
From: Karen Murdock [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB76

Dear Committee Members,

Please extend the Covid-19 Disaster Emergency declaration. The pandemic is not over yet and with the new variants emerging, we need all the federal assistance that is available. 1622 Thank you, Karen Murdock Box [REDACTED]

From: DAWNA DAVIS [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:05 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 76

Good Afternoon,

In response to HB 76 Covid relief extension. I do not believe that Alaska needs to extend or renew the state disaster declaration. Our state overall has a very low case count, and instead of closing everyone off, we need to work at opening back up to allow Alaskans to be Alaskans.

Dawna Myers
[REDACTED]

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

From: Dale Burke [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:24 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: emergency powers

Dear Representative Merrick,

I am writing to express my strongest opposition to granting the Governor anymore emergency powers. These powers are no longer necessary, and in fact, multiple states are already dropping these powers. These powers represent a serious intrusion into our constitutional rights and freedom.

I urge you to vote NO on any bill to grant him powers.

thank you

Dale Burke
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Pursue God, Pursue His Passion

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:12 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. DeLena Johnson
Subject: EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY, HB 76

It is essential that you vote to extend the pandemic emergency declaration for the following reasons:

Funding. Some SNAP funding goes away if we loose this declaration.

Health and emergency officials warn a failure **to extend could restrict the state's ability to distribute vaccines and set back progress in combating the illness.**

Heidi Hedberg, director of the state Division of Public Health, told lawmakers that without an emergency declaration, the state is "extremely limited" in its pandemic response. There would be **no centralized management to allocate scarce resources, which would jeopardize the state vaccine administration framework**, she said.

The heads of the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, Alaska Chamber, Alaska Municipal League and Alaska Native Health Board urged an extension in an opinion piece in the Anchorage Daily News.

From: Mary Ann Jacob [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: HB76

Hello,

I am a pediatrician in Anchorage and would like to add my voice to those requesting an extension of the public health disaster emergency due to the novel coronavirus. While we have had a wonderful start to rolling out the vaccine, the majority of Alaskans are not yet fully vaccinated. The virus is still killing people. And some people may feel they no longer have to take basic infection control precautions unless it's an "emergency". Everyone is ready for this to be over but medically, it is too early to relax our guard.

Thank you for your time,

Mary Ann Jacob, M.D.

From: Mirandah S [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. David Nelson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. James Kaufman; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Josiah Patkotak; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Mike Cronk; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Ronald Gillham; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Zack Fields; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. Roger Holland; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Tom Begich; governor@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: HB76

Hello,

My name is Mirandah Smith. I live in Anchorage, district 25/M.

I am writing today in response to HB76. I would like to urge you to extend the emergency declaration for the state of Alaska. Covid is not over yet, and the long term economic devastation is only just beginning. Vaccinations are going out, and case numbers have lowered, but the fact is that the pandemic is still out there. Ignoring this issue will not make it go away, in fact it does just the opposite. Fighting covid-19 means being determined and vigilant. We must be pro-active and utilize all resources we have available. When the declaration ended, I was devastated, because it made me afraid for the outcome for our state. This declaration gives us access to tools that are so important to rebuilding our communities and our economy. I know we all want this to be over with, but we must fight through this until the end. We are doing so well with vaccinations, and I am so happy to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The work doesn't end before it's done. Please consider this. Please extend the emergency order.

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