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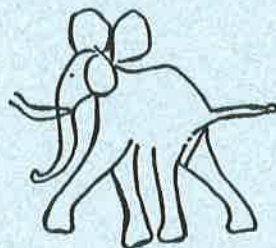


to the house finance committee -

- ① i would gladly give up
my pfd ck to save the "U"
(uaf) and keep the social
services the state provides -
- ② the state needs income -
TAX US!

Thank you -

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HFIN
HB2001 7/17/19

We need to cap our PFD. We the citizens of Alaska voted to create the permfund a savings account. We did not create the dividend. The Governor's vetos will have a devastating effect on our state. We have no idea the effect of the Piffman Robertson veto will have on ADF&B. The cuts to senior benefits on to student scholarships with no warning have already created chaos. Please come together. We have less than 2 week to get our Capital budget please come together and work for the benefit of our life.

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I do not support a \$3,000 PFD. In fact, I would prefer not to get a PFD if those funds went to support government services and programs.

Each month I pay into my 401k. Even when it seems like a burden I pay, in part because my employer contributes matching funds and because I hope to retire some day. I make sacrifices today for the sake of my future and I hope our State will do the same.

A \$3,000 PFD is reckless. We are losing Federal matching funds and we are putting our state into recession.

The best investment in our state is education (from preK → graduate school). We should balance this investment and also fund repairs to infrastructure, alternative energy (instead of giving tax breaks to oil companies). I also support programs for at risk populations (children, the elderly, disabled, homeless and historically disadvantaged by public policy). I would support a progressive income tax.

I am very concerned about the future of our state, and for the first time in my life I am considering living elsewhere.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

Committee on HB 2001

Committee Name

Dated 17 July 2019

Bill / Subject

My name is Daniel Rizzolo and I live in Fairbanks at 1665 Howling Dog Trail. I would like to enter in to the record my support for HB 2001. I had hoped to speak these words to you in person, but the line to speak is long and I have other responsibilities to attend to, this written statement will have to suffice. I came to Fairbanks to attend UAF and I stayed after earning my degree because I fell in love with this place and this community. I married my wife here and my son, who will be entering the 4th grade in the public school system, was born here. Government has the responsibility to foster the common good, Governor Donleavy's vetoes abdicates that responsibility. The university is vital to Alaska's future, as is public education. The most vulnerable in our communities rely on Medicaid. Senior care is a vital service.

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The Alaska State Council on the Arts is vital to the health and happiness of our communities. These services are part of what make Alaska "the Great Land!"

The budget the legislature passed was the result of hard work and compromise. The Governor's vetoes are irresponsible and reckless.

My family and I came near to having to leave Alaska in 2017 because of the economic recession. We were fortunate to find a way to stay. We may not be as fortunate when these vetoes cost Alaskans thousands of jobs.

The state budget has been cut for 5 years. Enough cuts. It is time to work on increasing state revenue. My family is ready to pay for state services. I support a smaller PFD and I say that when the PFD is important income for my family. The UA system, public education, the arts, and state services are more important. I support HB 2001.

Please do not be careless with my son's future in this beautiful state, please support HB 2001.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House
Finance

Committee on

HB 2001

Bill / Subject

Committee Name

Dated

7/17/19

My name is Luke Bales. I've been in Fairbanks for 19 years. I am an Engineer, a small business owner and a father (not necessarily in that order!) Public Services are extremely important to me. I drive on Public roads, my daughter attends public schools. I use State land & buy my ^{hunting} fishing license @ F+G, I breath clean air (usually) & drink clean water. None of these are free. Please restore Funding for State Services & Education. I value State Services over a large PFD.

What direction are we going as a State?

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What do we value?

Will my daughter have to purchase these services on the open market with a ~~fat~~ PFD (after Uncle Sam takes his cut...)?

You came up with a good budget previously. Don't let the Governor Usurp your authority!

Thank you for your service to Alaskans.

HB2001
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TESTIMONY ~~STMT~~ 7/17/09
my NAME IS MIKE MUSICK I SUPPORT
HB 201 BY FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Rolls Back VETOS
REVERSE SWIPE
COMPROMISE

GET 45 VOTES

MAINTAIN PFD FOR THE
LONG RUN BUT NOT AT
THE EXPENSE OF EDUCATION,
HEALTH & WELFARE, PUBLIC
SAFETY, ETC.

I HAVE 2 DEGREES FROM UAF,
MY 3 CHILDREN HAVE 5 DEGREES
FROM UAF BETWEEN THEM.

I HOPE THAT MY 4 GRANDSONS
WILL HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY
FOR A GOOD EDUCATION IN FAIRBANKS.

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Testimony of the Plaintiff

My name is John Doe, I am 35 years old, and I am a resident of the State of California.

On the 1st day of January, 1998, I was driving my car on the highway.

At that time, I was traveling at a speed of approximately 60 miles per hour.

When I was driving, I saw a car in front of me that was traveling in the same direction. I saw the car for the first time when I was about 100 feet away from it.

I saw the car for the second time when I was about 50 feet away from it. At that time, I saw the car's headlights and its taillights.

I saw the car for the third time when I was about 25 feet away from it. At that time, I saw the car's front end and its rear end.

I saw the car for the fourth time when I was about 10 feet away from it. At that time, I saw the car's front end and its rear end.

I saw the car for the fifth time when I was about 5 feet away from it. At that time, I saw the car's front end and its rear end.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY HB 2001

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7/17/19

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Thank you to all of the legislators who voted to override the vetoes.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to save our state. I am disgusted at the governor's vetoes and so unhappy with all the 22 lawmakers who did not vote to override them. Shame on all of them.

So many people across Alaska will suffer as a result of these devastating cuts, and the only winners are the oil and gas industry. Where do I even begin? Dunleavy has set up a false dichotomy. We either get state services, or our full PFD. But somehow, last year we managed to scrape together 1.2 billion in oil tax credits to give the Oil companies.

So you're telling me that BP posted \$916 MILLION in profit last year, and we are going to continue giving them billions of dollars in tax credits at the same time that we steal food out of elder's mouths by slashing senior benefits? While we throw people back out on the streets by cutting the number of beds and meals in homeless shelters? Take away vital services like head start and Medicaid dental

care and village public safety officer funding, cut almost half of the university's funding? Take away all funding from Alaska State Council on the Arts? And that's just naming a few of the cuts!

On top of all of this, Alaska's communities are struggling to adapt to climate change, and they need funding to be able to succeed. Dunleavy is taking money away from those communities and giving it to the very industry that is driving the climate crisis. I am having a baby, and I am concerned about my child's future in this state, and the future of all people who live here, especially the most vulnerable, who will be affected the most by these cuts. I urge you all to please reject the vetoes and restore funding for the original budget.

My name is Michelle Bartlett and I have lived and worked in this community since 1974. I appreciate you coming to Fairbanks today so that I can publicly testify. The Permanent Fund is a public resource that was created for the public good. Getting Unearned income from the permanent fund and believing that this will be invested in Alaska is like giving a teenager money for a job even before it even begins. How well do you honestly think the job will get done? Except for trust fund babies where in the world do you get money just for breathing.

So what is the common good? Fairbanks prides itself on being the Golden Heart city where people care about one another. From this vantage point, The common good means we have an excellent university for our children, The common good means we have a state arts council that provides resources for dozens of organizations that in turns provides services for thousands of Alaskans, The common good means we have a Transportation/ferry system, The common good means we monitor the cruise ships in southeast Alaska so they do not pollute Alaska's air and waters, The common good means that the

homeless may have a bed to sleep in, The common good means that preschool education is available so that we have an educated population, The public common good means that people on Medicaid can have their teeth fixed, and The common good means seniors in need have the income they need,

I hope wisdom prevails and that you use the power that was given to you when you were elected to do the right thing for the people of this great state.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee Name
Committee on HB 2001 Dated JULY 17, 2019
Bill / Subject

I SUPPORT HB 2001. I AM HORRIFIED AT THE GOVERNOR'S DISREGARD OF THE EFFECTS OF HIS VETOES ON THE ECONOMY OF ALASKA AND THE HEALTH & WELFARE OF ITS CITIZENS. THE SWEEPING AWAY OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT HAD BEEN PROMISED TO LOW INCOME STUDENTS & THE PCE ARE CRUEL.

I ~~AM~~ WONDER WHY ADJUSTING THE 1.2 BILLION DOLLAR TAX CREDITS GIVEN TO WEALTHY OIL COMPANIES WAS NOT CONSIDERED. OIL COMPANIES ARE VERY

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WEALTHY. WHY ARE WE AS CITIZENS
EXPECTED TO GIVE UP OUR UNIVERSITY
AS WELL AS STATE SERVICES THAT
ASSIST THOSE LESS FORTUNATE
BUT ~~FABULOUSLY~~ FABULOUSLY WEALTHY
OIL COMPANIES RECEIVE THIS
ENORMOUS WINDFALL?

THE GOVERNOR'S VETOES ARE
IRRESPONSIBLE.

THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED
INTERIOR DELEGATION & ITS
WILLINGNESS TO ACT IN A
BIPARTISAN MANNER. I
APPRECIATE YOUR HARD
WORK! PLEASE RESTORE
THE BUDGET GOV. DUNLEAVY
VETOED.

AND YES - I FAVOR A
GRADUATED INCOME TAX.

In Re: HB2001

To the House Finance Committee
meeting in Fairbanks 1/17/19. Thanks for being here!

I'm Julie Scott and I have lived in Fairbanks since territorial days.

Thank you for being here. I have a story for you

Forty years ago, before I joined my dad's financial planning practice, I was news director at KFAR. I interviewed U.S. Senator Ted Stevens regarding a contentious issue. I think it was ANWR drilling but it may have been abortion.

We didn't have email in 1979 but we had postcards, and voters were mailing them to Congress by the thousands. I asked Senator Stevens how he felt about all this mail. He said, "I disregard those postcards because we live in a republic. Elected leaders are tasked with deciding what is right for their constituents in the long run.

Four decades later, it is time for our legislature to decide what is right for Alaska. Constituents have strong opinions based on incorrect or incomplete information. (For instance, people whose income is too low to even pay income tax don't want to raise revenue through an income tax.)

People who are asking for a \$3000 PFD check at the expense of state programs are like kids who want to eat only candy day after day. Candy may be fun in the short run, but rotten teeth are no good in the long run. Parents advocate for their children by doing what is best for them, not by giving them all the candy they want.

Similarly, you can advocate for Alaskans. Your compromise may not boost my checking account by \$3000 in the near future, but we will have a strong state for the foreseeable future. Ten years from now the amount of this PFD check will be long forgotten.

(I couldn't remember the check amount for the last three years...1,000, 1100 and 1600.)

Let's work together to create a financial plan for Alaska that can weather low oil prices and reduced production. And by the way, if you'd like to hear what four past governors, including Jay Hammond, thought about the permanent fund and Alaska's future, the University recorded an amazing interview in the 1990s. *Google University of Alaska governors interview. 1993 or so.*

Thank you for being statesmen and working across the aisle using factual information.

Julie Scott



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance

Committee on HB2001

Committee Name

Dated 7/17

Bill / Subject

I've called and emailed and spoken to many of you several times about the governor's vetoes and my concerns about how they'll affect the most vulnerable among us. But today, I'd like to tell you about how I'm worried they'll affect me. In November, I'll be turning 26 and will lose my parents' insurance. I work at a nonprofit and we don't have insurance through my employer. I'm concerned that I'll be forced to turn to Medicaid. ~~But as we know, these vetoes will underfund services I need, like dental and mental healthcare.~~

I'm also a student at UAF. I've been slowly working towards a bachelor's degree for most of my adult life. I worry that if these vetoes stand, I'll have to relocate to finish my degree or - worse - that the VA will →

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→ lose its accreditation and I will have wasted years of my time and thousands of my dollars.

Last (in this testimony at least), I recently started the process of opening a small business. I dream of ~~the~~ turning my Etsy shop - where I sell out often inspired by my community - into a brick and mortar shop and makers space in downtown Fairbanks. I dream of making art accessible to the people of Fairbanks.

If these votes stand, our city and state economy will likely plunge into a recession. When that happens, that dream ~~will~~ won't exist anymore.

I urge you to pass HB 2001 and ~~save~~ our future.

Thank you
Paige Poston



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
Committee Name
Committee on HB 2001 Dated 07/17/2019
Bill / Subject

Hello members of the House Finance Committee, my name is Julia Gestrich and live in Representative Grier Hopkins district here in Fairbanks. I am here to ask you to provide supplemental funding for the university. I am a PhD student of the graduate geophysics program at UAF and work at the geophysical institute, the GI, closely with the Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO). As president of the GI graduate student association (GIGSA) I am severely concerned about the future of the graduate programs our students are enrolled in. The programs I am talking about include but are not limited to MS and PhD degrees in geology, geophysics, physics and space physics all offered by the College of Natural Science and Mathematics (CNSM) one of the largest colleges in the UA system. The tight knit of the college and the geophysical institute offers incredible opportunities to students by working with world known researchers and being part of the operational programs which are crucial to public science outreach and safety of Alaska such as the Alaska Earthquake Center (AEC), Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) and Alaska Satellite Facility (ASF). This attracts students from all over →

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the US and world. Me myself moved two years ago from Germany to Alaska for the exceptional opportunities offered by UAF. In fact, in my semester none of us came from Alaska but we soon loved it here and now feel more connected to Alaska than any other place. These students will potentially stay in Alaska ~~then any other~~ if the opportunities are given which seems to become a big problem with the new budget. The graduate students of the geophysical institute are instrumental to the research done in this exceptional place and separating students and the institute would result in a dramatic decline in enrollments and research. Therefore, I ask you to provide supplemental funding for UA to stay the leading arctic research university. Thank you.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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House Finance Committee
legislature

Committee on _____

(Budget vetos) HB 2001

Committee Name

Dated 7/17/19

Bill / Subject

I am a Fairbanks born Alaska Native. My grandmother's uncle was Walter Harper - the first man to summit Denali and my grandmother's sister was Flora Jane Harper, the first Alaska Native person to graduate from the University of Alaska. I'm proud of my heritage & love this state dearly. A big part of the reason I decided to remain in Alaska and raise my children here is the University - specifically UAF. It offered an opportunity to not only get a degree but potentially a job as well. When I graduate next year, it will be the culmination of 10 years of study - I was a non traditional ~~student~~ ~~time~~ student who worked & raised a family while I went to school part time. Last year, I was hired as the costume shop manager for the Theatre/Film dept at UAF and it was a dream come true. Our dept was on the chopping block in years past so there has continually been a looming threat of losing this wonderful dept but I was always hopeful that our value to this community would be seen but these cuts are so drastic that I've got no doubt we'll get cut and

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I'm so sad to imagine what Fairbanks would be without UAF, especially the arts programs that are always first to get cut.

If these cuts go through and I lose my job & all the opportunities the university provides for not just me but most importantly my children.

We will have to seriously consider leaving the state and I desperately don't want it to come to that.

I will admit the reduced PFD's have also hurt our family but I don't want the 3K dividend if it means these cuts go through.

I want to see the state reduce the oil tax credits & raise the tax rate on per barrel production.

I also ~~was~~ would support a progressive income tax. I don't like all these out of state workers who just take all their earnings away & don't contribute to Alaska.

Please do everything you can to overturn these vetos. Thank you.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Comm.
Committee on HB2001 Committee Name
Dated July 17th, 2019
Bill / Subject

My name is Liam Toney and I am represented by Adam Wool here in Fairbanks. I want to emphasize the importance of the UA system to me, to Fairbanks, and to the State of Alaska. I'm a graduate student at UAF, where I study volcanoes, landslides, and other hazards pertinent to Alaskans. I was drawn to UAF by its stellar reputation as an Arctic and earth science research powerhouse. It's an institution with numerous operational, public-facing units such as the Alaska Earthquake Center and the Alaska Volcano Observatory which have tangible impacts ~~in~~ in communities across Alaska from Adak to Anchorage to Kotzebue. UAF graduate students are important to these organizations: we perform research & assist with operations. Upon graduation, many of us stay in

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Alaska to work for these organizations, strengthening them with institutional knowledge. A \$130 million dollar cut to the UA system would cause irreparable damage to UAF's reputation. It would drive away otherwise excited students — such as I — from applying. It would drive away motivated & extremely talented faculty. Others may leave voluntarily. I believe that these effects will trickle down and damage these organizations in the long term — reducing Alaska's ability to anticipate & respond to natural hazards. For these reasons, and the many others already mentioned by the community, I strongly support HB2001. Thank you.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance

Committee on HB 2001

Committee Name

Dated 7/17/2019

Bill / Subject

Dear members of the House Finance Committee, thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify to protect the future of our state. My name is Faustine Bernadac, and I'm urging you to pass bill ~~HB~~ 2001. If the governor's cuts aren't reversed, it is our livelihood and most basic rights that are threatened. Our communities will be forever changed, thousands will lose their jobs, good people will be forced to leave. The President of the University said it: "We don't have an economic crisis. We have a political crisis". The governor has chosen to sacrifice our state and its people ignoring experts warning about the devastating consequences that he's imposing on us all. For what? \$3,000 and eradicating education, health, jobs, and so much more!? We had a solid budget considering that our representatives still aren't willing to stop giving away tax credits to wealthy oil industry, or talk about an income tax. Some people rely on the PFD, so keep it at a reasonably low amount, start implementing an income tax that will allow us all to have access to important and meaningful services! Don't give \$\$ to Big Oil! They aren't going anywhere. And start thinking about other revenues than oil! Let's believe in education and stop the

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already devastating damage to our UA system (downgrade by Moody's Investors Services for example). I urge you to fight to protect our university. Fairbanks specifically would be forever damaged if UAF is reduced or goes away. These cuts are suicidal. It's obvious the governor has special interest into destroying our future, to sell the state to the highest bidder. Let's make sure he can't do that. Can government be more efficient? Absolutely! so let's all sustainably have a discussion about it. I love my town. I have been here 11 years and am scared to see it changed. Please do pass HB 2001, reverse the cuts, allow us all to build a good, sustainable future.

Thank you.

Faustine Bekeradac



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House Finance

Committee on

State Budget

Bill / Subject

Committee Name

Dated 7/12/19

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Testimony

Hello, my name is Gordon Williams. I was raised in Anchorage where I developed a deep and abiding love for this state. This state provided me with an excellent education, and provided affordable student loans that allowed me to pursue my academic interests. When I decided to become a mathematician I didn't think that I was going to be able to come back to Alaska to do research and to teach. However, in 2009 I was very fortunate that UAF had two positions open that my wife and I successfully applied for.

Since joining the faculty it has been my privilege and pleasure to help educate the next generation of our elementary and secondary teachers, our engineers and scientists, as well as students with a whole host of other Alaskan dreams. We know, from long experience, that students educated here are more likely to stay here, and that hiring people with the appropriate expertise from outside is expensive and that turnover amongst them is very high. We need to be educating as many of our best and brightest in this state as possible.

The examples of the ways the UA system meets these needs in our state is too long to detail, so I'd like to mention just one. Alaska has a desperate need for well trained doctors. The WWAMI medical education program, started at UAF and now at UAA, has been meeting this need for 45 years. A similar program at UAF has been helping the state meet its critical need for more veterinarians.

So, support all levels of education. To do otherwise is to eat our seed corn. We need researchers, and highly trained professionals, and high quality education for our young people if we want to expand and diversify our economy, and to have people equipped to solve the very real problems we face.

There are a lot of people who like to draw an analogy between the state's current financial crisis and a household short on money. But the analogy is strained, and poor. For one thing, most families don't have a trust fund that was established to help them meet their expenses. For another, most households, when pressed for cash for important needs, will find a second job, float some bills on a credit card or take out a loan. After that, the analogy totally breaks down. Dunleavy has preserved 1.6 billion in tax credits to oil companies, and wants to cut everyone an unsustainably large PFD check.

So let's talk about the PFD. I remember when it was instituted, and make no mistake, it was NOT what the permanent fund was set up for. The strongest argument I heard at the time was that it would protect the principal from being

raided by the legislature, but it was generally assumed that as oil moneys declined, so too would our dividend checks as more of the interest was allocated to vital services and investments in our state and people. Anyone who thinks the Permanent Fund is all about writing checks to residents is mistaken. That just wasn't what it was for. And a \$3000 PFD check won't buy good schools for our children, quality care for the elderly and disabled, or protect and assist people affected by domestic violence or sexual assault.

And while we are at it, and as long as people are griping about "freeloaders" and "entitlements" and the affordability of government, how about we take a second look at the revenue side of the equation. Why are the tax credits so big to oil companies? Why don't we have a payroll tax? *Tax me, please!*
Tax the income generated in this state for the benefit of its citizenry. Use some of the earnings of the permanent fund—that's what it was set up for.

Thank you for your time and attention.

P.S. UAF Was rated this spring as the #3 small university in the US (CalTech was #1) and #10 in the world. That is a hard vessel to build, but easy to destroy.