That fact should ring loud and clear that Dunleavy is wrong

Rep. DeLena Johnson in a response to my e-mail supporting overriding Dunleavy's vetoes asked me to pray for him. As a good Catholic like Mr. Dunleavy I will pray that he does not harm to Alaska, its people, its economy, or its future.

His attack on all that is good about Alaska needs to be stop. The legislature passed a compromise 2020 budget that is \$190 million less than the 2019 budget. A painful but reasonable budget to addresses our revenue situation. He vetoed and additional \$444 million dollars resulting in a \$634 million reduction over the 2019 budget that if stand will do harm.

It is time to address revenue over the long term including some level of Statewide taxes as part of the fix along with reasonable spending.

I close by saying that I support the majority of legislature and your efforts to reinstate vetoed funding through HB 2001 while providing a reasonable PFD.

Thanks You,

Murph O'Brien  
Palmer Alaska

**From:** Lance Davis <lance.s.davis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:36 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Do not cave to those opposed to the cuts and a full PFD!!!

I am in full support of the Governor and his cuts. Stay strong and do not cave to the liberals and phony republicans in opposition. Stay strong!!!

Lance Davis, Owner & Associate Broker

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** April Brown <icaredaycare@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:45 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

April Brown, Im here representing myself, I don't work for UAA or a non profit or union. None of my family nor I works for one of the cut programs. I am however a voting constituent, I do not support HB-2001 this is a republican state. I don't think Alaskans want to fund these programs. I think you need to respect the voters. I don't think you think the majority Alaskans want these programs. UAA isn't going to close, it's a 17% cut. You can't choose to take away someone's PFD that they spend on their heating oil and give it to a clay arts professor at UAA or a non profit. I question if this hearing is even legal as this wasn't what the special session by the governor was called for.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Murph O'Brien <murphobrien@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:50 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2001

Hello my name is Peggy O'Brien. I am a 40 year resident of Alaska and a 37 year resident of the Mat Su Valley. I do not support Dunleavy's vetoes or funding a \$3000.00 PFD at the expense of the K-12 education, the University of Alaska, social safety nets, medical care, public safety, the residents of the Pioneer Home, our youth and our elders. I support the implementation of an income tax to help stabilize our revenue sources.

Please reinstate funding vetoed by Dunleavy through HB 2001. You have my support and the support of many Valley residents.

Thank you

Peggy O'Brien

**From:** Jennifer Perkins <jenperki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Please override vetos

Hello

This is one of many emails pleading that you override the vetos. Our community is built on shared values. I have to believe that a majority of us want to invest in caring for our elders, educating our young and supporting the arts. As a physician, I am horrified about the attack on primary care. Cutting funding for dental is a recipe for increasing visits—at high cost—to the emergency room. The safety of our cities depends on access to mental health and substance abuse resources. Please hear the desperation in the tone of this correspondence. I pray that you will vote in support of the people that you represent, the health and well being of the community and the future of our state.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Perkins

-----Original Message-----

From: Jimmy Rice <jimbob@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:52 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 2001

Legislators:

The Governor's vetos should stand. In fact the budget should be cut more. If you are part of the scofflaw legislators opposing our Governor, I have no use for you. If you are part of the group who met in Wasilla in support of the Governors legitimate call for special session, then thank you and stand your ground.

Pay a full PFD under the established formula. Nothing else is acceptable. Anything else is stealing from every child, widow, and working Alaskan. Pure thievery plain and simple. If you believe that growing state government is a priority over individual Alaskans, you have lost sight of your purpose and your oath of office. Are you a thief or do you support paying the full PFD?

How is it you are having hearings on restoring cuts and conspiring to cut our PFD? The Governor issued a call to establish a PFD only. The legislature does not have the votes to call a special session, therefore you are violating the law and your oath of office. You will be remembered. These hearings are emotional theater so you can allow the non profits, government employees, university, and welfare recipients to cry and plead for money. Money that is due to each individual Alaskan.

Your actions are illegal, unethical, and immoral. Pay a full PFD and go home.  
If you are one of the few behind our Governor, Thank you and do not back down.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Rice  
Soldotna Alaska 99669

-----Original Message-----

From: finley@ak.net <finley@ak.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:52 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: House Bill 2001

I urge you to reverse the damaging Dunlevy vetos for the University monies.

John C Finley MD

-----Original Message-----

From: Beth Leban <coleevan9@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:56 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Committee substitute bill 2001

I am writing to endorse the committee substitute bill 2001 as the best option for Alaska's future!  
Please consider moving forward with this bill that provides funding for vetoed line items and a reduced pfd.

Thank you,  
Beth Leban

**From:** Shannon Watson <slwatson70@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:00 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Please restore funding of vetoed items!

Education at all levels is vital to the future of our state. Industrialized America has opened up many occupations that require people with specialized skills and knowledge. UA makes opportunities to develop those skills here in Alaska, without losing our workforce to other states. I want that growth opportunity for my family and my fellow Alaskans. Education is the key to unlocking this opportunity. Alaska needs a University to do this. The Governor's budget takes that opportunity away from us. The University of Alaska Fairbanks brings in millions in research monies, but if they don't have the support of our state, those programs will be cut too. It won't just be cutting the education budget for UA by 130 million, it will have a roll-down effect due to the loss of folks being able to manage those federal funds - which will result in loss of funding; thus, loss of monies being spent in Alaska. The University is already feeling it, as some of our federal award funding agencies are now questioning whether they should continue to fund us! The research side of UA brings in millions of dollars annually and this fiasco is putting all that in jeopardy!

Cutting school/education just so people can have an extra thousand for their dividends?  
Eliminating literally thousands of jobs - how does this help our state/economy? I would rather have a sales tax, so that everyone pays. I've heard comments like, "Tourism will be hurt if we have a sales tax," but I will say that when I go on vacation, the last thing I worry about is whether I must pay sales tax or not. That's generally not something taken into consideration.

Earlier this week I was updating my child's school information, in preparation for the 2019/2020 school year and was checking some of the links for tutoring and homework help. I was shocked to see that the ["Live Homework Help"](#) was one of the budgets that were cut. While my child hasn't used this in the past, I anticipate that she will need it sometime during her high-school years.

The legislature put forward a rational and fair budget that represented a safe landing approach for our economy. I agree that we want a responsible fiscal plan. What the Governor did in vetoing 182 lines of the budget was neither responsible nor rational.

Please restore all funding of vetoed items and give Alaska's future back to Alaskans.

**From:** Hari Atma Khalsa <giving2@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:02 PM

**To:** Finance <finregs@akleg.gov>

**Cc:** Devdharam Khalsa <ddsk1191@gmail.com>; Guru Bandhu Khalsa <greatyoga@gmail.com>; Carolyn Covington <grchcov@gmail.com>; Pam Gjertson <pgjertson@hotmail.com>; Nola Lowe <nolalowe@gmail.com>; Lisa Nash <jinxyravenak@gmail.com>; Noralei <njv\_174evr@yahoo.com>; Nora Staikova <npstaikova@gmail.com>; patti@hotmail.com

**Subject:** Override the veto on social services.

Dear Mark,

I am your constituent in District 8. Please override the veto on the Governor's budget. I find it appalling and anti American for this Gov. to take out social services that benefit the poor, elderly, education , disabled, art, and everything that makes a society viable. How dare him! How irresponsible of you and the others in the Senate and House not to override the veto. Cutting things like the University of Alaska is really like shooting yourself in the foot. We want vibrant successful, contributing members in our society at all levels. If you want to cut something, #1 cut your paycheck, next tax the oil co. The oil co. are the biggest corporate welfare receipient, because we do not charge enough royalties as much as other states charge oil co. Please reconsider how you Yea or Nay this important issue. We want the members in our society to be thriving, not feeling hopeless by reducing opportunities to improve their lives. I know you will do the right thing and override the veto on this Gov. budget.

Thank you for your time

In solidarity

Hari Atma Khalsa

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*greatest wealth is health*

*"When you don't go within, you go without." Yogi Bajan*

**From:** jesse.poplin <jesse.poplin@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:05 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is jesse poplin\_\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

**From:** tara craig <outlook\_DDF121BCFA5F03B7@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:07 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Dunleavy's veto items

I am sure you have received hundreds if not thousands of emails, asking you to please fund all of Dunleavy's veto items. To some degree I am sure it is a hard decision of what to do, but I am still horrified of what Alaska's future holds if you do not.

My gosh, everything from our children to young adults education, our elderly not having enough money each, month, programs that will help folks in their time of need (I was one of those folks), state workers losing their jobs, the cost of electricity for Cordova, Marine Highway, the list just keeps going.

Just thinking about the gravity it of how so many lives and communities this is all ready affecting is mind blowing.

Please pass this bill! Please save our Great State!

Thank you for taking the time to read my email,

Tara Lou Craig

**From:** Jesse Poplin <ycrs927@aim.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:05 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is \_stephen poplin\_\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

**From:** Danae McKinney <danaemckinney@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:07 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony regarding the Governor's vetoes and the State budget

Dear Legislators of the Finance Committee:

I am sending this letter to you to express my deep concern over the State budget and to ask you to find funding for many of the areas Governor Dunleavy vetoed.

My family has lived in Alaska since about [1915](#), and this is the first time in my life that I have actually been afraid for our wellbeing and future. Citizens should never have to live in fear because of their own leaders actions or inactions.

My daughter intends to start her freshman year of college at UAA in the fall; that education is now up in

the air due to the 41% cut to UAA's budget. At a difficult time for any young person and their family - the transition into adulthood, this makes the future even more uncertain and difficult to navigate.

My son will be entering his senior year of college in the fall. In the summer he works for ADF&G counting fish at a weir. He has to have the money he makes at this summer job to be able to afford to pay for his college. I understand that the budget for his position is potentially in jeopardy.

I work for the local school district. Governor Dunleavy has cut the bond reimbursement for our new high school which leaves about a 2.6 million dollar deficit in our Borough's budget. Drastic cuts may be necessary in our school district to accommodate this massive shortfall. My position may have to be cut, which would leave my family unable to meet our financial obligations.

I have thus far only mentioned some of the personal ramifications to my family; I can only imagine that most citizens of Alaska will be impacted in some way by these vetoes.

I know that our state has to make some sacrifices to be able to survive economically, but to strip our entire state of infrastructure like education, jobs, natural resource management, law enforcement, and medical coverage, is counter intuitive to the goal!

My primary concern is for my family of course, but I fear that without your intervention my family as well as the rest of the residents of our Alaska will be forced to move out of state or stay here enduring a substandard life.

I also feel that not enough has been done to procure other revenue sources - new industries, state sales or income tax, taxing oil companies at a higher rate, etc... No one can reasonably expect to maintain public services and have a healthy economy without diversified revenue streams.

You have the ability and duty to ensure that Alaskans can continue to maintain their standard of living despite fiscal challenges. This is an historic undertaking that can either set a good or fatal precedent for the way Alaskans will be treated and valued. Please make the difference that will set us back onto a prosperous path for future generations by ensuring they can be educated, employed, and live in this great state.

Thank you for your time and hopefully for serving the best interests of your constituents.

Sincerely,  
Danaë McKinney  
[\(907\)942-1357](tel:(907)942-1357)

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** dianne pitts <dapittsak08@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:07 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please OVERRIDE ALL VETOES by Gov. Dunleavy & pay smaller (\$900-\$,1000) PFD This Year.

I have written several times the last few weeks to all legislators *in great detail* about my disapproval for the draconian budget cuts by the Governor and the disaster those cuts will visit on Alaska and Alaskans. Further, NO Alaskan wants a \$3,000 PFD check at the expense of fellow Alaskans losing their jobs, having desperately needed benefits cut, including life-threatening medical services eliminated. **Please OVERRIDE the governor's VETOES and pay a SMALLER PFD Check (\$900-\$1,000).**

The vast majority of Alaskans agree you should take both of these actions. Thank you.

Dianne A. Pitts (Chugiak, AK)  
[dapittsak08@gmail.com](mailto:dapittsak08@gmail.com)

**From:** lorimart@reagan.com <lorimart@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:09 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Budget and PFD

To all legislators of the State of Alaska

I am a senior citizen living in the state for 35 years, have learned through one time mistake of not living within my means and will never let myself get in that position again. With that being said please get your selves together and cut the budget and live within the States means, give us our PFD as it was set up and has been done for many years.. you truly hurt people taking the PFD and or cutting it to run big government, or you could give the mineral rights back to the people and I believe that would include all monies coming from the oil patch

Thank you  
Hilda Martin

**From:** Lisa Albert-Konecky <lalbertkonecky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:14 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Pfd vs the budget

I am writing in favor of reducing the pfd down to balance the budget. Reduce it down to 0 this year if you have to so as to restore the budget that was passed before the gov vetoes. I have a daughter with Cystic Fibrosis who has been struggling with getting her Medicaid renewal. She needs medical supplies and medications that are only covered by Medicaid. And, to top it off, she had to make a choice recently due to her health to either work her part time job or or continue to take classes to finish her undergrad. She can't do both so she gave her notice to quit work and go back to school. We are hoping that UAA will have her degree program intact. Please come to a compromise that helps as many Alaskans as possible.

Thank you for listening,  
Lisa Albert-Konecky  
1210 S. Felton street  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

-----Original Message-----  
From: adk@gci.net <adk@gci.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:15 PM  
To: Finance <finregs@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB2001

Subject: HB 2001

Michael Mason  
3705 Arctic Blvd PMB 1873  
Anchorage 99503-5774  
[adk@gci.net](mailto:adk@gci.net)  
907351-5647

As a lifelong Alaskan born in 1983 my parents weathered the 1987 housing price collapse and ended up underwater on their mortgage for many of my formative years, I know a lot about budgeting and making do with what you've got, but I also know about taking 2 or 3 jobs to make ends meet because some things are too important to cut.

As a business owner and entrepreneur I am appalled at the inability of our legislators to acknowledge that SB21 was an abject failure. Agreeing to give away our oil from new fields for free for 7 years alongside spending over a billion in tax credits a year in order to get more oil and jobs has resulted in LESS oil flowing down the pipeline and a REDUCTION in oil jobs from 14,000 to less than 10,000 from 2014 to 2018 according to statistics published by the Alaska department of labor.

Meanwhile ConocoPhillips posted a record-breaking 1.8 billion in profit for Q1 of 2019 alone. That's more profit than our entire budget deficit.

I oppose these vetoes because they are economically ruinous, shortsighted, and target the most vulnerable populations in our state, but instead of instating a regressive flat tax that can't be written off our federal taxes by taking the pfd or allowing these vetoes to gut our state's future by ruining our economy and education systems, why aren't you even considering fixing the mistake of SB21 taxing our oil resources appropriately or passing a graduated income tax to capture income from all of the out of state workers who don't live here, don't spend here, and don't directly benefit our economy?

I would rather get a full PFD and then pay half of it back in an income tax that I can write off my Federal taxes than see the legislature eventually end the dividend program entirely due to an inability to govern and pass laws to provide new sources of revenue to match expenses.

**From:** annette@gci.net <annette@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** funding

To our Legislature:

Please restore as much funding as possible to the University of Alaska and Medicaid. We need both of these to ensure a quality of life for all Alaskans for obvious reasons.

Thank you  
Annette Blanas  
907-345-8654

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Blanas <akplayer2@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:17 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: UAA

Please restore whatever funding possible to the university of Alaska, and Medicaid. The veto override vote was practically an act of treason, now is the time for redemption. The people you work for have spoken. Do your duty I beg you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** adam sullivan <awsullivan2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** PFD

I would like to start out by saying I can't believe it's July 16th and our elected officials are split between 2 venues. Every single one of you should be embarrassed for your part in this absolute joke of a "special session." Whether you like it or not, Governor Dunleavy was elected to do exactly what he has been doing! These aren't new ideas or cuts that have been put forth. FEBRUARY, YOU KNEW THIS BUDGET IN FEBRUARY! Yet here we are. The majority of us that actually work for a living are out working while you collect per diem at a "special session" where neither venue has enough votes to do a damn thing. To think this legislature knows how to better spend MY FAMILY'S PFD when you all can't figure out how not to break the law, and where to show up to meet is laughable! Leave your sticky fingers off the people's money!

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**From:** Danae McKinney <danaemckinney@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:21 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Please fund the programs the Governor vetoes

Dear Legislators of the Finance Committee:

I am sending this letter to you to express my deep concern over the State budget and to ask you to find funding for the programs that Governor Dunleavy vetoes.

My family has lived in Alaska since about [1915](#), and this is the first time in my life that I have actually been afraid for our wellbeing and future. People should not live in fear of the actions or inactions of their government.

My daughter intends to start her freshman year of college at UAA in the fall; that education is now up in

the air due to the 41% cut to UAA's budget. At a difficult time for any young person and their family - the transition into adulthood, this makes the future even more uncertain and difficult to navigate.

My older son will be entering his senior year of college in the fall. In the summer he works for ADF&G counting fish at a weir. He has to have the money he makes at this summer job to be able to afford to pay for his college. I understand that the budget for his position is potentially in jeopardy.

I work for the local school district. Governor Dunleavy has cut the bond reimbursement for our new high school which leaves about a 2.6 million dollar deficit in our Borough's budget. Drastic cuts may be necessary in our school district to accommodate this massive shortfall. My position may have to be cut, which would leave my family unable to meet our financial obligations.

I have thus far only mentioned some of the personal ramifications to my family; I can only imagine that most residents of Alaska will be impacted in some way by these vetos.

I know that our state has to make some sacrifices to be able to survive economically, but to strip our entire state of infrastructure like education, jobs, natural resource management, law enforcement, and medical coverage, is counter intuitive to the goal!

I would also like to mention that more should be done to procure other funding for our state - encourage new industries, sales and income tax, higher taxes for the oil companies. No reasonable person believes that our public services and state of our economy can be maintained without diversifying our revenue stream.

My primary concern is for my family of course, but I fear that without your intervention my family as well as the rest of the residents of Alaska will be forced to move out of state or stay in here enduring a substandard life.

You have the ability and duty to ensure that Alaskans can continue to maintain their standard of living despite fiscal challenges. This is an historic undertaking that can either set a good or fatal precedent for the way Alaskans will be treated and valued. Please make the difference that will set us back onto a prosperous path for future generations by ensuring they can be educated, employed, and live in this great state.

I hope that you will find funding to counteract Governor Dunleavy's vetos, and work double time convincing the Governor not to again veto your efforts.

Thank you for your time and hopefully for serving the best interests of your constituents.

Sincerely,  
Danaë McKinney  
[\(907\)942-1357](tel:(907)942-1357)

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Elyce Santerre <[santerre@mtaonline.net](mailto:santerre@mtaonline.net)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:25 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: PFD

You need to get your spending under control before reducing the PFD (the equivalent of a regressive flat tax). It was one thing to create lots of high-paying government jobs when we were rolling in money. Now that we aren't flush with cash, it's insane to keep spending like we are.  
Sincerely,  
Elyce Santerre, Chugiak

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----  
From: Anitra Waldo <afwaldo@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:32 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Support HB2001

I support house bill 2001 because Alaskans can live with a smaller PFD but we cannot survive with all the other changes proposed. We need the Governor's vetoes to be overridden.

Thanks, Anitra Waldo, Juneau Ak

(iPhone)

-----Original Message-----  
From: Terri Robbins <trobbins@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:34 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Smaller PFD and Override

Governor Dunleavy's budget vetoes will devastate Alaska. We will lose infrastructure. We will lose much needed services. We will become a virtual wasteland, lacking in many of the qualities that make Alaska livable for many of our elders, our young people, and those who chose to live here because of the pristine wilderness, healthy oceans and waterways, vibrant arts communities, cultural treasures, access to a quality pre-K through graduate school education, access to good healthcare, and scientific and technological contributions which support and improve life around the globe.  
We do NOT want Alaska, arguably one of the most beautiful, diverse, and fragile places on our planet, to become nothing more than a resource extraction center. There IS a way to get the revenues necessary to keep Alaska safe, productive, and healthy - fair, progressive taxation of income, along with a cessation of needless and costly incentives to oil companies!  
Give me a smaller PFD, if necessary, but, most importantly, give me hope for our future!

Terri Robbins  
Ketchikan, AK

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Jai Crapella <jaiping@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:35 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Smaller pfd is fine

Hello,

I am a resident of Gustavus Alaska and on a fixed income. I would be fine with a smaller pfd to support services, education, the marine highway, etc.

Please overturn the governor linebiyem vetoes.

Thank you,

Jai Joanne Crapella  
28 Hood River Rd  
Gustavus, AK  
99826  
907 321-4266

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ruby Hill <rubyhill1962@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:35 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Please curb spending

It's SPENDING that has caused our present financial crisis. Curb entitlements. The university should have nothing reinstated. The government's job is NOT to 'fix' everyone's life nor is the government responsible for a citizen's teeth.

The PFD is NOT an entitlement. It is the individual citizen's share of Alaska's oil wealth. Give the poor a full PFD and it will help them in a way welfare never can!

Darrell & Ruby Hill

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Mildred Hennings <evers508@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:37 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Joshua Revak <Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kelly Merrick <Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>;

Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Please restore the funding vetoed by the Governor/Compromise on responsible PFD

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I am a voting Alaskan, a registered nurse working at a local hospital and consider Alaska my home. I am deeply appalled at the proposed cuts and inability of the legislature to over ride the veto. Seriously, I am just flabbergasted. It doesn't take a genius to see what these cuts will do to our state. Civil society? No longer! Shame on all of you! The cuts are aimed at the weakest members with minimal voices: Easy targets! The English phrase: "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link" means that a group (Alaska society) is only as successful or strong as its weakest or least successful member (homeless/elderly/headstart children).

Please get your backbone back, and don't let Alaska slide into the abyss of austerity and moral poverty.

Thank you

Mildred Hennings  
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**From:** Hannah Atkinson <hannah.atki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:42 PM  
**To:** house.finance.committee@akleg.gov; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony bill no. 2001

To the house finance committee,

For the record, my name is Hannah Atkinson and I was raised and am currently living in Kotzebue, Alaska.

I support bill no. 2001  
And I support funding state services.

I would also like to encourage legislators to listen to rural Alaskans when considering the budget, which governor Dunleavy has failed to do. Cutting from public safety, education, Medicaid, the power cost equalization, and public radio will cause considerable hardship to some of the most vulnerable. People in rural Alaska know what we need from the systems that are supposed to serve us. Listen to us. Don't accept the cuts made at the expense of rural Alaska. Cut the oil tax credits to oil companies.

**From:** Felix Wong <felix.a.wong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:44 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Smaller PFD and Override Gov's Operating and Capital Budget Vetoes

Hello House Finance Committee,

As a resident of Ketchikan, Alaska and serving my second term in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, I absolutely support receiving a smaller PFD, similar to the amount received for the 2017 year, in the interest of maintaining funding to the various entities that were in the list of the governor's extreme budget vetoes.

Access to skilled and educated workforce is already a state-wide challenge, and the university's graduates also contribute greatly to fish hatcheries and to fish and game to maximize annual fish harvest that is one of our state's biggest economic drivers. Rescinding grant and scholarship funding to students who have rightfully earned them on their own merit is disingenuous.

The Alaska Marine Highway System is an integral lifeline to Southeast Alaskan communities and severely limiting its service will make life exceedingly challenging.

The Alaska State Council of the Arts is an important since all art in their public collection belongs to the people of Alaska and the artwork currently on loan is inventoried for recall in the coming days pending a complete office shut down.

What the governor is suggesting to do through his myopic vetoes will absolutely cripple the state over the course of the next few years and it will be exceptionally difficult for us all to crawl out of that.

I implore that the House Finance Committee acts to override the governor's vetoes.

Thank you.

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Regards

Felix Alexander Wong  
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**From:** GCI <deaskhoo@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:47 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House

I waited over 4 hours until my phone died - meanwhile we could hear them whispering who to call on - and you have to identify your "affiliation" before you can even testify . You are not fooling anyone - let the special interest testify, the doctors, the teachers, the Alaska legal services - here is my testimony x something else for you to throw in your trash can -

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I was born in 1953 in the territory of Alaska in Juneau alaska. No on hb 2001

Listen - legislatures for over 30 days sat and did nothing!!! costing us over million dollars. We voted for Dunleavy and to get you to even address sb91 - what did they do? Call in and testify, write emails. Even with that, what happened - special interest weaponized every rehab program from secretaries to staff to call in and cry how much we needed to leave sb91. "The most vulnerable" They cried!!! Now with these budget cuts and PFD? Call in and testify and write emails And they still ignore the election results. We voted for Dunleavy to stop this budget runaway-train and make Alaska sustainable. And put the original PFD formula in the constitution... Is it so hard for these hard for you to do a budget. If so, what the heck are they doing there? Someone please tell me how you can legally hijack an election.

How did people ever take care of themselves before statehood - 1959. Gov. Dunleavy is only asking to restore the dignity of self sufficiency. Not all elderly live in pioneer homes or state funded homes...not by a long shot. The government is not suppose to fund everyone from birth to death. The government is not your god...and not your only source!

- How can you sit back and justify taking a permanent fund from every single citizen of Alaska to support "special interest". The constitution of the state of Alaska states we are responsible for education from age 6 to 20 if they haven't graduated from high school by then !!! Not early childhood education. Here is a hint - Study the constitution of the state of Alaska - the university is a "land grant" university! They have lost accreditation through poor management. The UAA has a 17% budget cut - not 40%.

Put the permanent fund into the constitution. Stop robbing the little people. There was a time when people took care of each other and worked for themselves. This is not your money to touch. Is theft legal? Especially from children and the elderly. I depended on the PFD to fill my oil tank to stay warm. I live below the poverty level, I own my home. I raised 2 kids to be productive members of society. I had to budget - why don't you? I too have lost jobs - I too have faced uncertainty. If getting all "passionate" and crying on the phone will help, all citizens can do that. You are not hearing the people who have to explain to their children "we can't get you new boots - or warm clothes this year - someone else needs your money - you don't count"... budget - is that too much to ask you to do your job. I have heard the people who support taking our permanent fund refer to our PFD fund as your "piddly 3,000" - arrogantly spitted as they swallow your pfd!

Where is your integrity? Where is your dignity that you deny the elders, the children, the reality of you ignoring the little people who depend on the PFD. Shame on you. When do we count - I support dunleavy and all he has done and wants for our state. Walker expanded Medicare - where was your call in and testifying then?

Did you see the vile sign the Juneau liberals hung on the Juneau Douglas bridge? This is free speech? It said "FU too dunleavy" - we the people do call in, write, testify and you never get a reply from those who claim to represent you... these are the most vulnerable of society. And the disgrace of the protestors chaining themselves to the Wasilla school?

Shame on you for hijacking our election. No one has the right to dictate how to spend my money! Really..... stop with the socialism agenda - shame on all of you!!! Exactly what is it going to take for you to do your jobs and support the election? You don't want compromise - you want us to capitulate to special interest! The PFD is not revenue! The people saying "take the PFD" - obviously do not need it or budget for it.

Again - I was born in the territory of Alaska in 1953! Why are you not listening to us? Over 4 hours I sit in this phone again!!! Quit punishing the people who voted for Governor Dunleavy - we already voted.

Ps: the art council? How did the cave drawings and rock art -totem poles from the indigenous people survive for thousands of years? The ANSCA settlement of 1971 has enabled the indigenous art and culture to grow and are duplicate services - not funded by the state!

Sarahann Jackson

1825 Mark Alan

Juneau, Alaska 99801

-----Original Message-----

From: Redona Grazio <redonagrazio@ymail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:52 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

Thank you for your time and service. Thank you for listening to Alaskans this week. I need to let you know that I oppose the governors vetoes. I do believe we need to be fiscally responsible and we need to trim and tighten the budget. I don't agree with what the governor has done or his choices about our budget.

Our budget should take care of our Elders who have helped to build this state and make it what it is today. It should not slash away at the services and money that they receive.

Our budget should make sure that our future (children) are also included. Early Childhood Education, public education funding and University funding is all vital to our future.

I know it is possible to come up with a sensible, responsible budget and protect our PFD. Alaskans are resourceful and creative. We can figure this out. We are not greedy and we want to help our neighbors and take care of our Elders and our children.

Please work together and listen to all the great ideas and come up with an excellent plan of action. The governor's plan and actions so far are unacceptable and do not reflect the values of most Alaskans, especially not this Alaskan.

I look forward to seeing and hearing how you turn this around and make a plan that will be responsible, thoughtful, and workable.

Thanks again for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Redona Grazio  
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Palmer, Alaska 99645

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Aimee and James Sandoval <rbs925@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:52 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Vote To Refund What The Governor Has Cut

To Whom It May Concern,

It takes considerable cognitive dissonance to argue that we must slash the budget by an additional \$444 million dollars over what the legislature had previously cut, but then issue a \$3,000 PFD.

What the Governor has done is harming people already, this will only continue to compound over time. Please put a stop to this senseless and reckless behavior. Please go to Juneau and vote "yes" on HB2001, cap the PFD at \$900 and refund what the Governor has cut from the budget.

Respectfully,

James Sandoval  
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99515

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: inkworks <inkworks@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:54 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: support for House Bill 2001

I was moved to tears by Senator Click Bishop's testimony to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I am a lifelong, born and raised Alaskan. What Dunleavy is doing to the budget of the university is more than a travesty. It is unconscionable. Please restore the budget that the legislature approved, which already represented a \$5 million cut to the university. That was painful but manageable. \$134 million is devastating, and completely unnecessary.

A friend of mine was approved for a loan to replace the leaking roof on their cabin. They were going to close on the loan soon. When the governor's vetos were announced, the credit union called her and said that the board of the credit union had decided not to loan any money to UA employees, because of the threat of layoffs. So the roofer won't get that job, his employees won't have that work, and my friend will have to put a tarp over her roof. These kinds of decisions are being made NOW, and will only increase. They will have repercussions throughout the economy of Alaska and will put it into recession.

I was here during the 1980s when the last major recession happened. I knew people who were leaving the house keys and walking away, moving to the Lower 48 because they didn't have a job here, and they couldn't sell their houses for anywhere near what they owed. They defaulted on their mortgages and started over. That will happen again.

I saw someone on Facebook had posted that his dad taught him not to depend on the government. Yet he wants his PFD. I replied that if he went to school, he had depended on the government. If he had driven on a road, he had depended on the government. If he had gotten notifications about the wildfires, he had depended on the government. If he had ever called the police, a fire department, or an

ambulance, he had depended on the government. Government is we, the people, pooling our resources to do things that we can't do alone, like educate our children. It is worth spending on.

Please implement an income tax to capture funds from Outside residents coming here to work in the summer and taking their money Outside. It will also be progressive, requiring people who make more money to pay more, instead of taking the same amount (the PFD) from the poor as from the wealthy. And PLEASE, reinstate the funds to the university and all the other cuts by Dunleavy. His budget is cruel and does not reflect who we are as Alaskans. Thank you for standing up for Alaska.

Susan Mitchell  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Juergens <kodiakcarol@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:56 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Save our education system

I am a 40 year resident of Kodiak and am very concerned about the state of Alaska and our future! We need to fund our university and education, not the PFD!

Carol Juergens  
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**From:** Doug Woodby <doug.woodby@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:08 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Yes on HB 2001, Smaller PFD, and please override the vetoes

Dear House Finance Committee members:

I support HB 2001 with a PFD less than \$1000.  
Please override the vetoes.  
The vetoes have unnecessarily created a lot of stress and uncertainty for our future.

Thank you,

Doug Woodby

**From:** Rachel Butler <iloveslippers@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:13 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** comments in support of HB 2001

This email is in support of HB 2001.

Representitives and Senators please vote yes on HB 2001.

This bill does a solid job of fixing the mess of Govenor Dunleavy's mess of vetoes. Yet it still allows Alaskans to receive a PFD.

It is hard to turn down money. Yet what is occuring in Alaska is a this or that situation. I don't believe it needs to be.

Of course a 3k check could help me out financially. Yet I do not want 3k in leau of Government funding.

I have lived in Alaska since 2011.

I moved here for a job at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

I have purchased a house in Anchorage. I want to continue to live here long term.

Yet with such cuts to education and government services it is hard to imagine any sort of quality remaining.

I want this state to have a future. For our youth. Services for our vulnerable populations. Funding for our seniors.

It should not be a PFD vs Government funding, yet that is what it has been. This bill provides both. Funding for services that are outlined in the state constitution. Yet also allows for a PFD.

I know this is not the only solution. Yet this is not the place to advocate for things like an income tax.

Time is running out. We need to get a budget passed. We need to restore funding to these services cut by the vetoes. We have much more to loose in terms of matching federal funding if this is not sorted out quickly.

I implore you. Please vote yes on HB 2001.

Thank you.

Rachel Butler

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-----Original Message-----

From: mike cooney <mdcooney9@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:13 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

Please restore all funding Dunleavy and Arduin cut from the Legislature's budget, especially for Pre-K, K-12 and the UA system. I support a \$900 PFD, and future legislation to reduce or repeal oil/gas industry subsidies, and to institute a statewide progressive income tax. Thank You!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: dlp1951@gmail.com <dlp1951@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:15 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: PFD hearings

Hello, I live in Kenai. I support the Governor's budget vetos & as strong a PFD as possible.

For a state with a small population like Alaska I believe the University of Alaska system should be much smaller so I support cuts in their budget too. We can't continue spending like we are. We've gone beyond our means. This will be difficult just as it is difficult to cut your budget at home. But we can do it. Continued spending as if oil money is still flying into our coffers will result in heavy taxation. It will slowly become more & more but it doesn't have to if we live within our means and budget with the PFD in mind. We don't need the best of everything. We need what will allow Alaskans private sector jobs and a reasonable living.

The PFD helps many Alaskans maintain their households, especially households with kids and seniors. But it helps everyone. And the fact there is no means test to receive it (being a dividend) makes it an equal benefit for everybody.

It works its way back into the economy when people spend it or otherwise save/invest it even cycling back into the University of Ak (and community colleges) when families save it for education.

Finally I like the Governor's plan to put these issues to the people by a vote. That's a great plan!

Thank you  
Dave Peck  
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Sent from my iPod

**From:** Daniel F Kirkwood <dfkirkwood@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2001

I support a smaller PFD amount, and overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001. A massive PFD will not benefit me more than the jobs, security and certainty of essential state services.

Also, you could tax us.  
And make sure we're taxing the oil companies enough!

Ok  
Dan Kirkwood  
Juneau Alaska

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Daniel F. Kirkwood  
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**From:** meljo <meljo@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:31 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Finance committee members: we think the operating budget with all the governor's vetoes is devastating to the people and State of Alaska. To sacrifice the health, safety and education of Alaskans to say, "you have your full PFD" is short sighted and actually mean in many ways. A state without basic services will deteriorate and NOT be attractive to businesses or the future generations. We Alaskans have always been people who take care of each other. Pass a budget that does that- take care of one another. Pass a budget that has a modest PFD. We would do without a PFD and/or pay an income tax to retain basic services and education but know that will not happen this year.

Do what is right for all Alaskans,  
Mel and Joanne Ackerman  
Anchorage  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** Jorden Nigro <jordennigro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:33 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Alaskans Before Big Oil

Dear Honorable Members of House Finance,

I write you tonight to ask that you please put Alaskans first by restoring the funding vetoed in the Governor's operating budget. A reasonable small PFD will help make this possible.

I am not sure what I can possibly say that you haven't already heard. These cuts will have a horrendous and lasting impact on our state and they will, quite literally result in deaths. It's not partisan and it's not complicated. You know that. It's your choice. It's really quite simple. Do you care or don't you? Do you represent the people of this state who are showing up in the thousands to ask you to fix this or do you represent the Governor and his Koch brothers backed Big Oil, extremist agenda? Now is your chance to show us.

We are counting on you to put this great state first. To show us that Alaskans come first. Show us we matter. This work is the most important you will ever do and history is watching.

Sincerely,

Jorden Nigro  
Juneau

-----Original Message-----  
From: lynnette dihle <dihles@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:35 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: The Budget

Dear Alaskan Representatives of the House Finance Committee.

I am against the Governor's \$444 million dollar cuts to the budget because of the serious impact it will have on the many Alaskans and the future of all Alaskans. I am against the \$3,000 dividend for a number of reasons, especially the erosion of the future of Alaska.

I believe in government to handle the needs that affect the good of the public and to create a growing economy.

In 1975 my husband and I moved here, had three sons who have grown, married and had 7 children (our grandchildren) ranging in ages from 15 years to 6 months. They are families who have good Alaskan jobs, and attend public school.

Their belief is the same as my husband and mine. They are against the budget cuts and the \$3,000 dividend.

I also believe should the cuts go thru and the drain on our state that a \$3,000 dividend would bring about means an increase in those needing to leave our state, and a decrease in those moving to our state.

This is an incredibly serious time in Alaskan history.

Sincerely,  
Lynnette Dihle  
2454 Engineers Cutoff  
Juneau, Alaska

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy E. Winford <winford1@mac.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:36 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Restore funding

Dear Representatives of the Finance Committee,

I am writing to share with you my support for restoring funding for budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and a reduction in the PFD for residents.

These cuts are far reaching as a licensed professional counselor in a private practice it is stunning to me the cuts that will impact mental health care. In a state that rates high for rates of suicide, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc....a reduction in mental health care is not what is needed.

Regarding the University of Alaska system - it is vital to the health of our communities and state. When I think of resource development as a priority for the current administration why not support an institution that is known for its engineering programs. I received two degrees from UAF, I was very

appreciative of being able to receive my masters in Counseling at UAF as it was not viable for me to attend an out-of-state university. I feel for young people who were counting on the Alaska Performance scholarship and might not receive it. Is Alaska a state that keeps its words and fulfills its obligations? As a retiree in the Alaska TRS system I wonder, is it beyond this Governor and some within the house and senate to take away my retirement? I certainly hope not given I don't qualify for social security since I'm not allowed to pay into as a teacher in Alaska.

Lastly the PFD - I have been receiving it since the first distribution. I am thankful for every dollar I have been given. Unfortunately it has become an entitlement program, something it was never meant to be - changes are needed. The time has come to reduce the PFD for residents and develop a way to preserve the PFD for future generations as well as assist with governments services. I would rather reduce my PFD before any tax.

Thank you for your work. It is my hope you will approach this task with a sense of responsibility and care that the Governor and others have lacked.

Nancy E. Winford  
395 Cinnabar Drive  
Fairbanks

**From:** Lori Brotherton <lorinda.brotherton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:37 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 2001

Dear Legislators, I support a smaller PFD amount and overriding all of the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB2001.

I also urge you go further and look into reducing the tax credits on oil companies or re-establishing the state income tax. We need to raise revenues to support basic governmental services.

I have lived in the state for over 41 years and I am thinking seriously of leaving the state due to the disastrous economic consequences if the Governor's budget vetoes are allowed to stand. I urge you to represent the majority of Alaskan citizens.

Lorinda Brotherton  
Juneau, AK

**From:** kjusaf . <kjusaf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:43 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Pfd

Please restore the full pfd and pay back the funds that governor walker stole from each Alaskan over the last 2 years.

My family depends on these funds for approximately 30% of our annual income. This is a major hardship without them. We would gladly pay increased property or income tax. Please continue to make additional cuts to the budget. Governor Dunleavy did not go far enough to cut the fat.

Kyle Holt

**From:** Charles Bingham <charleswbingham3@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:44 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Committee Substitute for HB 2001

All,

I am writing to let you know I am in favor of the Committee Substitute for HB 2001, which restores funding for the vetoed FY2020 Operating Budget items that previously had been passed by the legislature. I fear Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes will send our state into a major recession, one that will make the 1980s recession look minor in comparison. We need to have an honest conversation about our state's finances, and that includes looking at other revenue sources such as a personal income tax and reducing or eliminating the oil tax giveaway (SB21). In the meantime, I want to see these cut programs restored.

Thanks,

Charles Bingham

Sitka, Alaska

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nolan Davis <livinolan@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:45 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Override

Override the Veto!

Are you out of your mind!?

Be a Representative.

Nolan Davis DDS

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Carolyn Loeffler <carolynkloeffler@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:45 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Public Testimony for HB2001

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I write to you today in support of the committee substitute for HB2001 - restoring funding to the parts of the capital budget that were unfunded, all funding vetoed by the Governor, and a reduced dividend.

The governor's budget as proposed does not reflect fiscal responsibility. Instead of taking a measured and metered approach to cutting State spending - an approach that would allow individuals, organizations and institutions to adequately plan and prepare for funding cuts over several years - the governor has taken a slash and burn approach, leaving many Alaskans reeling particularly those most vulnerable in our communities. Services are what make communities attractive to new businesses. Gutting education, the arts, health and human services, etc. in a single fiscal year does not make Alaska an appealing place to re-locate or raise a family.

Governor Dunleavy has offered absolutely no compelling rationale for such a drastic approach nor an assessment of state-wide economic impacts. This is dangerously irresponsible at best and smacks of ulterior motives at its worst. It would seem Mr. Dunleavy places his own ideology above the common welfare of his constituents.

The purpose of a state government is to provide services - that's why we live in a society. Yes there are inefficiencies. Yes there is waste. But instead of doing the hard work of addressing these issues systematically to better serve Alaskans, the governor has thrown the baby out with the bath water. These extreme cuts are lazy, irresponsible, and damaging to our economy and social fabric.

The permanent fund dividend check has eroded Alaska's democratic process and collapsed our civic narrative to one issue - an issue easily manipulated by dubious politicians to divide us. We've lost any sense of fiscal responsibility and collectivism. Instead, we line up to receive our government handout in the form of the PFD and scream "THIEVES" when the state government reduces the check (that we did nothing to earn) to provide services to us.

I, for one, am ready to have some skin in this game. Tax me, take the PFD. When we all start paying into our state-wide community, we're far more likely to hold our elected officials - and ourselves - accountable.

A one-time \$3,000 check is not worth the pain, suffering and uncertainty caused by the Governor's budget. I support the bipartisan efforts of the legislature. I support HB2001 and a reduced dividend check.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kozak Loeffler  
571 Golden Morn Street  
Fairbanks, AK 99712

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Carolyn K. Loeffler

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Harvey <harvsm1@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:45 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: UAF Funding

Dear Legislators,

It is with profound sadness and disbelief I write to urge the finance committee to do anything in their power to prevent the dismantling of higher education in the State of Alaska. I fear this move will not be recoverable in my lifetime, not only educating our children, but the very necessary scientific study which has to continue.

Susan M Harvey, MD

**From:** Ken Green <kennkay@arctic.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:51 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Governor Dunleavy's vetoes in regards to Alaska agriculture.

I do not support the Governor's vetoes in regards to Alaska agriculture.

Farmers and ranchers would be losing key programs for market development, research, access to federal grants, and more if funding is not restored! Specialty Crop Block Grant recipients will be affected as well as those interested in the hemp program, trade missions, grain seed cleaning, inspection programs or getting products into schools or other institutions.

These ag programs should not be considered "low priority" - they should be considered core functions for building a robust agriculture industry in Alaska.

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-----Original Message-----

From: ms.lindabeth@gmail.com <ms.lindabeth@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:52 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore the funding

I am a 25 year resident of Juneau. I want to go on record that I support a reduced PFD and restoration of the cuts made to the operating budget. I also in support of an income tax and ending the oil company tax credits.

Thank you,  
Linda Curtis  
4925 Steelhead St

Juneau AK

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Nora Stewart <noralynnstewart@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001 please support

Please support our students and elders. Thank you

Nora Stewart  
Sitka

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**From:** annie42@berkeley.edu <annie42@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:56 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony - Save Educational Funding

To Whom It May Concern

I was born and raised an Alaskan and all my life I've been proud of that fact. I am an ardent believe in the transformative power of higher education and as such I am deeply concerned about Dunleavy's cuts to the University of Alaska.

An educational budget cut of the proposed magnitude is unprecedented in this country and will leave our great state reeling from the consequences for generations to come.

Cutting education funds for the sake of the PFD is not only extremely short sighted, it borders on lunacy. I urge lawmakers to reconsider.

Kind regards  
Annie Withrow  
Kodiak, Alaska

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kathy Allely <kgallely@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:56 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2001

I am writing to voice my support for HB 2001. The degree of devastation that would be caused by the Governor's budget is frightening and unnecessarily hurtful to our most vulnerable populations. It is of utmost importance that the Legislature come together to save Alaska from an unnecessary economic

recession, loss of jobs, and harm to individuals like our daughter who is developmentally disabled. The Governor's cuts are shameful.

I have heard individual testimony to the House Finance Committee suggesting that people who are helped by safety net programs should take responsibility for themselves. I can attest to our daughter's desire to do that, however her developmental challenges make that truly impossible. We are extremely grateful for the support she has, without which she would likely have to live in a much more restrictive setting.

I am particularly disheartened by the Governor's cuts to education - from early childhood programs to the University. This cannot stand.

Please do the right thing for Alaska and pass HB. 2001.

Kathy Allely

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd mackinaw <sleddogadopt@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:58 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Cc: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget veto

Legislators,

To be brief, I think Gov. Dunleavy's massive budget vetoes are misguided and dangerous to our state's future. The economic boost provided by doubling the PFD will be short lived, and overshadowed by deeper, long term damage to our state's economy.

In particular, the massive, disproportionate cuts to the University of Alaska and the Department of Education will lead to a exodus of skilled young adults, and degrade our school age children's basic education. Diminishing benefits to our senior citizens hurts those who are least able to help themselves. Cutting funds for the Alaska Court System burdens our already over-scheduled, over-burdened justice system.

These are the cuts most worrying to me, though there are others. Reducing state spending is a necessity, but not through draconian measures that occur outside the accepted political process of debate and compromise, and not to simply double the PFD and pay off a voting bloc.

Thank you.

Todd Mackinaw

3150 Chena Hot Springs Rd

Fairbanks AK 99712

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Michael Szidloski <uafbum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:58 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Good Evening

I am writing this, imploring the house finance committee to pass HB2001. The governor's vetoes will tip a state that is close to recession needlessly into one. Per the State labor report, between 2017 and 2018, ~9900 jobs were lost across the state. That was roughly 3% of the job market. Any other state, or at the national level, that would be considered a grim warning. The governor's budget would cause the loss of ~4400 jobs across the state, adding to the jobs lost. Over 60% of the jobs available in the state are government in some form (state, local, and federal). If the government in Alaska isn't hiring, no one is. The actions of the governor will spiral our state into a recession, a recession that can still be avoided if we fund into employment in our state.

Additionally, I would like to speak about the PFD. In the past, I saw the PFD as a small boon, a chance to save for a rainy day, or buy heating fuel. The voices and actions of the Governor and his most ardent supporters have fully swayed my mind regarding the PFD. It is an addiction, and those most addicted to it lash out at their fellow Alaskans when they feel that they have not gotten their entitled dose. I would like to see the PFD slowly reduced over the next few years, in an effort to wean the Alaskan populace off of this addiction. A good shift would be to move the portions of the PFD not handed out to support outreach programs, housing and development, rural services and the like to assist the less fortunate in our state. And before anyone wants to cry "socialism", the PFD itself is a government handout, originally designed to encourage residents to stay in Alaska. What I am hearing now, from folks I respect in the community, is that with the Governor destroying the livelihood of the state they will take this bigger PFD and use it to leave for greener pastures. The Governor is callously fine with that, as he suffers from this addiction as well. He does not care that we are teetering on the brink, economically, so long as he and his most ardent followers get their "fix". That is not healthy as a society, not healthy economically, and certainly not healthy for the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak my mind.

~Michael Szidloski

**From:** CP W <cpw1989@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:56 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Smaller PFD. Restore funding

I'm Catherine Goodwin of Ketchikan Alaska. My husband (Andrew goodwin) and I support a smaller PFD payout - nothing over \$1400 - as long as funding is restored to the University, transport, safety and social services.

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From: Tess Carr <teresecarr@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:00 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Written testimony from four constituents

Hello,

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my husband, who both grew up, went to university, and worked in Alaska and currently own a nice piece of possible retirement property in Stuckagain Heights, Anchorage. I'm also writing on behalf of my parents, who have property and a home off Petersville Road, Trapper Creek.

We four constituents are extremely concerned that the budget cuts of Gov. Dunleavy's line item vetoes are already tipping Alaska into recession. "Recession" was what I read national economists predicting after the veto, and it sounded like a distant, but logical, possibility. After the Legislature failed to override the vetoes, "recession" no longer seemed distant. Almost everyone I've talked to is discussing their exit plan from the state. Friends with high school-age kids are no longer considering UA for their kids.

Please understand, this is NOT JUST GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PLANNING TO LEAVE. Our friends and family who are now considering this option include not just teachers and university staff but oil and gas employees, realtors, and private consultants who are disgusted seeing their future prospects dwindle and their home state forsaken as a third-world country.

To emphasize: Yesterday, a family friend/realtor told us we could put our Anchorage property on the market for half its market value (we had it valued recently) and it still wouldn't sell. If that is true, as I suspect it is, did every property owner in Alaska lose over half their market value overnight? Are we still thinking of "recession" as a far-off, speculative possibility, or is it already here? Have you checked what your house is worth today?

Also, how much business investment takes place in an environment of economic and social instability? We all know the answer to that - instability is the enemy of business growth. Businesses require a predictable economic environment and an educated, skilled workforce.

Even if intended as temporary, this is not a short-term belt-tightening. This is decades of trying and very possibly failing to regain lost talent, business growth, and property equity. This is the most senseless, irresponsible economic path our leaders could possibly pursue, and most Alaskans know it.

Fortunately, there is a responsible way out of this disaster. REDUCE THE DIVIDENDS, by whatever means possible. Alaskans have always known and still understand that their dividends are a bonus, not a guarantee. (When I was a kid, I remember several years of dividends in the low hundreds of dollars. Nobody rioted or even complained.) No Alaskan wants a painful recession in exchange for a few thousand dollars.

Please find a way to reduce the dividends and avert this crisis, as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Terese Carr  
(608) 636-6136

**From:** Ben Loeffler <bloeffler3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for Compromise

Thank you for your continued efforts.

To keep this short:

I support the legislature meeting in Wasilla, as clearly provided in AK statute 24.05.100(a)(1) and (b).

I do not support the Governor's vetoes. The PFD is an unearned handout that has corrupted our civic process. It should be the government's priority to provide services, not to provide cash payments.

I support compromise. I suggest that the legislature pass a bill that walks back 50% of the Governor's vetos on every line item and meets halfway between the "full" PFD and that originally proposed by the legislature.

Please have the courage to make the case for compromise in Wasilla. Dialogue is the key to progress. Make the case that State services are important for attracting businesses, providing them a talented workforce, and supporting healthy communities.

Ben Loeffler  
571 Golden Morn St  
Fairbanks AK 99712

**From:** Eli Ludwig <eliludwig33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:10 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Vetos and sweeps

Dear House Finance Committee,

All through out my years of middle school and start of high school I have heard my older brother talk about how important it is to look at the different scholarships and decide what course I was going take. A big one of those was/is the Alaska Performance scholarship and to my horror and dismay this exact scholarship has been added to the "sweep" list. This is getting rid of a valuable asset to my college career and making it harder for me to afford a college that I have been planning on attending.

This isn't the only thing however. The massive cuts in funding from UAF are making not only a school with a lower quality of education but causing the prices to go up nearly 150% of original costs. This will make it even harder to afford, not to mention the lacking of quality scholarships.

Thank you for valuing my opinion.

**From:** Eli Ludwig <eliludwig33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:12 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Vetos and sweeps

Dear House Finance Committee,

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Thank you for valuing my opinion. Eli Ludwig

**From:** Helena Fagan <helenafagan2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:12 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

I strongly urge you to pass HB 2001. Please take all of my PFD rather than gut education. I taught in Alaska schools for many years as a middle school and high school teacher and worked as a consultant around the state and with the University for nine more years. I provided inservice training and taught students in the Elementary and Secondary MAT programs as well as in the Master of Reading program. Many of these teachers are now close to retirement. Our children deserve well-trained, competent teachers from Alaska who understand the quirks, challenges, cultures and gifts of this amazing state. Please allow not only funding for the public elementary and secondary schools, but also for the University of Alaska programs that train teachers.

Education is dear to my heart and so are the arts. I am horrified and embarrassed that our state is now the only one in the union without a State Arts Council. All my years of working with students, and raising a daughter who danced, played piano and became an artist, taught me that the arts are every bit as important to development of children as reading and math. Through the arts our stories are told and our voices are heard. The arts are like the canary in the coal mine; when they go, know that our culture is dying.

I will limit most of my comments to these two areas, education and the arts, even though I am devastated by the cuts in so many other areas, as I'm sure are many of you. What are we as a people if we don't take care of our children, our elders, our poor, our homeless, our sick, our environment?

I know many of you are also in disagreement with the governor's vetoes and since an override was not passed, please, please, please limit the amount of the PFD's. I truly believe that even people who are at this point in favor of full PFD's will be filled with regret if they receive that full amount when they discover the devastation created by the trade that they wish to make.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Helena Fagan  
Juneau, AK

**From:** Bill <abxwilliam@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:13 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** William Quantick Testimony regarding PFD

I William Quantick, reside at 2021 S. Killarney Dr, Palmer Alaska 99645 and do hereby present this testimony regarding the PFD and HB 2001

The Government is too big and I am in total agreement with our Governor Mike Dunleavy. It's the same thing that every household or business goes through. When expenses exceed income, there is a choice that needs to be made and some of them are difficult.

For example

UAA - There are deep troubling issues there, than lack of money, besides from what has been reported they have the money.

RURAL CAP - is a non profit and I would like to look at their financial statements...why does a non profit offer profit sharing to the employees????

here's how I see it

NO on HB2001

Pay out FULL PFD and abide by the original rule / law calculating the annual payout

and the group who feel they don't need the PFD they can redeposit back to the state, their choice!

William Quantick  
2120 S. Killarney Dr.

Palmer, Alaska 99645  
907 360 0682

**From:** Jason Fellman <jbfellman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:14 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001 support

Greetings:

Please support HB 2001. I support a smaller PFD amount for Alaskan residents and I support overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. A massive PFD will not help my friends and family who are losing jobs due to the budget vetoes and may have to leave the state.

Thanks- Jason Fellman of Juneau

**From:** Kay Silverton <phylis.silverton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:18 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** PFD HB2001

Dear House Legislators:

I am so tired of being required to continuously write to you to address the subject of the PFD and the Budget. I have a brief message for you. Follow the law and stop being deceitful to Alaskans. Show up to required Special Session. Repeal SB 26 for it's just as bad as SB 91 if not worse. Do not cap our shared dividends. Cap your budget instead. Do not transfer any earnings into unrestricted General Funds. We want all government earning to go into the Constitutional Budget Reserve first to protect the earning from frivolously spending. I wholeheartedly agree with Governor Dunleavy regarding the budget: protecting the private economy is more important than protecting the government's budget. We will stand tall with our historical statutory shared dividends: 50-50 or no deal.

I am Phylis K. Silverton from Wasilla and I represent myself. This is multiple times this year I have either emailed you or testified in person regarding the budget issue. I have stood in front of the House Finance Committee in LIO back in May. Multiple times I have sent an email to express my opinion on HB1005. This time, I am sending you my opinion on HB2001.

First of all, I want to ask you how many times you have to hold the Hearing knowing Alaskans want their full PFD? We want you to stop your attempt to steal money from our PFD account. We want you to stop changing the PFD formula. The state statute clearly states the PFD is our mineral right and there's 50-50 formula for government spending and people's PFD dividends.

I urge you to follow the law and not withholding any of our PFD. Furthermore, I urge you to abandon your circus roadshow and cooperate with Governor Dunleavy immediately by attending the Special Session in Wasilla. Whatever you're doing in Juneau after the Special Session begins is illegal even though you try to make your session appeal legal.

I also encourage you to uphold the Governor's Vetoes on most of the Budget submission. There is no way that the relatively small cuts are going to hurt the recipients with the possible exception of the Senior Benefits which I believe are Statutory. Why are you so clinging to a bloated budget knowing it's not sustainable and it's going to hurt Alaska's economy? If you are working for people of Alaska, you need to do what's right for Alaska and stop robbing people of Alaska.

I also want to give some Kudos to the people who actually followed the law and came to Wasilla, ready to work and ready to hear from the people. We appreciate you all more than you know.

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Phylis K. Silverton  
4159 N. Cambric Circle  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
July 16, 2019

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Phylis K. Silverton  
4159 N. Cambric Circle  
Wasilla, AK 99654

**From:** Lynneva Carroll <lynneva.carroll@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:21 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Adam Wool <Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support HB 2001

Hello. My name is Lynneva Carroll, I am eighteen years old and I am an upcoming freshman at UAF. I urge you to support HB 2001 and restore the funding cut by the Governor to the state's budget. If the current budget stands it will hurt our state. I want to stay here, finish school, and keep living and working here after that. Having lived in Alaska my entire life, and with the rest of my extended family also living here, I value my home and do not want to leave. But, without access to higher education here, and with the subsequent loss of jobs, many people will have to leave, regardless of whether they want to stay.

When I was completing my senior year at West Valley High School here in Fairbanks, I applied to several good, out-of-state universities, wanting the same out-of-state experience that my mother pursued in the 80's. I was accepted into every university I applied to, including a few of the more selective ones. However, I ultimately decided to stay in-state instead. I was attracted to UAF's outstanding science programs and research opportunities and hoped that I would be able to participate in cutting edge research. If the funding to UAF is cut, they won't be able to offer the same opportunities as before, and will become more expensive to attend. I also considered my financial situation when I made my choice and with local scholarships, including the Alaska Performance Scholarship, I should be able to graduate with minimal debt. During my high school career, I worked very hard to meet the requirements for the Alaska Performance Scholarship, which I received, along with the UA scholarship. Now I may not receive the former scholarship, and I am wondering if I made the right decision to stay in-state for my higher education.

Please restore UA's budget and the rest of Alaska's budget and keep our state strong.

Thank you for your time,

Lynneva Carroll

-----Original Message-----

From: Patty Kunz <akpatty28@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:24 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please restore the vetoed programs and services and cut the PFD amount

We're asking you to please restore the vetoed programs and services, fully fund a capital budget and approve a small reasonable PFD (not \$3,000!).

Mike and I have been Alaskan residents for 49 years; are both Independent voters; have raised 2 children here who have both attended Fairbanks public schools and UAF; enjoy the various university programs; and are both devastated by the cuts being made. We are retired property owners. Please think long and hard and consider the irrevocable damage to the state that the governor's proposed cuts would make before making your decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

Patricia Kunz

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Michael Kunz

[Mike.kunz42@gmail.com](mailto:Mike.kunz42@gmail.com)

**From:** Chris Brecht <cbrecht@bgbalaska.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:29 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please Vote to Override Veto

Dear Esteemed Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am a conservative and former supporter of Governor Dunleavy. I grew up in Alaska, moved away from Alaska during and following college, and returned about 13 years ago after graduating from law school. I support the legislative override of the governor's veto.

I voted for Governor Dunleavy based on his promise to protect the PFD and reduce government spending. He has lost my support in recent months by taking these campaign promises to an extreme. At this point, I am ashamed for having voted for him.

I attended elementary, junior high school and high school within the Anchorage School District. I attended college and later law school outside Alaska. I can count on one hand the number of my friends and classmates from high school who actually returned to Alaska after college. The

cuts to the University of Alaska will compromise Alaska's ability to attract and retain smart caring people that this state needs. Students will have no choice but to leave to pursue their education outside Alaska. This is unacceptable. This impacts not just current Alaskans but also the ability to recruit professionals from outside Alaska to move here and stay.

The cost of government services is a cost that we must all bear. Private industry does not have the capability to provide the services that will be lost as a result of the budget cuts. We do not have the population or sufficiently diversified industry to absorb the catastrophic economic impact that will result from the budget cuts.

Moreover, for every one dollar that Alaskans trade for a higher PFD between 15 % and 39 % will go to the federal government in the form of federal income tax. It is fiscally irresponsible and somewhat disingenuous to ask Alaskans to give up publicly funded services (worth far more to the recipients of such services than an annual PFD) in exchange for a cash payment that is not sustainable and shifts substantial costs back to private citizens. How many of us can replace the government services that will be lost with the net proceeds of an inflated PFD?

As you probably know, the rest of the country is watching the governor's budget debacle. We are being judged every day. Under such scrutiny, the question naturally arises what does it mean to be Alaskan? We can be prudent with our money and generous at the same time. We can develop industry (and particularly our oil and gas industry which has been broken for some time) while at the same time protecting the environment. Dunleavy's extremism does not lead to fiscal responsibility nor is it a substitute for prudence. Our identity as Alaskans is worth more than \$3500.

Please vote to override the governor's exercise of the line item veto. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Christopher Brecht  
7449 Bailey Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

-----Original Message-----

From: cheryl fellman <cherylfellman@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:35 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Support HB 2001

I fully support a smaller PFD amount for Alaskan residents, and I support overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001.

A massive PFD will NOT help my family who is faced with the reality of having to leave our home in Juneau because my husband will lose his job due to the budget cuts. It is beyond insane that after living in Juneau for 20 years, that we face the real possibility of having to leave our home and uproot our children simply because providing a full PFD is somehow more important than anything else.

We want to stay living and working in the place we call home - a full PFD doesn't help us or our friends in this same situation. This insanity has to stop!!!

Cheryl Fellman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** marla statscewich <roundtheworld@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:35 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** pfd

Hello representatives of Alaska,  
I have loved living in this state for the past 20 years. The community I have in Fairbanks is amazing. The arts, the support of our elderly and helping each other is what makes this place so wonderful. Pass HB2001 to protect my children's education, their future and our state. I don't need a PFD, but I do need limited classroom size, great educators and the university to ensure my kids and the future generation have the opportunity to continue to help this city grow.  
Marla Statscewich  
1631 Wolverine Lane  
Fairbanks AK

**From:** Joe Hawkins <jghawkins1707@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:36 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001 and Reversal of the Vetoes

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I emphatically support

- 1) The reversal of Governor Dunleavy's vetos, and
- 2) The reduction of the PFD as needed to pay for these essential services.

Stand Strong, rebuke the governor's SHAMEFUL vetos, and send a clear

message to outside organizations like the Americans for Prosperity and the Koch Brothers that they will not be successful if they try to SUBVERT the democratic process in Alaska with their clandestine campaigns. The future of Alaska is in your hands.

Thank you for fighting for what is right.

Joe Hawkins

[jghawkins1707@gmail.com](mailto:jghawkins1707@gmail.com)

**From:** Catherine E. Hatch <catherine.e.hatch@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:39 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Support HB 2001

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Catherine Hatch. I live, work, play and vote in Juneau, Alaska and I am writing today on behalf of myself and my family. **We are strongly in favor of HB2001.** This last week in the Capital City, I spent more than one lunch break together with hundreds of my neighbors in rallies decrying Governor Dunleavy's vetoes. We care deeply about our State and particularly the future of our State and will not stand idly by while cuts to essential services, especially those that disproportionately affect the most vulnerable among us, devastate our communities and economy.

I've lived in Alaska since 2012, seven of the happiest years of my life in the most beautiful State in the Union. I feel incredibly lucky and privileged to be here, on the traditional lands of the Áak'w Kwáan and T'aakú Kwáan people.

In my time here, I've been self-employed, I've worked for the government, for nonprofits, in retail, and in the food service industry, and in all of those fields when we hit lean periods, the goal was always, "How do we do more with less?" How do we do *the most possible* with so little? The result of the Governor's vetoes would be to do *the least possible*. They are indicative of an administration whose priorities are far out of line with the people and particularly of the next generation of Alaskans. I find this reality to be very deeply disturbing.

When I think about the many reasons I've chosen Alaska as my forever home, what always stands out is the collective sense of community here. Southeast Alaska is a foggy place. If you live here long enough, you'll experience the phenomenon of being fogged out when trying to fly home, when the clouds are too low or the wind too strong for an aircraft to safely take off and land. This happened to me for the first time several Februaries ago in Ketchikan, Alaska. And as a 747 of disappointed people, some with small children, deboarded the plane and headed for the mainland, there was an overwhelming sense of us all being in the same boat, partly because we were--the airport of course being connected to the city by ferry. Ketchikan is a small community. There weren't enough hotel rooms that night to host everyone. As we waited in the first lobby, the rooms filled up, and as expected, not everyone got one. So we made our way to the next hotel, spirits high, pairing up so that when we inevitably ran out of rooms again, we could share what was left so everyone had a warm place to sleep that night.

Alaskans take care of each other. We look out for one another. If that means giving up a full PFD so that our seniors get their benefits, so that we have access to a strong, accredited education, so that those who suffer from addiction receive treatment, I'll give gladly. Please do right by Alaskans and pass HB2001. Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to submit this testimony. I truly appreciate how hard you've worked to pass a reasonable budget. Don't stop.

Sincerely,  
Catherine E. Hatch  
Juneau, Alaska

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Cable <akshipmate@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:42 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Smaller PFD and veto override, please!

Dear lovers of the great state of Alaska:

Please support smaller PFDs, and override the Governor's budget vetoes by voting for HB 2001.

Thank you,

Susan Cable  
Juneau, AK

-----Original Message-----

From: Margo Sorum <blissyogawithmargo@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:47 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Limit PFD and support Education

I personally support limiting the PFD so we do not gut our education. Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration.

Thank you,  
Margo Sorum

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Emily Ferry <emily.ferry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:48 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support HB 2001

Dear House Finance Committee,

As the mom of the three kids, I am often asking my kids to contribute to the functioning and wellbeing of my family. As a citizen of the State of Alaska, I believe that I should be contributing to functioning and wellbeing of my state.

I moved here from New Hampshire, the live free or die state. I was shocked to see in one of David Teal's many graph's that Alaskan's contribute half of what my frugal New Hampshire neighbors contributed to the functioning of the state.

Like many who have testified on HB 2001, I am concerned about government spending. But as a student of several ill-conceived (and fortunately never constructed) mega-projects, I believe that they only gained momentum because Alaskans felt like they had "free money", whether from the federal government or pipeline. If citizens contribute to the functioning of their government, they are far more likely to ensure that that money is well spent.

Take care,  
- Emily Ferry  
836 Calhoun Ave  
Juneau AK 99801

**From:** Ann Jamieson <annfjamieson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support a new appropriations bill

Honorable members of the Finance Committee:

If we want to avoid an economic disaster for all Alaskans, it is important to restore funding of the vetoed items in the budget. You, the legislature, approved a balanced budget that allows for a \$1600 handout to each Alaskan. Governor Dunleavy and his 22 followers in Wasilla have a political agenda that is based on the Americans for Prosperity's desire to destroy government. They are propagating the myth that we are in an economic crisis. It is not. It is a political crisis. Do not let their misguided agenda prevail. Stand up for Alaska. Restore the funding.

Ann Jamieson, A Non Partisan Voter  
-----Original Message-----  
From: Lucy O'Brien <lmurdy@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:03 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Public testimony

I'm concerned about the state of Alaska. More money needs to be funded for education and arts services! The safety of Alaskans, support for mental health in Alaska, support of our elders, and the marine highway should also be a priority. We should be funding these and NOT the pfd.

Sincerely,  
Lucy O'Brien

Lifelong Kodiakian  
Professional School Counselor

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Michelle Scott <michellescott201069@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Re PFD/budget

I'm asking that we receive a full dividend as we are supposed to, from the very beginning of the PFD. Asking that you cut and cap the budget. Over the top spending needs to stop. Any changes made to the dividends, needs to go before the people for a vote. Thank you kindly Michelle

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** Shayna Rohwer <shaynarohwer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:05 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** please, please, restore funding

Dear Representatives,  
Please listen to the majority of your constituents and restore funding to head start, to medicaid, to the arts, the UA System. I would much rather have a smaller PFD and a functional economy than what is happening now. My heart is breaking for Alaska, I am afraid for my and my husband's job, our property values, our quality of life. Please do what is right for our state and restore the capital budget.  
Many thanks,  
Shayna Rohwer  
Juneau, AK

-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Cizek <and.czk@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:07 PM  
To: Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Re: Government is broken and not for the people as article 1 section 2 of the AK constitution states.

I'm glad you asked! I want legislators who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and figure out a way to do both and if you can't do this please resign and let someone else take your place who can and is willing to do a little extra and get it accomplished. If you even took the time to read anything I sent to you... I'm interested in a governing body which is not above the law and follows the law as well as the constitution on which the law is based. If \$3000 would actually solve something and you rogue legislators would stop stealing more from the people and actually cut the budget that would be just fine but all you want to do is get your hand into the cookie jar with \$65 billion at your finger tips and piss it away like it's water thrown overboard and then cry to the people how you're so used to spending all this money and now don't have any more because of overspending as usual on your special interests and pet projects so now we have no other means of getting money except through further and deeper taxation. Please

remember that the government has yet to make a red cent as it all comes through some form of raking it in from the people. And government we have in excess! Federal, state, borough, city, schools, universities, and even for the kids ASAA! Taxes we also have! Federal, social security which by the way isn't a government benefit as government again contributes ZERO into it, unemployment, property, sales, utilities, food, gas, automobile, DMV, hunting, fishing, trapping, drawing hunts, airplane, personal property, permits, tickets and the list goes on. What's ever done with the billions of dollars stemming from these taxes we pay dearly for already? And by the way that wasn't a conclusive list as every time you turn around we pay more and more hidden tax. So to sum it up I want smaller government to match our dwindling economy so it won't take us all under and with strong enough legislators who will do this without taking the easy road and stealing the PFD. So legislators like you who have been in office for 4 years and did nothing but suck off the government tit (used up all the budget reserve) to supply your special interest group of commercial fishermen and just by chance your husband is a commercial fisherman. Coincidence or double dipping? Many other politicians in this state also have their hand in the commercial fishing cookie jar (hence the commercial fishing special interest rights over the people of Alaska as a whole) but yet which is a tiny percentage of the people of Alaska and which brings up an ethics issue as well. You also support your other major special interest the Alaska marine highway system (AMHS). This also is supporting another small percentage of people on the backs of all Alaskans as a whole. There's plenty of fat to be cut and even if cut all these special interest groups still get the pfd if they qualify which many of the commercial fishermen are from out of state and obviously don't qualify and they really don't contribute or really care about Alaska's economy or status as long as they have a job that supports them and their out of state life style the rest of the year. Also the AMHS has numerous employees who don't live in Alaska either but gladly take Alaska's money out of Alaska to spend elsewhere. Article 1 section one ends with all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law; and that all persons have corresponding obligations to the people and to the state. What do these out of state people contribute to Alaska? Yet you're in full support of this! You as a legislator have control over our resources such as oil, gas, minerals, royalties and oil company tax credits (sb21)and who gets what, tourism, lobbyists, who gets fishing permits, who is on the board of fisheries and the board of game, who sits on the judicial commission, how the construction contracts are written and a host of other possible money savings techniques. What incentives have you initiated for government to actually start trying to save money? How about a 20% cut off the top of everything? That would be a great start and equal for everyone till we get our footing as a state again and can reimplement some extras. Use these ideas and don't be so fast to steal from and hurt the people as a whole as much and as soon as you can to demonstrate how cut to the bone you are but yet keep giving to your special interest groups. Many of who may not even live in Alaska. Instead you try and punish the people of Alaska as a whole for not bowing down to you the almighty legislator who works for the people (supposedly) but not looking out for the betterment of the people according to the oath you took which commands you to do. Everything government puts their hand to requires more money and time to do then private companies can do it for. With that statement please remember that you the government does not know how to spend the people's money better then we do! Hopefully that'll give you a picture of what we the conservative people of Alaska want if you actually read this.

Keep looking up!!!!

Andy

**From:** Cheryl Cameron <cheryl.cameron@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:10 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>;

Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please vote for HB2001

Dear Legislators,

Please restore funding to the programs cut by the governor's vetos, and undo the reverse sweep. Please vote for HB2001.

I am sorry I cannot go testify in person. I need to work.

The vetos are hurting small businesses, property values, and threaten continued and deeper recession.

This weekend, I attended Fairbanks' "Farewell Alaska" concert. It made me weep, to ponder what this state means without an arts council, without Clare House, without The Door, without senior benefits, without a functional and thriving University, without the ability to leverage federal funding for cost-saving measures like adult dental care. It's madness to hand out money to a PDF and claim that we cannot pay for our own State's basic needs. I've spent the last two weeks in a state of worry - both for what this means for my own family, and what it means for our state. It is a great deal of stress.

Use the PDF. Tax us. Alaskans take care of Alaskans, and the current budget doesn't do that. It does not reflect our values, or our priorities.

Thank you,  
Cheryl Cameron  
Fairbanks, House district 4

-----Original Message-----

From: Shari Paul <shari\_paulak@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:13 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Help!

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>> Restore our budget and the sweep! Be brave and introduce a small income tax!

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>> And thank you for meeting and taking the time to do the right thing!

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>> Much appreciated.

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>> Shari Paul

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>> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Annie Mackovjak <amackovjak15@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:15 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** State budget - please act

Dear Legislators,

I am a retired Alaska teacher, and I am shocked and saddened by what the governor's budget is doing to education. Teaching our youth (pre-K through college) should be of paramount importance in any civilized setting. These young people are our future workers and leaders. We want them to stay in Alaska, but you are driving them away. As well, you are causing so many teachers to have to leave the state.

How can giving a \$3,000 PFD be justified when so many needed programs are being gutted?. We all should be happy to receive a small PFD and be able to have services that are so necessary Tightening our belt is one thing, but putting a noose around the neck is something else entirely.

I totally support the amended HB 2001, allowing for a \$929 PFD and funding all important budget items. The future of Alaska is in your hands. Act in the best interest of the state - not just today, but look ahead. Do you want a state that is sacrificing what is of the utmost importance to the people - care for the elderly, education for the youth, health care, including mental health, social services. You have a duty, not to the oil companies, but to the people of our state. It is we who elected you; you work for the people - not the governor. Be strong and represent us. Choose the values that have made us a state we have been proud to live in. Choose Alaska.

Respectfully,

*Annie Mackovjak*

PO Box 63, Gustavus, AK 99826

**From:** Eloise Darrow <the.weaser.ak@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:19 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Written testimony regarding cut educational programs

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am very disappointed in the decision to cut funding for the Alaska Performance Scholarship as well as the Alaska Education Grant and the WWAMI program. Since I was in seventh grade, I worked hard to maintain a 4.0 GPA, even when taking the more challenging Advanced Placement and Honors classes. I knew that if I could keep this GPA then I would receive the Alaska Performance Scholarship upon graduating from high school, which would help me pay for college at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Now the year has come. I graduated from West Valley High School this May, expecting to be rewarded for my years of effort and dedication to my education, but instead the scholarship was cut. I know I am among many who have worked hard to achieve this honor, and it's hard for me to believe that the leadership of Alaska would rather cut the funding for Alaska's future than to implement a statewide income tax or to find another source of revenue.

My lifelong plan has been to earn a degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, then to go to medical school, and to return to Alaska to work in my community; but now that my state's future is

uncertain, so is my willingness to return. I am disappointed in our leadership and I hope that these scholarships can be restored.

Sincerely,  
-Eloise Darrow

**From:** Sierra Lehman <nightjarstudio@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** End Political Theater, Work for Real Compromise

I support the additional budget cuts, particularly since the time to overturn the vetoes has legally passed. Please stop dividing the legislature and start working with the governor through the laws and statutes on the books to find true compromises, that best serve the people and the welfare of the state in the long run. The continued political theater just proves that as politicians you care only for yourselves and the power for political parties and not serving the residents of the state or the state itself. Allow the people to be part of the pfd decision by putting it to a real vote by the people.

Thank You,  
Sierra Lehman

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** MK MacNaughton <mkmac@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:26 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001 Testimony

Dear Legislators,

It is extremely distressing to imagine our state without robust educational and vocational opportunities for young Alaskans. Please support education by limiting the PFD via HB 2001. I'm not employed by UAS and I don't have children in school in Alaska, but I'm nearing retirement age, and I don't want to stay in a state that doesn't support young people and education. What could be more important to the vitality and growth of our state than access to education? Alaska will lose more than it's young people if the University system is destroyed. Working professionals and retirees will choose to invest their incomes and savings elsewhere. You know the saying "Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime?" By gutting education for a pfd, you're gobbling up the fish.

Keep Alaska vibrant by investing in education.

**MK MacNaughton**  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tom Bronga <tbronga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:28 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Limit the PFD

I have an amazing story to share. I arrived in Alaska in 1984, coming from New York with \$50 to my name. I have had incredible opportunity and I would've had anywhere else. After several jobs, I obtained a Special education endorsement at UAA and was immediately hired at East Anchorage High school where I worked for 29 years.

My wife and I have three amazing kids, all born in the early 1990s. We invested all their PFD dividends, ranging from \$800-\$2000 per year. Upon graduation the kids each had about \$45,000 for college.

Our oldest daughter had several nordic ski college scholarship offers from around the country. But she chose to attend UAA. She also received the Alaska Performance Academic Scholarship.

She graduated 4.5 years later with a civil engineering degree, gpa of 4.0 and was an all American skier collegiate skier three years straight. She now works for BP has a well intervention engineer with a very important job for Alaska. For over 5 years, she examined poorly producing oil fields and remediated them, making them producers. More importantly, she put more oil in the pipeline. She's gave back to the Alaska that invested in her, providing oil revenues that can be use for other Alaskans future.

My older boy also went to UAA, with the help of his PFD savings and AK performance scholarship. He received a civil engineer in degree and works for Stantec Alaska. His latest projects include working on erosion control near the trans Alaska pipeline as well as earthquake damage assessment and repair designs for bridges, roads and buildings infrastructure throughout the southcentral Alaska.

Lastly, my youngest boy decided to go to University Nevada Reno and major in electrical engineering. Here's the difference, he didn't have close education or economic ties in engineering firms in Alaska. He wasn't able to find a job up here and now lives and works as an electrical engineer in California. He was not given the opportunity to get back to Alaska like his siblings.

I fear that if UA loses 41% of it's funding, facility, and programs, our currently and future high school grads, will not have the opportunities my children enjoyed. Cutting UA is short changing our future generations.

Some Alaskans may disagree. They may see only dollars this year. They may see a checkbook that is running out of money. They may think overriding the vetoes is irresponsible govt.

I respectfully disagree. Without a strong University system, students will be limited and not given the opportunity to give back to Alaska. An investment in education dollars is well spent and has rewards. Our children depend on what legislators do this week. The vast majority of Alaskans hope they do what is right for them, their children and what's right for a future, strong Alaska!

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Tom Bronga

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Arnold <bob\_arnold@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:28 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD thoughts

We who work one or more jobs to provide for our families need help, the same as those who are demanding that no state services be cut. But we keep working harder so they can have more. I'm tired of watching you take money out of my pocket to give to others.

The PFD is Constitutionally ours, we traded our subsurface mineral rights for those royalties. It is not "unsustainable". The budget is.

If you don't make deep cuts this year and every year to follow, you will soon drain the CBR, then we'll be truly screwed with no reserves and a still-bloated budget. THEN you'll be forced to make draconian cuts and it's going to be cataclysmic. Or you could start now, follow Dunleavy's lead and make some cuts. Think! You are driving us off a cliff. Put on the brakes!

Bob Arnold

Anchorage

-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny Glenn <mtbikejen@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:32 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget and limiting the permanent dividend

My names is Jennifer Glenn and I've lived in Alaska for 43 years. When my family moved to Alaska in 1977 I started receiving the permanent dividend when eligible and have had it ever since. I strongly oppose what Governor Dunleavy is doing with our budget and gutting budgets to our Universities, public schools, senior citizens, the Alaska State Council for Arts, and many other programs all in the name of handing out a dividend to Alaskan citizens.

I'm willing to forego my dividend as well as my children's if it means bringing back these viable and important items that help our community flourish. As an artist I'm appalled that Alaska will be the only state in the U.S without a State Council for Arts. As a student who went through the public school system in Anchorage and attended UAF and UAA graduating on the Dean's list with a Bachelor of Arts; I'm appalled that UAA could lose accreditation as well as many good professors, five who are friends of mine, who all have families and would consider leaving Alaska.

A governor should be looking at the future of Alaska and what will make our many communities flourish, not wither away leading to many good students, families and Alaskan's leaving a state they at one point cherished. All for what purpose? To handout a dividend that was meant to help people. Well that time has passed and keeping the dividends is helping no one.

Thank you for your time,  
Jennifer Glenn

**From:** Dave Nebert <nebert@gci.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:34 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Support the VETO, restore hope

House Finance Committee,

The governor's draconian vetoes will kill the Alaskan economy for a decade or more. If he happens to win another term, the recovery will take even longer. Besides the ruthless dismantling of Alaska's social safety nets, many small businesses will close, and perhaps a few large stores as well. The educated and those who have marketable skills will be first to leave for a state that cares about social justice. Teachers are in short supply in the lower 48. The failure to support a viable education system will cause many folks who otherwise might like to live in Alaska to turn away. The families of the F-35 crews will likely NOT come with their spouses if they have children.

Killing the program that encourages top high school students to remain and learn in Alaska is another shot in the foot. That means the brightest kids in the state will leave to study elsewhere, and many will not return, increasing the brain drain.

Many more families will leave, following many that have already left for the lower 48. This will lower property values, which will increase taxes in an attempt to cover the infrastructure still needed by those who remain. This will start a downward spiral.

There is no state in our country that is doing well economically that doesn't have a viable, and preferably a top notch, university system. The vetoes that cripple the University of Alaska will turn it into a second class institution.

Is this the future that the people of Alaska want?

The Permanent Fund was originally set up as a rainy day fund for when the oil ran out. Though it was never intended to be, it later became an "entitlement" to many. An analysis needs to be done by smart people who understand math in order to come up with a sustainable PFD program. At \$3000 a pop, the fund will go bankrupt within a few years. Most of us would like to see the PFD payout adjusted so that our grandchildren will also benefit.

Please restore the bipartisan budget proposed by the legislature. It's austere, but will hopefully allow future growth in Alaska.

Dave Nebert, Fairbanks, A 50+ year resident who would like an Alaska that we can be proud of.

-----Original Message-----

From: phyllis haggland <phaggland@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:37 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Public hearing

TO: House Finance Committee

Fairbanks Hearing

July 17, 2019

FROM: Phyllis Haggland

2100 Becker Ridge Rd

Fairbanks, AK 99709

RE: Public Testimony

1. Line-item vetoes: ALL should be reversed and the Legislature should change the law allowing this practice. The SEPARATION OF POWERS must be respected and defended to protect democracy from deteriorating into dictatorship.
2. PFD: the \$3000.00 amount, no matter how justified, should not be paid. Dunleavy politicized the PFD and used it to buy votes. Many Alaskans sold their government, culture, natural resources, public education, seniors, health and future generations for a few shekels. The Legislature should pay out a reasonable amount and try to remove the formula from the political arena.
3. Budget: oil tax credits need to be eliminated. It is simply stupid to pay Big Oil more than we receive from them. The public also needs to know the amount of political contributions received by every politician from oil companies, other large corporations and their front organizations. After that a progressive income tax should be on the table because it is not fair that property owners alone continue to accept the rising tax burden.

Respectfully submitted on July 16, 2019, Phyllis Haggland  
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Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandy Dauenhauer <[ravensandyd@gmail.com](mailto:ravensandyd@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:38 PM

To: House Finance <[House.Finance@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Finance@akleg.gov)>

Cc: Rep. Grier Hopkins <[Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov)>; Sen. John Coghill <[Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov)>

Subject: Limit PFD; support state services

It makes no sense that only the PFD is sheltered from the cuts and adjustments that every other department of the state is subject to.

The first responsibility of any government cannot be to disburse money to residents at the expense of every other service. This is "bread and circuses" demagoguery.

The PFD should have a ceiling that it cannot exceed. Originally the plan was for a limit of \$1,000. This is reasonable. The PFD was not intended to be a major source of income for individuals, but to provide a small share of revenue from resource development to encourage Alaskans to pay attention to the fund's management.

Please support a ceiling for the PFD and work to ameliorate the governor's disastrous cuts, especially to the university and public education.

Sandra Dauenhauer   Ester, AK

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Helen Howard <hnh@acsalaska.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:39 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Restore the vetoed budget

Not everyone needs a \$3000 PFD. Other States have income taxes. There is no need for this situation. Please restore the House budget and do not let the vetoes stand.

Thank you,  
Helen Howard  
3015 Riverview Drive  
Fairbanks AK 9909

**From:** Anne Lucas <ktnanne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:42 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony

I support a smaller PFD and an override of Governor's Operating and Capital Budget Vetos.

Sincerely,  
Anne Lucas

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"Let your true light shine."

Anne Lucas  
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**From:** Eric <ericdelliott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:44 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** : Restore PFD/Support Cuts

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Eric <[ericdelliott@gmail.com](mailto:ericdelliott@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** July 16, 2019 at 8:50:24 PM AKDT  
**To:** [housefinance@akleg.gov](mailto:housefinance@akleg.gov)  
**Subject:** Restore PFD/Support Cuts

Last year Alaskans overwhelmingly voted for Governor Dunleavy. He ran a campaign based on cuts and restoring the PFD. Why legislators are shocked he is doing this is laughable. This is what he promised and what Alaskans voted for. Please respect the will of the people.

Eric Elliott

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Johnson <aklarryak@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:45 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 2001

First, I want to thank the finance committee for crafting a budget that was carefully constructed to further reduce state expenditures while allowing a PFD and coming closer to a balanced state budget. Unfortunately our governor and his outside Libertarian budget director have ignored your hard work and chosen to sabotage it with irresponsible, costly and damaging vetoes.

I support a PFD of up \$1600 , but IF and only if all or most of the vetoes are overridden by approved supplemental appropriations passed by 3/4 or more of the legislators in special session. I am especially concerned that the vetoes of Head Start, needy seniors, homeless assistance be corrected. These cuts are not only ethically despicable, but they don't even save money since they will cost the State much more in their future effects.

I urge the committee to link any PFD to correcting monies lost to the vetoes, as well as to the unexpected sweeps.

Stand up for Alaska!  
Larry Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Harris\_Ryan <Harris\_Ryan@asdk12.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:50 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

I strongly oppose HB2001. Your members stated we do not have the money to give a full PFD and to restore the cuts. You said we must choose one or the other.

The people of Alaska already made this decision when we elected Gov. Dunleavy. We elected him to give Alaskans a full PFD and make cuts to the state budget!

Ryan Harris

**From:** Heather Johnson <hjohnson.ovis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Testimony HB2001

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

*I am writing to ask you to please restore funding to the budget from the governor's vetos*, and to continue to stand up for our most vulnerable Alaskans, our students, and our economy. Education (preschool, K-12 and university), health care, social services, and the arts are all public services we NEED to ensure that communities in our state thrive now and into the future.

I do not need a PFD. I have lived and worked in other states, and certainly do not need this entitlement. Instead, I need good schools for my son, safe streets for my family, and programs that enable my community to flourish. I am happy to be taxed, be it an income tax or sales tax, or both. I am happy to forfeit my PDF and be taxed because I know that a society that protects, educates and cares for its people is far more important than an extra one-time check.

As a mother and a scientist, I recognize how valuable these public services are, and essential to keep productive families in Alaska. Given all the proposed cuts to education, my husband and I routinely talk about whether we should move away from this great state to ensure our son obtains a quality education, and can grow-up in a place with ample long-term educational and professional opportunities. As a scientist and employer, it is already difficult for me to find highly-qualified Alaskans to hire. Given past cuts to the university, graduate programs are already starved, and many top-notch faculty have already transferred elsewhere. With the unprecedented challenges facing Alaska, we should be *investing* in our education programs, not dismantling them.

The governor's cuts will be so detrimental to our state, our city and our communities. We can do so much better. We need to do so much better.

Sincerely, Heather Johnson  
16240 Baugh Circle, Anchorage, 99516

Honorable members of the House Finance Committee:

I respectfully request that the PFD not be extended to \$3000. This makes no sense in a time of fiscal distress and is, frankly, embarrassing.

The budget cuts are targeted to specific groups and, rather, should be across the board cuts. Belt tightening should be felt by all.

However, if we can't go back and equalize the hardship, then please find a way to soften the blows, keep our universities, the Alaska State Council on the Arts and other programs that are on the chopping block. If these are lost or downsized into ineffectuality, the repercussions will reverberate for decades. Has sufficient analysis been done to show how this will affect our state? I understand the governor has not provided explanation/reasoning. If you don't feel confident to know what the future holds with these extreme cuts, please don't make them.

Thank you.  
Amy Mackinaw

Fairbanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Diane Ludwig <dianeludwig49@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:52 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Vetoes. Sweeps. Governors Budget

Dear House Finance Committee,

I have lived in Alaska 45 years. I am raising my 3 sons here, one of whom is currently attending UAF. Alaska is where we want to live but the current state of affairs has our family of 5 in doubt.

All three of our kids have or are currently working hard to maintain their GPAs in order to receive the Alaska Performance Scholarship. The sweep to that funding undermines all they've worked for and discourages their ambition to that particular endeavor. Yes, we have set aside monies for their college and yes, there are other scholarships, but the APS is a powerful incentive toward achievement in our youth!

The vetoes affecting UA system are extreme. The UAF campus is already like a ghost town compared to when I attended in 1983-1985. Students have already chosen to study elsewhere and so these current cuts add insult to injury. We want to support our UA system by our own kids attending but these cuts make me question the quality of education they would receive.

Please reconsider these vetoes and sweeps! We do not need a fully funded dividend. We are willing to pay taxes. The youth of Alaska deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,  
Diane Ludwig

**From:** Michelle Ethun <cethun@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:51 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Unity

\$1600? \$981? \$3000? A university or no university? Arts or no arts? Social services or no social services? Heat or no heat? Fairbanks or the Mat Su?

**Really?! Have we really come to this? Have we, ALASKANS, really come down to this? We, the same people who stop for our neighbors on the road on a cold day. We, the same people who wear the Alaskan flag as proudly as we wear our own nation's flag. We, the same people who relish the fact that not all roads go to all places or that the only road that gets here is a long 3,000 mile link to the chaos of the "outside". We, who's children have learned to love the mountains, the tundra and our unique diversity of culture but also understand that we ALL benefit from our natural resources. We, the same people who play in -30, climb mountains, fish impossible rivers and trek across the state because we can. We, the same people who scoff at anyone from anywhere else because WE ARE OF HERE.**

But we are here, in this conversation, not because of Alaskan values. We are here, pitted against each other because we are manipulated by someone else's values, someone else's plan.

The OMB budget director put in place when Governor Dunleavy took office was not an Alaskan, nor will she be. Donna Arduin has stated so much in multiple interviews, expressing that she "can leave when her job is done." What is that job? It's a simple formula that she and her group, Arduin, Laffer and Moore Econometrics promoted across the country.

<https://www.juneauempire.com/news/budget-directors-history-of-cutting-with-hatchet-not-a-scalpel-sparks-concern/>

The formula goes like this: 1) pick a divisive issue to divide the population; 2) promise money not attainable; 3) separate the house and senate coalitions dealing with the public in-fighting; 4) remove all state agency leads/commissioners from the budget process, thereby removing the ability for the legislature to get any information; 5) make the cuts and leave.

**The formula worked- once. In Florida.** In Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, California and Wisconsin the results were a decline in each state's fiscal rating, increased deficits, and in the end, tax increases to overcome the deficits. (Search years 2007-2013 <https://www.mercatus.org>)

**Alaska is different. We are not Florida, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, California and Wisconsin. We are beautiful, fragile, young, native and full of future. That formula has no place here. Our fiscal future is a story yet to be written, not a political platform to tame. We can write our own future. We are intelligent. We invest in our future. We invite our children to go to trade schools and college here and improve our state. We invest in our people. We do not cast hate.**

And we never had \$3,000 to give away in the PFD. It would mean putting the corpus in peril. You all know this. It was the first red herring. We should have all paid attention then. The second was the cuts for the Marine Highway. When you're not from Alaska, they simply look like boats.

We need our state back. We need a united legislature. We need to keep our politics as our politics. We need to ask our own people to find the path to our future. We can and we will but we need you to act first. We are asking, begging, that you take back your constitutional duty as a body of government to allocate funds for the BENEFIT OF ALL ALASKANS. If Ms. Arduin is such a budget genius, she can stay in her position if she can work for us, not some outside entity.

**So job one- UNIFY. Help your Mat Su colleagues, who's constituents were the biggest pawn in Ms. Arduin's plan. Give them cover and hold your position. Your budget was sound.**

Mostly, just get our state back. We are all still here and we will all help find our future.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Ethun  
Two Rivers, AK

-----Original Message-----

From: Fin Ludwig <finludwig@icloud.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:57 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Governors budget

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a future UAF student I have been banking my work towards achieving the performance scholarships to afford college. With the current sweeps destroying the performance scholarships I don't have any reason to stay in Alaska and would have better luck getting scholarships else where. I would ask you to please re consider these drastic cuts to the UA system so myself and all other future UAF students will have a hope for reason to stay in Alaska for schooling.

Sincerely,  
Fin Ludwig

**From:** Patricia Turner Custard <ptc@blackplumebooks.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:57 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Save Our State

Dear Legislators,

Even if you didn't vote for overriding the governor's budget cuts, I am sure you're aware of the devastating potential of all of the cuts taken together. Maybe you support a line-by-line process of override. Wherever you stand, I beseech you to join the call for a special session to create a new capital budget bill and to follow up on that by joining the others in a bipartisan way. Please work together and vote on a budget that will save the services and protections Alaskans expect.

In addition, I ask you to support HB 2001, the bill proposing a \$1600 or less PFD. Nowhere in our Constitution or in statute were individual Alaskans promised a \$3,000 dividend. Individual residents gain so much more than the value of the dividend, in terms of services and protections you as legislators previously negotiated.

Please, I beg of you, do not allow the Dunleavy vetoes to remain in place and effectively destroy our state. If these vetoes are allowed to stay in place I fear I will not be able to afford to continue to live in my beloved home state and that is a heartbreaking thought. To live in a state without arts, a thriving and supported university, care and aid for our seniors and most fragile community members, a strong ferry system, early childhood education and supported public schools, is untenable. I am shocked and distressed that I even have to articulate these things. As public servants who have given of yourself to work for the benefit of Alaska, please dig down deep into your love for the state and for your fellow Alaskans and restore the things that make this state the wonderful place it should be and was before these devastating actions by the Governor.

Thank you,  
Patricia Turner Custard  
17670 Point Lena Loop Road  
Juneau, AK 99801  
907-209-4692

**From:** Tom Glass <tom.glass5@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:58 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB2001 Testimony

To the members of the House Finance Committee,

I am strongly in favor of a considerable reduction or elimination of the permanent fund dividend in order to reinstate the crucial state services, especially the University, that have been cut by the Governor's budget vetoes. The devastation that these vetoes are causing to thousands of Alaskans cannot be the cost of a higher dividend.

Thank you for your hard work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Tom Glass  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709

**From:** mgarhart20@gmail.com <mgarhart20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 9:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

I am against HB2001 ; I support the Dunleavy budget cut's ! The budget needs to be cut ! I support a FULL PFD ! The people have been robbed enough by Government ! \$ 27.3 BILLION ( 2000 - 2011 ) " Lazy Mountain Jim " . Robbed again ! ( 2017 , 2018 , 2019 ) . It is THEFT ! By extortion , collusion , conspiracy , and DECIET !

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Wilson <kwilson@wileng.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:01 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Cc: Jeff Wilson <jwilson@wileng.net>  
Subject: PFD and Budget

To All Concerned:

We strongly support a smaller PFD amount for Alaskan residents, and overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001. Citizens will lose far more with draconian budget cuts to services, than they will gain with a large PFD.

Sincerely,

Jeff & Karen Wilson  
Juneau & Tenakee Springs

**From:** Mary C. Mangusso <mangusso@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House efforts to pass legislation

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to voice my opinions on some of the governor's vetoes.

First of all, I retired from teaching history at UAF in 2014. I taught there sometimes part-time and occasionally full-time from 1966 until 2014 with the exception of the academic years of 1969-1974, when my husband and I went out of state to obtain our doctorates. So I do feel a certain loyalty to the University of Alaska. I would like to point out that not only will cutting the University budget by 41% at this time devastate the economy of Fairbanks and the interior (which I think almost all the legislators from the interior realize), but the university itself will take at least a full generation--if not longer--to recover. Why? Because if the president of the university is forced to issue a declaration of financial exigency, meaning that he can fire tenured faculty, among other things which he would have to do), no self-respecting scholar will be willing to come here to teach anytime in the foreseeable future, even should full funding be restored in a year or two. It would simply not be worth the risk of having something similar happen again.

Secondly, I am recently widowed, and I do wish to that all members of the legislature for the Legislative Memorial that they sent me this year.

As a widow, I have a limited but adequate income. My husband was vested in TRS (Teachers Retirement System) for many years, and he paid in extra all those years to cover me should he predecease me. As a result, after withholding, I receive slightly more than \$2,600 per month. I was never full-time long enough to vest in TRS. so when I was full-time I paid into ORP (Optional Retirement Program). My ORP account is administered by TIAA-CREF, and I receive from my retirement about \$11,000 per year. This comes in once a year payouts in December. Fortunately, we had the good luck to be able to save a lot of our money, and I have savings accounts in four Fairbanks banks. Also, my house is paid for. I own it free and clear. In other words, I am pretty well off financially. I do not need a \$3,000 PFD. I recently saw a letter in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner suggesting that if people don't want a "full" PFD, they can donate it to the university. I wouldn't mind doing so, but that won't work, because the president of the university has to know up front how much money he has to work with. He can't wait until October and hope the donations trickle in.

I am also concerned about the people who have already lost their senior benefits. In my opinion it's really cruel to do that to one of the most vulnerable segments of the population. They do need the money, and I don't understand why they are arbitrarily being punished for being old. Getting to be a senior happens to everyone lucky enough to live long enough, after all.

Thanks for letting me vent to you.

Best wishes for reaching a workable agreement with the governor,  
Mary C. Mangusso

**From:** John Amneus <beechnut@zoomtown.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:12 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Steve Thompson

<Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bart LeBon <Rep.Bart.Lebon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Scott Kawasaki <Sen.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Taxes-- We Alaskans are Spoiled

Dear House Finance Committee and Reps LeBon and Thompson--

Thank you for your time and attention in reading this message.

I'm an old guy.

5 years ago, I started spending my summers in Fairbanks.

I'm now an all-year resident of Fairbanks. I work here full-time. I love this place.

But I have a few observations:

We Alaskans are spoiled. We don't pay state income tax, and we don't pay sales tax (mostly). And yet we get fabulous services.

High-quality infrastructure, education (at all levels), good libraries, social services, arts, etc. And all across a far-flung geography with a relatively small tax base. And on top of that, we get a dividend, just for living here. It's really nice. I love it.

But how is this possible?

The answer, as we all know, is fairly simple.

Through a combination of luck, vision, good planning and management by past leaders, Alaska has benefitted from fabulous oil wealth for a generation or more. Oil exports are the goose that has laid the golden eggs. It's been great.

And we've become accustomed to it. Most Alaskans have never known a different way of life. We've come to accept all these services and dividends as normal. And when our sweet deal is threatened, we get very angry. "We deserve all of this. It's our right. Don't you dare take this wealth away from us. Don't ever ask me to pay taxes. It's my right to get great services without paying for them." As I say, we've been spoiled.

But the goose is getting old. It's the sad truth. Oil production and revenues are down. The golden eggs are getting smaller. There may be ways to delay the inevitable, but loss of state income is real, and no one wants to face it.

So what's a state to do?

In Ohio, where I lived most of my life, there's a constant discussion about what the state and local governments should do. And the benefit of each government function is weighed against the cost and who will pay for it. Should we borrow money to make this happen? Or raise taxes? Or cut services? It's never pretty or easy, and political power is always a big factor. But everyone accepts that, at some point, you have to pay for what you're going to get.

Alaska has had the luxury, for many years, of not making these tough choices. It's time to start.

Where do we begin?

I will start by pointing out that there are some human needs that are best met by individuals making choices about their own money\*. There are other needs that are best met by businesses competing in a free market\*\*. But there are also significant needs that are best met by governments\*\*\*: things that individuals can't do, and businesses won't do.

We Alaskans need to decide what these government-based needs are. Which ones are worth paying for, and how to pay for them.

As we decide, there will be people on one extreme, pushing extreme ideas, and loudly convinced that they are right. And at the other extreme, people will be equally vocal, emotional, and full of anger. And equally convinced that they are right. The extremes will not understand or accept each other.

But that's not what we need. We don't need ideology. We need ideas. Long-term vision. And honest discussion about how to best reach that vision. Meeting in the middle. Pragmatic trading of practical plans.

It is clear that, without the oil income of the past, Alaska cannot maintain its current level of spending long-term. And yet the state has real needs. We need to take care of our people now. We also need to build a sustainable future.

Taxes will be needed. I'm sure of that. I'm willing to pay for what we get. And I'm not the only one. It will take courage for a politician to ask for taxes in this environment, but it is necessary.

Alaska is a great land, with great institutions, great people and great resources. Please don't throw away our future greatness, in the name of false short-term economy.

Once again, thank you for your time and attention in reading this message.

--John Amneus  
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Fairbanks AK 99701

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-----Original Message-----

From: Donna Hawkins <donna.hawkins@gci.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:17 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support for HB 2001

Dear Members of the Alaska State House Finance Committee

I strongly urge you to adopt HB2001.

In addition, Governor Dunleavy's vetoes are a form of economic terrorism and they should be reversed ! The legislature worked very hard on a budget that provided for all Alaskans and I hope you will be able to bring that budget to fruition.

I very much appreciate all the time and effort you have expended for the good of all Alaskans.

Respectfully  
Donna Hawkins  
Fairbanks Alaska  
[Donna.hawkins@gci.net](mailto:Donna.hawkins@gci.net)  
Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----  
From: Nancy Hall <hall1@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:18 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Restore Funding

Dear Finance Committee,

I am writing to request that the committee work to restore the funding originally presented to the governor. His vetoes were an extremely reckless use of power that could destroy Alaska's economy. We need solutions that are sustainable for all Alaskans not just those that want a temporary large PFD.

We need a University to educate our work force. My daughter graduated from UAA with a nursing degree and is now an RN proudly serving an underserved population. My son is to become a commercial pilot and my granddaughter should have the opportunity to attend a credible university close to home. Students that study in Alaska stay in Alaska.

We have a large population of homeless many of which are mentally ill, we can't possibly turn our backs on them. We should be working to reduce this situation to benefit everyone in Alaska. If not, we will have more drugs and more crime which will affect us all.

The elderly have given to our state for years yet the governor is going to take away programs that may be all that keep them living. We shouldn't be taking from the young and the old. What kind of government would we have if we don't help those that need us most?

We have relied on oil royalties for a long time but it's time for other alternatives. Most states have sales taxes. Those that can afford it will be helping our services. The PFD hasn't always been big but the governor has lead people to believe that it will always stay that way, that's not how it works. I've seen it much lower in the past.

Again I strongly request that you restore funding to protect our university, jobs, housing market, economy and all that is our beloved state.

Thank you,

Nancy Hall

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Anchorage, AK 99502

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Richard Seifert <solarheroak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:18 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony/ letter for Wednesday July 17 hearing

My name is Richard Seifert, 475 Panorama Drive Fairbanks.  
I have been involved with the University all my professional life.  
Here is my testimony:  
House Finance committee members:

I am submitting a letter by email as I don't know if I will get to testify with what I expect to be a huge turnout.

First, as I have had a full and productive life for all my years in Alaska, because I have been associated with the University of Alaska Fairbanks: first as a student, then as for eight years as a researcher, and culminating in 30 years as a professor, I am imploring you to understand that the university is crucial to our future, and our achievement of a competent citizenry. You must continue to support it with an adequate budget, and stop the devastating cuts.

The first of many inevitable treacheries has surfaced with the UAA senate acting and calling on the regents and you legislators to eliminate the University in Fairbanks. I know you see this for what it is, but let me characterize it further, because it is a first example of what will happen to all sorts of groups and constituencies, who because of the governor's foolish and mean vetoes, will turn on their peers and fellow organizations in order to grasp at the leftovers of financial security and beat each other up. I will just say that it is metaphorically like we are all on the Titanic, and we know there aren't enough lifeboats to survive, so we are forced to look around to see who to push overboard. Enough said.

I support the effort of HB2001 and a small pfd (\$950 or so) . I voted for the Permanent Fund in 1976, and I know what it was for. The dividend is a wonderful thing, but it was an after thought and never intended to be the sole purpose of the Permanent Fund. It has become our nemesis and our undoing. Highly regrettable, but such is the harvest of greed over good sense. People are claiming all sorts of

righteous screeds about how the pfd is their “right” and entitlement. This was never so and never will be.

If it weren’t for the constitutional state ownership of the subsurface rights to resources, there wouldn’t even be a Permanent Fund or dividend, yet some people never figure this out.

YOU, and only you, as the legislature have the constitutional duty and authority to decide on the amount and distribution of the dividend. Never waver from this and don’t be held hostage by it. This is the most dire situation our state has faced in my 50 years of life here. You must help us through it and do your duty. Our future is in your hands.

**From:** Molly Tankersley <mtankersley14@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:20 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Testimony on HB 2001

Hello,

Madam/ Mr. Chair and members of the committee, my name is Molly Tankersley, and I am a resident of Juneau.

I'd like to offer my written testimony in support a smaller PFD amount for Alaskan residents, and I support overriding the Governor’s budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001. A massive PFD will not help my friends and family who are losing jobs due to the budget vetoes.

A strong, fully funded university system and supportive program for those in need will allow myself and others to stay in state and continue to contribute to the future of Alaska - a \$3,000 PFD will not. I urge you to support HB2001.

Thank you,  
Molly Tankersley

**From:** Simon Taylor <memeticdool@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:20 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Choose Alaskans

Do you choose Alaskans who have invested their lives here, or do you choose oil companies?

You have a choice. My wife and I are 21 year residents raising our 11 year old son here. We are the Alaskans you choose for when you fund the university.

We own a home and share our neighborhood with our friends, other families, the elderly - the lifelong Alaskans you choose for.

We celebrate Alaska native artisans - the Alaskans you choose for - supported by the Alaska State Council on the Arts over foreign tourist trinket knock-offs.

Give me a small PFD - or no PFD - and restore the vetoed cuts to the budget. Or give me an income tax and restore the vetoed cuts to the budget so I can support my state. Or if you can't stand to take PFD social welfare, and you can't stand to tax hard working Alaskans, then just take back the SB21 welfare Governor Parnell gave to the oil industry and restore the cuts to the budget.

Whatever you do, make no mistake: you have a choice. You don't work for Democrats, you don't work for Republicans, you don't work for the Governor. You are the Alaska House of Representatives. The future is in *\*your\** hands, and *\*you work for Alaskans\**. You work for me, and Alaskans like me are watching.

It's not complicated. Choose Alaskans.

Simon Taylor  
Juneau

**From:** Don Kardash <donkardash1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:22 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB2001

Good day,

I respectfully implore you to restore in HB 2001 the funding cut by both the Governor's vetoes and the "reverse sweep." As a 25-year resident of North Pole, I am dismayed by the negative impacts the Governor's vetoes and the loss of funding due to the unexpected inclusion of never-before-swept programs in the "reverse sweep" will have on our state, especially our local community. I appreciate your work very much.

Don Kardash  
North Pole, Alaska

-----Original Message-----

From: gayletriv@gci.net <gayletriv@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:26 PM  
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB2001

I am writing in strong support for HB2001 and appreciation for the legislators who have worked to save our state from the disastrous cuts to the funding of our infrastructure and services. My heartfelt prayer is that the misguided minority legislators will see the errors of their views and join you in voting to override the vetoes of our ignorant puppet governor.

In the near future we need a serious look at Alaska's entire financial picture and decide if we want to continue to be a colony to oil, tourism and any other powerful industry that wants to exploit our resources or if we have the guts to control our resources like we did with fisheries in our early statehood days.

I can't help but think my grandparents and parents would be extremely disgusted with our current state of affairs. It's time for Alaska to grow up and take responsibility for contributing to the infrastructure that makes it possible to reap the benefits of living here.

Thank you for your hard work!  
Gayle Trivette

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Anna Clausen <anna.c.aase@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:31 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 2001

Dear House Finance,

Please restore the funding to state programs by voting for HB 2001. Alaskans are counting on it. We need education, ferries, medicaid, and non profits to stay afloat.

Thank you,

Anna Clausen  
9073620988

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Alyssa Kleissler <dancinak@ctcak.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:30 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record on HB 2001

My name is Alyssa Kleissler and I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I would like to testify on the record in support of HB 2001 to reinstate the budget items vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and provide for a "surplus PFD". I believe a \$3000 PFD is not sustainable and would cause irreversible damage to our state by way of the devastating cuts proposed.

Thank you.  
Kindest regards,

Alyssa Kleissler

**From:** Erica Blake <elblake2012@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:34 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** I Support HB2001

To the House of Finance:

I live in Fairbanks, Alaska. I am in favor of the House Bill 2001, and would gladly accept a small PFD to help keep Alaska's essential services going.

I am emailing to show my support for passing this bill.

Thank you,  
Erica

-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia McMillan <cynthia.mcmillan\_ak@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:34 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: I want my full PFD cut the budget!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Rabold <backhome@ak.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:41 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Funding for Education

To the House Finance Committee:

I have lived in Kodiak since 1981. My youngest daughter received her master degree from UAF and is the middle school counselor. We need to fund education including our universities. The future of Alaska depends on the availability for our young people to access education. I also support funding our seniors and Medicaid as well as the Arts Council.

I support reducing or eliminating the permanent dividend check in order to fund these important programs.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Rabold  
4176 Cliffside Rd  
Kodiak, AK 99615

**From:** Whitney J <neibaur@msn.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:41 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Invest in a Future for our State!

To Whom It May Concern;

As a lifelong Alaskan who loves our state and loves raising my family here, this past year has been heartbreaking and stressful as I have watched the budget process unfold with zero regard to the community that has been my home my whole life. I have planned and hoped to raise my children here to enjoy that same community, but if there is not a change to the current budget plan, the economic impact will force the closure of our small business and force us to relocate out of state to an area where there is investment in the community and investment in our kids and their education.

While the PFD has been a useful bonus to my time in Alaska, no amount could ever compensate for the loss of our future here when the economic fallout from the current budget plan hits. \$1600 or even \$3000 will never compensate for the loss of our business, jobs and ability to support ourselves in our home state that we love. It won't even cover our moving costs should we be forced to relocate in the wake of the economic destruction that the current budget will cause. Nor do we, the current residents of Alaska, have any kind of right to the PFD. It was an answer to a problem from decades ago that no longer makes sense. The tragedy is trying to make sense of an old answer at the cost of solving our current problems. We are living in a different time and a different economic reality than when the PFD was instituted and it is time to recognize that we cannot put a price on our community and our future. We can't use our PFD checks individually to fund our schools, universities, arts programs, homeless shelters, senior benefits and myriad other essential programs, but we can grow up and say that the state could use that money to provide the necessary infrastructure for our communities to continue to grow and thrive.

Please hear the voices of Alaskans begging to be heard and represented. We cannot be bought with a yearly check, but we can certainly be lost to other areas of the country with the stranglehold of the current budget plan. We love our state and want to keep our communities strong with the help of our elected officials. Please give us that opportunity. Make a decision that will have the greatest long term benefit for our state, not buying votes with the promise of a flash in the pan at the cost of our future. It is absolutely a time for sacrifice, but not senseless and destructive sacrifice. The first sacrifice should be the PFD. We will all survive without a yearly check, but our communities can not survive without our investment.

Sincerely,  
Whitney Neibaur

**From:** Schuette <clkschuette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:43 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** The PFD

The governor used the word compromise this week in reference to the hard work you all are doing to reconcile differing opinions about what is best for Alaska.

Compromise. It is an important word. I hope he means it. I hope you are committed to it.

Whatever amount you land on, do not let the PFD degrade Alaska's educational attainment. No lump sum handed out today will sustain the population's potential for self sufficiency. Education is important, early education is so so very important.

When people are striving to enrich their lives, help them, today, so that they are not a burden on the system tomorrow. Give every Alaskan the start and support that they need to grow and thrive. If you want to cut spending on social safety nets like mental health facilities, drug and alcohol rehabilitation,

homeless shelters; do it organically by ensuring that the next generation has what it needs to avoid those paths.

Do not take this decision lightly and do not take it along party lines alone. I hate party lines. It makes everyone so strategically lazy.

Compromise. True innovation happens through collaboration. Compromise. Be proud of yourselves. I'd like to be proud of you.

Best regards,

Christine Schuette  
Anchorage

**From:** Geri McLeod <gerimcleod@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** to all that serve the great state of Alaska

Dear Legislators,

It is with deep gratitude that I write this email to all of you. I realize what a great commitment it is for all of you, both in time and in energy, to serve in the Alaska Legislature.

I feel the need to share my concern for the future of our state. I have two grandsons here in Juneau and they attend one of our local grade schools. They are both part of our state's future as they grow and learn and become our future leaders. I wish for them the opportunity to have an excellent education in our local school system and to have the option to attend our state university. I am deeply concerned by the proposed budget cuts to local school districts and our university system. I believe that with the proposed extreme cuts to both local schools and the university it will not be possible to experience an excellent education. I believe that the cuts are so deep and so wide that the loss of programs and teachers will not be conducive to making excellence possible. I believe that you can make the right decision to fully fund education and not take the extreme measure proposed by our governor. Please be future minded and not be swayed by the lure of larger dividend dispersal now.

Please consider the exodus of workers and their families that will happen if the extreme cuts that the governor proposes go into effect. The proposed \$3,000 dividend will cut jobs and services that will send families out of Alaska to look for work and a more stable economy to live in. This vote is not about getting a dividend it is about keeping our workforce strong, our infrastructure sound and our economy viable.

I hope to grow old living in Alaska with my family raising their my grandkids here. I don't want them to be part of the job loss exodus out of Alaska due to extreme budget cuts.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I trust that you will vote to keep Alaska strong for the future. Please do not vote for the \$3,000 dividend and please be part of the vote that refutes the governor's veto.

Sincerely,  
Gerianne McLeod  
Juneau resident

**From:** Bradley Cruz <brad.cruz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:52 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Written testimony to complete public testimony offered on 15 July.

Here is the text of what I intended to say at the LIO on Monday.

Thank you for taking all that testimony, thank you for serving, and keep your chins up as you continue your important work.

Bradley K. Cruz, MD  
1964 Loussac Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517

I am a physician retired from private practice and now volunteering as WWAMI faculty member, as well serving as the Medical Advisor to the UAA Ultrasound Training Program.

I came to the public hearing today to urge the legislature to reverse sweep the previously approved funding for the UAA/WWAMI medical school. WWAMI funding was not vetoed outright by the Governor but the medical school was defunded nonetheless by the failure to protect the funds from being swept back into the general fund.

It would be a colossal error to close the medical school which operates economically at about a third of the national average per capita cost yet has the 2nd highest return rate (61%) of its graduates in the nation. That is 12 alumni, on average, return to Alaska to practice each year. Additionally, we gain another 2 physicians per year from other WWAMI schools. If you count only the 12 WWAMI grads we get back each year and divide by the annual state appropriation for the medical school, which I'm told is only about \$2.4M per year, Alaska is paying about \$200,000 per doctor. That is remarkably low. Common values cited for the cost of training medical students range from \$100,000-\$150,000 PER YEAR per student, or about \$400,000-\$600,000 per graduate.

How can the UAA/WWAMI school operate so inexpensively? They leverage volunteer time and efforts of local physicians, including many Alaska WWAMI alumni. They also have low salaries generally, so low that it is hard to recruit of state talent to come teach here. Most importantly, they leverage funding from the University of Washington. It is

true that the state pays the University of Washington \$70,000 per student but UW funds several faculty positions at the UAA/WWAMI campus and they provide the administrative overhead, which includes managing accreditation and faculty training/credentialing. That was the whole point of partnering with the other small northwestern state and the University of Washington: little states share the costs rather than pay the whole cost. UAA/WWAMI is cost effective.

Another thing to consider is that many physicians and other professionals who might want to move here will be deterred from coming to a state where there is no place for their children to get good local college training and, should their children aspire to become physicians. local medical training.

The bill under consideration in this Special Session concerns the PFD. Most Alaskans recognize the special importance of the PFD to Alaskans with incomes near or below the poverty level. However, the Governor's use of this issue looks like a cruel and cynical way to buy support for his widespread destructive budget cuts that will plunge the state into a protracted recession, harming a huge swath of the state's peoples but falling most heavily on the very people who are most dependent on the PFD. Even a full PFD calculated by the original formula will not make up for the economic losses that will result from the Governor's approach to the budget.

The bogus aspect of the current debate is the false choice of budget cuts vs PFD. I don't pretend to understand all the details of the various State savings accounts and the Permanent Fund's various categories of funds but surely there are other possibilities for funding the capital and Operating Budgets AND making a useful PFD payment. I leave to others the conjecture about the hidden motives that may be driving the effort to defund the government and other important institutions. The existence of a hidden motive would explain why the false choice and its associated nasty, divisive narrative have been pushed so hard.

Another concern I have is that full funding of current PFDs and rebating previous shortfalls in the PFD, as some have demanded, is a means to another end which is the long cherished goal, in certain quarters, of killing the PFD.

I applaud the legislators in the House Majority Caucus for standing up in opposition to the Governor and his vetoes. I hope that you can convince enough sensible legislators to reverse the Governor's course and avert the looming economic catastrophe.

I also hope that in the next regular legislature session next winter the legislators will make a more courageous attempt to raise new revenues AND cutback on payments to oil companies. Speaking for myself and my wife, we would not mind paying a simple and reasonable tax. It could be a simple tax formula since progressivity is not needed; it would be already built in by the presence of the PFD, which is like a poverty allowance tax credit or tax offset. You might get some popular support if the tax applied to money earned in this state by non-residents.

**From:** Carl Tape <carltape@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** testimony on Alaska budget

Dear Alaska Legislators:

Thank you for representing Alaskans. My message is simple: Please aim for your original budget (June 10th) that funds Alaska---and notably UA---at reasonable levels. If there is money left over, then divide it up into the PFD. In my view, the PFD should be a bonus, not an entitlement. Alaskans should be entitled to basic services of **education**, health, transportation, and public safety.

My long message is copied below; I have already sent it to each Legislator on July 4th.

Best regards,  
Carl Tape ([carltape@gmail.com](mailto:carltape@gmail.com))  
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99709  
907-456-5611

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Dear Alaska Legislator:

Happy Fourth of July to you, and thank you for representing Alaskans like me. I know your time is valuable. I wrote a short email to you recently, asking you to vote to override the governor's vetoes, and I wanted to follow up with a longer one. I do not expect any response, but I will hold faith that you will have a chance to read it.

I'm a seismologist at UAF (Associate Professor of Geophysics). Here is one example of what I do:  
[https://youtu.be/SsR\\_fRDIQXk](https://youtu.be/SsR_fRDIQXk)

This is a computer simulation of the magnitude 7.1 earthquake near Anchorage in November 2018. It was featured the day after the earthquake in an ADN story, and it has been viewed by 15,000 people (which is pretty good for a science movie). This is one example of the topics I study for my job. Later I will explain how I came to this job.

My main hope is that, as you contemplate voting to override the governor's vetoes, you take the time to recognize the three-part scope for the University of Alaska:

- 1) teaching
- 2) research
- 3) public service.

Most people equate 1) with a university's primary mission. For 2) I will offer my own story, below. I am also copying an email I received today from a highly respected person in my field. I was struck by his concern for our state and university, given that he is from outside the state and not even a collaborator of mine. Like me, he sees great opportunities for Alaska.

----- Forwarded message -----

Dear Carl,

I'm very saddened to see the ill-advised and imprudent plans to cut UA funding by the governor. The UA system over the next half century should take its place among the great universities in the western US, with great impact for the people of Alaska. UA should develop along the same lines as UW, UO, CU, UU, and so on. Visionary leadership is needed to make Anchorage the Silicon Valley of the North, as the state moves away from its dependence on extractive industries. Instead, this governor will set the system back a half century, with horrible consequences for the state and its people. It's sad this governor is taking the approach to gutting the university that he is, but it's not unprecedented given the history of leadership of the state. His name will be indelibly written in history for this folly.

I hope you and your colleagues at the Geophysical Institute and the UA Fairbanks will be able to survive this attack, and continue the outstanding work that benefits the entire scientific community, and not just the people of Alaska.

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For 3) -- UA's public service mission -- I ask you to please read the ADN op-ed piece by State Seismologist Michael West, which I have attached here as a pdf as well.

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2019/07/02/university-budget-veto-could-endanger-all-alaskans>

I wanted to share my story about education in Fairbanks. In 1982 my dad (Walt Tape) accepted a one-year job to teach math at UAF. Along with him came my mom (Jeanne Tape), my brother Ken (age 5), and me (age 3). My dad wound up accepting a permanent position the following year, and we were here to stay. I regularly run into people in town or at UAF who tell me, "I took math from your dad." My mom taught English as a second language throughout the school district. She was an avid volunteer in Fairbanks. Although she wasn't much of an athlete herself, she recognized the positive impact of recreation on the community. She founded women's soccer in Fairbanks in the early 1980s, and she founded the high school soccer program (on virtually no budget) in 1993. Her name is on the pavilion at the FYSA soccer fields in Fairbanks.

I went to Woodriver Elementary School, Ryan Middle School, and West Valley High School in Fairbanks. Having grown up in Fairbanks, I was excited at the opportunity to pursue higher education outside Alaska. I attended Carleton College in Minnesota, then Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship (MS Geophysics), then California Institute of Technology (PhD Geophysics), then Harvard University (postdoctoral fellowship). For me, education was an opportunity to reach the highest level within my profession of seismology. The opportunity came along in 2010 when I noticed a national search for a tenure-track position in seismology at UAF. The main reason I pursued this job was the academic opportunity of world-class seismic data (Alaska Earthquake Center) combined with world-class high-performance computing (Arctic Region Supercomputing Center). It is difficult to envision any other career opportunity that would have brought me home. Luckily, I got the job.

I have a 12-month appointment at the Geophysical Institute at UAF. I receive 4.5 months salary for teaching at UAF, up to 3 months salary from Geophysical Institute (via State funds), and at least 4.5 months salary from federally funded, highly competitive projects that I pursue. 100% of my external funds are from federal sources, including the National Science Foundation, the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program, and the Department of Defense (Air Force Research Laboratory). Example projects include seismic hazards in Alaska and also global monitoring for nuclear explosions. Over the first five

years of my appointment, while bringing in my own 6 months salary per year from these projects, I have brought in \$2,154,983 to UAF as Principal Investigator, including \$640,649 in indirect funds that help support a wide array of services at UAF and UA. As co-Investigator on grants, I have helped to bring in \$3,685,033 to UAF (includes \$1,100,231 indirect funds). These funds (indirect and direct) help support a range of jobs at the university---not just the graduate students under my direct supervision. Funding from the State to Geophysical Institute is vital for me to pursue federal funding. In essence, the state is investing in me, and I am providing a strong return on the investment.

My brother Ken is a research professor at the Geophysical Institute at UAF. He does exceptional science and outreach at the interfaces between ecology, climate, wildlife, and snow. Last week he and his collaborators received an \$800,000 grant from NSF to study how beavers are expanding their territory into northern Alaska and impacting fisheries. Like all external projects, the funds for the project and the outcomes of the project will support a wide range of people in Alaska and at its university. Succeeding in such a project requires a healthy foundation of people and facilities at UA.

Education in Fairbanks, from elementary school to UAF, runs deep in my family. My children, 6 and 9, attend Pearl Creek Elementary School. Pearl Creek is an excellent school, though it is strained under large class sizes and stressed under continual discussions of budget cuts. Education brings everyone upward. Everyone. I am proud of Fairbanks and the people it produces. I want to remain a part of this community and continue to contribute to it. I need education to remain strong.

Please make every effort possible to support the University of Alaska and public education in the state of Alaska. Please have the courage to override the governor's vetoes and do what is best for the future of Alaskans.

Please feel free to follow up if you have any questions. Thank you once again for representing Alaskans.

Best regards,  
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Fairbanks, Alaska  
907-456-5611

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**From:** Jack <wkcaj@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:14 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** comment on HB2001

House Finance Committee,

I support using the earnings reserve account to pay for government services. A myopic focus on receiving the largest possible dividend while "right sizing" government is shortsighted and naive in my view. There is little question in my mind that there is more of a benefit to having the government spend this money than individuals. Exhibit A would be the University of Alaska and the impending implosion of one of the best things going for this state. We need a strong university if we are to have any hope of

having a diversified, vibrant, and fulfilling economy in the future. The PFD is a luxury I'm happy to give up because together we can buy things I can't. Set it to zero, tax me some, just don't allow our misguided governor to shoot us in the foot in the pursuit of a simplistic ideology.

Sincerely,

Jack Withrow

Fairbanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Claire Delbecq <claire.delbecq7@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:23 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support HB 2001

Greetings:

I support a smaller PFD amount for Alaskan residents, and I support overriding the Governor's budget vetoes. Please support HB 2001. A massive PFD will not help my friends and family who are losing jobs and due to the budget vetoes.

Best,  
Claire

**From:** Karen (Hirst) Spaleta <kjhirst@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:34 PM

**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** House Finance testimony on budget vetoes & the PFD

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I wish to testify in favor of a reduced PFD, restored funding for the items the governor vetoed as well as restored funding for items the governor swept including the power cost equalization fund, and the Higher Education Investment Fund.

I want to live in an Alaska that values education at all levels and public safety, that holds out a dignified helping hand to those who need it, and a state that celebrates our unique way of life through its arts.

My husband and I didn't move to Fairbanks for UAF, but we stayed because of UAF. The presence of a vibrant university campus in Fairbanks made our initial move here seem less risky in case our jobs in the private sector didn't work out. I eventually ended up working at UAF, and I've worked with students facilitating their research in fisheries, in geology, in biology, in engineering, in the arts. These students research herring and salmon fisheries stock management, new economically viable ore bodies, discover a new insect species, study better ways of building arctic roads, and making pottery glazes with Tanana river silt. The work of these students and their mentors make Alaska a better place, enhance economic activity in fisheries and mining, improve transportation infrastructure, discover more about the naturally inspiring world around us, and enhance our Alaskan culture with their art.

Like many employees in the UA system, I have taken advantage of the employee tuition waiver, taking classes to make me better at my job, and I'm currently pursuing a phd in geology. My phd research has been partly funded by Pogo Mine to study their gold extraction process, with the goal of improving their gold recovery. My phd research is an outstanding example of UA research partnering to the benefit of Alaskan industry.

While the cuts to the university system are personally gut wrenching, I'll probably be okay, the skills I've obtained at UAF make me an attractive employee in the lower 48. But I worry about my co-workers and their economic pain, I worry about arctic research that will be left undone by my colleagues who will leave. I worry about students who worked hard to become UA scholars and now may not be able to afford college. I worry about people whose teeth hurt and won't receive treatment. I worry about our seniors who can't afford groceries. I worry about the kids at The Door and where they'll go. I worry about folks in villages who need public safety help and none will be coming in time. I can't fix all these things with my pfd, despite my trying. But I can implore my legislature to help fix these things, because YOU CAN HELP FIX THESE THINGS!

FIX THESE THINGS! Restore the funding via a lower pfd. And add some taxes. I want to help pay for the Alaska I value.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Spaleta  
1051 Gilmore Trail  
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Senate District B  
House District 4

**From:** Heidi Pearson <heidi.c.pearson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:36 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support HB 2001

Dear Legislators,

I fully support HB 2001 and urge you to do the same. This will help to move our state forward in a productive way that will maintain vital state services and protect Alaskans' futures. Importantly, this bill will allow the University of Alaska to continue to thrive and provide vital services to the state such as contributing \$1 billion+ to our economy each year .

Sincerely,

Heidi Pearson, PhD  
Associate Professor of Marine Biology  
University of Alaska Southeast

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Juneau, AK 99801

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**From:** Chris Coffman <chriscoff2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:42 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 2001

Dear Representatives,

My name is Chris Coffman and I have been a Fairbanks resident since 2005. I'm writing to express the urgency of passing HB 2001, which restores the funding to state agencies that was irresponsibly vetoed by Governor Dunleavy. Whereas his cuts would hurt thousands of vulnerable Alaskans, dismantle the university, increase crime, and plummet Alaska into a recession, HB 2001 would fully fund the capital budget and designate a predictable PFD while preserving valuable services that support the security and well-being of Alaskans. HB 2001 will secure a strong future for our state.

I would like to see funding broadly restored for the state services that Dunleavy would cut, and can speak in particular to the great importance of restoring funding to the University of Alaska as I have been a faculty member at UAF since 2005. During my work at UAF, which has ranged from first-year and community college level students through to Ph.D. candidates, one overarching theme has emerged: the key role that education plays in giving students a leg up in life. Although many of my students have experienced considerable hardship, their ability to access a world-class education at UAF has made their lives much better and interior Alaska's communities much stronger. The university shapes productive citizens and supports a strong Alaskan economy. Governor Dunleavy's veto would drastically reduce future students' options for education in their home state. Those who can afford to do so will likely leave for Outside schools, never to return. The loss of the large numbers of faculty and staff who will be forced to take their talents Outside will diminish the quality of remaining students' education. Moreover, as university personnel often stay in Alaska for decades, making major purchases from local realtors and businesses over a period of many years, these departures will throw our communities into a recession. Alaska will be far weaker because of these losses.

HB 2001 can prevent these losses to Alaska, and I urge you to support it. Thank you for your service in the Alaska House at this critical time—a time that offers you the opportunity to be on the right side of history by rising above those who would divide Alaskans and by voting to secure a viable future for our state.

Sincerely,  
Chris Coffman  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

**From:** Julie Kaufman <julie.kaufman@grantstation.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:46 PM  
**To:** House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 2001 – Appropriations for the Permanent Fund

I am urging you to support the House Bill 2001 – Appropriations for the Permanent Fund to save our state from economic, educational, and cultural devastation.

Alaskans from all parties and communities are counting on you!

Thank you,  
Julie Kaufman  
1380 Coyote Trail  
Fairbanks, AK 99709



**MANIILAQ**  
ASSOCIATION

**Resolution 19-50**  
**Urging the Legislature to Reverse the Vetoes and Restore Critical Funding**

**WHEREAS**, Maniilaq Association (Maniilaq) is an Alaska Native regional nonprofit organization providing health, social, and tribal government services to twelve communities in Northwest Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Maniilaq is also a tribal organization, as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, under which authority Maniilaq compacts and contracts with the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide programs, functions, services, and activities on behalf of the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, Maniilaq's vision is, "Healthy people, thriving communities" and its mission is "Savaqatigiiksugut (we are working together). Working together to provide high quality, culturally relevant health, social and tribal services"; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Alaska has a constitutional responsibility to provide for the public education, public health, and public welfare of all Alaskans pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 28, 2019, Governor Dunleavy vetoed \$444 million from the FY20 operating budget, which together with the \$190 million in reductions by the Legislature represents the largest single-year reduction in State history; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alaska Legislature failed to override the vetoes during a special session; and

**WHEREAS**, The vetoes will cause a statewide economic recession and immediate, irreparable harm to residents of the Maniilaq Service Area, with basic human needs going unfulfilled, increased stress, increased medical and behavioral health needs, and a sharp decline in quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Examples of vetoes of concern are as follows:

- Complete elimination of Medicaid Adult Preventative Dental will result in the loss of thousands of jobs, send the State back into recession, and will require provision of more expensive acute and emergency care;
- Cuts to Medicaid will restrict Maniilaq's ability to provide health care to children, the disabled, and the elderly;
- A 15 percent cut to behavioral health grants will reduce Maniilaq's ability to provide critical mental health care services to at-risk clients, in a region that has among the highest suicide rates in the nation;
- Elders, recipients of public assistance, and the homeless will suffer without the modest assistance from the State and services, and they will place increased demands on Maniilaq and similar organizations lacking a budget for filling this unexpected gap in funding;

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Kobuk **Laugviik**, Noatak **Nautaaq**, Noorvik **Nuurvik**, Point Hope **Tikigaq**, Selawik **Akuligaq**, Shungnak **Isinnaq**

- The public safety crisis plaguing Rural Alaska will be exacerbated; even under FY19 funding levels villages in our Service Area only had a part-time public safety presence;
- Elimination of early childhood education programs will undermine the health and wellbeing of Alaska's children and jeopardize the future of our State, and cuts to the University of Alaska will negatively impact the pipeline of health care and other professionals from the U of A to our organization;
- Elimination of funding for the Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) will result in no comprehensive legal support to the low-income Alaskans served by the Kotzebue ALSC office.

**WHEREAS,** The Governor has clearly expressed intent to eliminate the Power Cost Equalization, Community Assistance, and other important programs for Rural Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** The failure to secure a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote to utilize Constitutional Budget Reserve funds and conduct a reverse sweep jeopardizes nearly \$1 billion in federal infrastructure spending and critical programs, and has resulted in a complete lack of funding for Power Cost Equalization, among other programs, which will create tremendous hardship in our Service Area and will cripple Rural Alaska.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Maniilaq Association Board of Directors implores the Alaska Legislature to prevent an economic recession and put Alaskans first by passing budgets that honor all Alaskans, including the Elderly, children, and Rural Alaskans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Maniilaq Association Board of Directors urges the Alaska Legislature to reverse the vetoes in the FY20 operating budget without delay.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Maniilaq Association Board of Directors urges the Alaska Legislature to conduct a reverse sweep to restore funding to the Power Cost Equalization Program.

Passed and adopted at a duly convened special meeting of the Maniilaq Board of Directors held July 16, 2019, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstaining.

**ATTEST:**

  
Guy Adams, Chairperson

  
Johnetta Horner, Secretary