
From: Nauti Otter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Tax

I'm reaching out because there is a bill moving in Alaska that would add a new tax to peer-to-peer car sharing trips and would treat me like a rental car company - thus seriously inhibiting my ability to share my car.

It's astonishing that the Legislature would choose right now in time to attack a Mom & Pop small business opportunity that [could save the Alaska summer tourist industry](#), especially since we are trying to recoup from last years loss. Please reconsider and vote against this bill imposing a tax on Turo car rentals.

Thank you
Heather Davis

Sent from Nauti Otter's iPhone

From: Gary Haas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:25 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Peer to peer car sharing

Honorable Kelly Merrick

Please don't kill the tourist industry any more than what COVID has already done. Attacking the Turo Mom and Pop business with new taxes is inappropriate during this current recovery of Alaska.

Gary Haas

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From: Sterling Nielsen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. DeLena Johnson
Subject: Turo peer to peer Tax Bill

Good Afternoon,

My name is Sterling Nielsen and I'm a lifelong alaskan and currently a Fairbanks,AK resident. I just received word of a new bill that is trying to be passed that would tax those of us who utilize Turo to generate vital income. As a disabled combat veteran this concerns me greatly, this proposed tax is not only unfair but couldn't come at a worse time given the current state of the everyday man/womans current financial situation. Adding new taxes during a pandemic and or post pandemic depending on your view is unalaska and unacceptable. This proposed tax. returns the competitive edge to the big box rental car companies and is a slap in the face to everyone of us out here CARRYING the tourism industry this summer. As we use what is already ours to improve our daily lives and sustain an already shaky alaskan economy. I intend to be vocal and voice my displeasure publicly as much as possible throughout the aviation, travel and tourism communities in alaska that are only continuing to run because alaskans have been able to provide this service. As our elected officials there can not be one of you amongst yourselves that actually thinks this is a good idea, however I'm sure none of you have to lease your vehicles to afford baby food and diapers. This proposed bill is shameful.

- Sterling Nielsen

From: Zach Kinberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. DeLena Johnson
Subject: Peer to Peer Car Share Bill

Hi,

My name is Zach Kinberg. I am a concerned Fairbanks resident. I just got word of a bill trying to tax income from peer to peer car sharing. I don't understand why you would try to kneecap already struggling Alaskans at a time when we need the growth. My wife and I rent our car on Turo to make the payments while I'm a full time student. To tax this would be incredibly unfair, and unalaskan. I'm frankly hurt that the legislators we trust are even considering making us struggle more than we already are in this economic situation. We already pay federal alaskan income tax on Turo rentals, and all we're trying to do is pay off our car and keep our debt managed so that we can continue to enjoy our lives here and stimulate the economy. A tax on this would potentially put us two steps back. This is damaging to Alaska and it's reputation as a tourism state. All this would do is damage Alaskan residents who are struggling more than ever right now. I'm extremely disappointed and hurt that this being considered at this time. I expect a canned response to this email, but I hope you read it. This will not be the last you hear of me, or any Turo renters for that matter, whether it's in regards to this specific instance or your continued re-election. I can't imagine anyone who votes for this as being branded in favor of anything other than big business, and anti-alaskan. I plan to be *very* vocal about each and every committee's member stance on this. This is the only way that I've been able to continue to go to school and better myself. The rental car industry will recover in a year. This is not a long term thing for us, or most people that I've talked to. You will get your taxes from them when their business comes back. All this does is hurt struggling Alaskans.

Thanks.

Zach Kinberg.