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Dear Honorable Finance Committee Members:

Passing HB76 for the purpose of extending a declaration of emergency and the kinds of measures which may potentially be permitted to occur under such a declaration – and extensions thereof – is a direct attack against our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and their continued existence.

HB76 is absolutely NOT the kind of bill the legislature should be considering. Instead, I direct your attention to the amendments offered to HB76 in the House Floor session occurring on Thursday, March, 25, 2021, and demand that you refocus in support of legislation which provides for the protection and preservation of individual liberty. A summary of these amendments are as follows:

Amendment 1 eliminates all reference to a disaster declaration, and in its place gives the administration limited public health response authority.

Amendment 2 amends the disaster declaration act to make it clear that, under a disaster declaration, neither the Governor nor local governments may infringe on our constitutional rights when it comes to operating a business or exercising a religion in a church by closing them down or restricting our freedom of movement.

Amendment 3 makes clear that vaccination is an option free from coercion and discrimination based on an individual's choice of whether to take or not receive vaccination.

Amendment 4 would prevent an Alaska Governor from bypassing the legislature in declaring perpetual disaster declarations.

Amendment 5 makes it clear that the State of Alaska has no right to register Alaskans and maintain a database of which Alaskans have received COVID-19 vaccinations and which have not. This is a privacy amendment.

Amendment 7 provides for the protection of employees by placing the responsibility of civil liability on employers when employees may be encouraged, required, or coerced into receiving a vaccination or medical intervention.

Amendment 8 seeks to ensure that persons and entities do not need to fear liability should someone become sick from COVID-19 in the normal course of doing business.

Amendment 9 seeks to ensure that no Alaskan can be forced to receive a COVID-19 vaccination or coerced to do so at risk of losing a right, privilege, or service.

Amendment 10 provides for the protection of individuals by placing the responsibility of civil liability on transportation companies when their passengers, as a condition of transport, may suffer an adverse reaction to medical intervention.

Amendment 12 seeks to ensure that HB76, should it be passed by the full legislature, shall not be misconstrued to authorize the proclamation of martial law.

It is worth noting that these amendments failed essentially along party lines. The absence of this language in the current version of HB76 and the House's failure to adopt these amendments occurred in flagrant contrast to the blind eye and accommodations being extended to non-citizens currently flooding across our borders.

I will remain eternally grateful to Representatives Eastman and Kurka for leading this monumental attempt at preserving the individual liberties which make certain states in our country among the last bastions of true freedom in its most pure form remaining in our world. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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