

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Alaskan's PFD  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 7:21:47 PM

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To our state elected representatives,

I am one of many, many citizens who have begun watching how you, as elected officials, conduct business, regarding matters you were elected for.

I am shocked by the bullying, false narratives, and blatant nastiness that representatives who were elected to represent the common alaskans, engage in. Clearly representation is not happening. It's discouraging to see.

I am writing to encourage this committee to do the right thing. I know you will explain to us how difficult and confusing "doing the right thing" is. But it is not. Alaskans want their full pfd. We generally all know that legislators are not doing right, and creating straw men arguments to justify why thievery is happening. Our State Supreme Court also did wrong in saying our constitution should be ignored, regarding our pfd. Gov. Walker did wrong... Walker's friend, Judge William Morse, also did wrong, saying it was ok. Our old system was not broken. Hammond did right by alaskans. I am hoping that you all vote right by working alaskans.

We are watching. We do care. And some may even care enough to join the fight against our states corruption and bought politicians.

Do the right thing.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hampton

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mathew Cornell](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska's financial future  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 9:46:53 PM

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Hello

I am writing to give my support to a sustainable well funded Alaska state budget. I am a 25 year Alaska resident with two young kids. I came to Alaska via the tourism industry but have had a 20+ career in oil and gas. My priority is that we have a strong well funded state government that will be able to provide my kids a respected education through post graduate studies if they choose; that will provide for the health care of it's residents, particularly our seniors and low income neighbors; that will protect, enhance, and care for our greatest assets being our natural environment and the wildlife that depends on it; and that will promote diverse yet sustainable industries.

This means that you need to first implement diverse revenue sources to build the income side of our budget, and remove your focus on continuing to slash the revenue allocations to our essential job creating and citizen supporting organizations and services like the university system, the marine highway system, and the varied organizations that care for our neighbors in need. Exorbitant PFD checks must be put aside to protect the integrity of our financial sustainability. Obviously I am in favor of a tax structure that puts the biggest burden on our wealthy businesses and individuals, my self included, to maintain a state we can be proud of long into the future.

Matt Cornell  
Palmer

**From:** [Arthur Peterson](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** ALSC -- Alaska Legal Services Corporation  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 10:31:01 PM

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Hello,

Having read that the ALSC appropriation was vetoed by the governor, I must urge the legislature to override that veto. It is essential to the well-being of thousands of Alaskans -- both to the low-income people directly served by ALSC attorneys **and** to everybody else using the judicial system.

For decades, ALSC has attracted top-rate attorneys dedicated to the judicial system. They brilliantly represent their clients, and, by doing so, they increase the efficiency of the courts so that all Alaskans involved in litigation will not be delayed by people without legal training bogging down the system. From my first job, decades ago, in Alaska -- working for the legislature -- I have closely observed the expertise of ALSC.

It is really important!

Thank you.

Art Peterson

**From:** [Bryan Cherry](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Ronald Gillham](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)  
**Subject:** Fiscal Policy Comments  
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Ladies and Gentlemen -

As an interested and concerned citizen of this great state, I follow the state budgeting process closely and have for the better part of the last two decades. Year after year the Alaska Legislature never fails to disappoint. Collectively you have kicked the can down the road every year resulting in the pending fiscal disaster. Your budgeting process repeatedly fails to address the underlying issues of overspending and poor financial planning. Any number of reasonable proposals have been suggested by various legislatures and groups over the past few years but the Alaska Legislature has chosen to carry on with a business as usual attitude catering to a relatively small cadre of special interests. It is time to step up and do your job.

The first step is recognizing this state has a fiscal problem that is largely of YOUR making. Recognize that your inactions are hurting the short and long term well being of all Alaskans. Understand that corporately we cannot continue to rob the piggy bank of our current generation and of the generations that follow. It's well past time that the legislature recognizes that your policy and actions have consequences beyond your next term in office. Step up and do your job.

We can no longer rely on the miracle of a rise in oil prices. While I am not among those who would argue that we simply reduce spending, The solution lies in a combination of spending restraint and new revenue. First is it is imperative that you honor the commitment to Alaskans that they share in the royalties and the oil wealth. Pay the PFD as required by statute. Denying Alaskans their rightful PFD hits the lowest economic group with the greatest impact. After more than a year of dealing with the economic uncertainties associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, helping those Alaskans hurt the most by letting them have even a small cushion would be a great benefit. The legislature has managed to tax away over one half of each and every Alaskans rightful share of royalty wealth for the last four years. And if your present course holds, the legislature will take it all this year. If nothing else, paying a full dividend might partially help rebuild the trust in the Legislature that many of us have lost. Make amends. Step up.

It is imperative that the legislature develop and stick to a plan to restore fiscal sanity. We can no longer rely on the miracle of a rise in oil prices. While I am not among those who would argue that we simply reduce spending, The solution lies necessarily in a combination of spending restraint and new revenue. You have plans before you to work with. Review and act. Develop a realistic plan and move forward. Stop with the gamesmanship, smoke and mirrors accounting, and doublespeak. Fix problems.

Recognize that you have the power. More importantly you have the responsibility. Do your job.

Do what is right!

Respectively,

Bryan Cherry  
Fishhook, AK

**From:** [Diane Ivy-Dahlin](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Fund the PFD  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 4:52:11 PM

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Greetings.

I am a long time Alaskan. I use my PFD money to supplement my income to purchase, fuel, food, transportation, housing, repairs, clothing, Medical and so much more.

Now with cost rising on a daily base it us getting harder to be retired in Alaska. Gas is rising .10 a week. Food, housing and other normal expenses.

October used to be a month we could count on a little help without going on state assisted programs or seeking other resources to allow us to live throughout the winter months.

Stocking up was our term to fill the shelf's. Sometimes we pooped our resources to help programs, support youth in schools and sports, music etc.

Not having a consistent date or a structure formula has set a poor example and has developed a never ending fight between the legislatures and citizens.

You have caused mistrust with many. I have watched so much waste and hate on the floor since this illegal process began.

Do not touch the PFD anymore.

Pay the full amount per the statute and formula and pay back the past due. You owe Alaskans their share. Stop delaying and get back to business. If Alaska can't afford these over price porked projects them let them be

You have stolen money From every eligible Alaskan, from the small child to the oldest. It's hurting families.

I fully support 100% either letting Alaskan 's vote and decide this once and for all or get your act together and pay out the PFD per statute.

Sincerely  
Lorraine Ivy Dahlin  
[REDACTED]  
Seward Alaska. 99664  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Scott Hayden](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:24:26 PM

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I'm looking for honesty in the budget that gets offered for the next session.

If you want new cuts, please have the courage to tell us exactly what those cuts are and what the results will be. I don't like the budgets I'm seeing that allude to "additional cuts" or "new revenue" without specific proposals. What additional cuts? What new revenue? Without those details it's not a budget plan it's a fantasy.

We've been playing that game for years, and that's what has caused us to blow through billions in savings. If there were easy cuts to be made, we would have made them. Big cuts are essentially off the table unless you can **show me the money** -- and the political will to get it done.

So. When you propose a budget, bring it back down to earth. If you're proposing cuts or new revenue you need to explain exactly what they are or it's not a budget.

I run a manufacturing business in Anchorage for a small Alaska Native Corporation.

We manufacture polymer-modified asphalt for road construction. The recent cuts to the construction budget have hit us hard.

Our current transportation budget is about 1/4 of the traditional transportation budgets. As a result the profitability of this business is down, and I was unable to hire back half of my crew. Compared to two years ago we have 1/4 of the work.

Not only have those cuts cost Alaskans 6,000 jobs (according to ISER), but they have also cost us transportation money from the Federal Government. The federal match on transportation spending is 90% compared to our 10%. Keeping transportation spending in the budget should be a no-brainer. Please restore the transportation funding. It would make a big difference for hard-working Alaskans, our roads desperately need it, and it would infuse federal cash into our local economy.

I would support an income tax but not a sales tax, which would hurt the poorest and most rural Alaskans the most.

Thanks for your hard work.

Scott Hayden

  
Anchorage AK 99515



**From:** [Julie](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** PFD  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 6:49:13 PM

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Our Legislature,

Please approve the full PFD that we Alaskans are entitled to, or give us back our mineral rights. It's not your money to spend; it's ours. If you want to donate your individual PFDs back to the state government, that's your choice. It's not your decision to make to spend ours, though.

Thank you,  
James and Julie Thatch  
Anchorage, AK residents

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [TTV\\_NRML\\_REXX](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** PFD  
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Goodevening,

Id like to add my two cents as an alaskan of 33 years. Alaska has been hit HARD, there's no way Alaskans can make it through a winter without our pfd's. Of all the years I have lived here this one Matters most, we have been torn apart, struggling, we need our royalties to keep our home going for the winter. Speaking from experience and knowledge from every Neihbor I have, this money is want gets us over the hump that winter brings. Let me give some examples, WOOD,FOOD,GAS, PETS, SNOW REMOVAL,WINDOW REPLACEMENTS, INSULATION FOR OUR HOMES. This money makes the things we need to survive attainable.

Im Begging You, STOP and think about the Alaskans. This is about taking care of family.

Our home needs 8 new windows before winter,the cost? \$20,000. We're a 2 income family and barely make ends meet.

Please think about Alaskans, Help us, Give US Our Full PFD.

Help us recover from a year of devastation,

FULL PFD. Save us.

**From:** [Brandy Pearson](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Pfd  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 6:30:47 PM

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I have been so disappointed these last 6 years with the amount of our pfd's. I am tired of you guys taking money from your people. I mean we voted for you and then you continue to let us down. please show us that you can stand up for us and give us what we deserve and what we are supposed to receive. I appreciate you taking the time read this.

**From:** [Kylie Briles](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Please support a constitutional pfd and \$2,350 pfd  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 9:17:14 PM

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Hi I was emailing in to ask the legislators help to support a constitutional pfd. I am a born and raised Alaskan and it's has helped my family and my children's family. To watch what has happened since Walker allowed the raid, it's just unacceptable. The fact that it continues to happen is unacceptable. By supporting a constitutional pfd it makes that not allowed any longer. The only thing it's hurting is the hard working people of Alaska like myself. I worked in the restaurant industry making great money until the pandemic and lost my job. Even with the help I was making more money before. Trying to catch back up a \$2,350 pfd would help me achieve that and I know many many Alaskans would agree. There are many who lost jobs but also business who sunk that they don't ever get back. So please help to make the pfd safe and not allowed to be raided any longer. It's just hurting the Alaskans which is who it was created for. Thank you!

**From:** [Kylie Briles](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Please support a constitutional pfd and \$2,350 pfd  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 9:22:28 PM

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Hello,

I was contacting you to ask for your support for a constitutional pfd. Not just for my family and I but for the rest of the Alaskans who rightfully deserve it. It seems as if some of the legislators who are not supporting this haven't been hit by the financial down fall that so many have over the last year but also the last handful of years where are kids, families and communities were hoping for our full pfd's. Please support a constitutional pfd so that this raiding that in my opinion should never have been allowed doesn't happen anymore. Protect the pfd but most importantly please protect the people of Alaska who are giving you a job. Thank you!

**From:** [Jeremy Kylie Briles](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Please support a constitutional pfd and \$2,350 pfd  
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To whom it may concern,

I'm a born and raised Alaska , my Grandparents and parents on both sides have been here since the early 1950's and we are now raising my children here. The PFD has helped my family since I can remember year after year and in my case with my college. For my young family, especially recently it helps allow my kids to play sports, feed them, allow us to get to enjoy our beautiful state with camping and fishing, pay for utilities and help just get us through our daily lives. I know not just my family got hit hard with the pandemic and now our taxes and child tax credit money is on hold due to the pandemic also so it would help us out tremendously to get a pfd that isn't even the full pfd but a good portion to get us through but also to protect it by putting it in the constitution. Please do right by Alaskans and future Alaskans I know we are all counting on you all to do so. Thank you!

**From:** [nortrupvenetia](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Please. Let us have our full PFD.  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 7:39:39 PM

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You dont know what it's like to have 6 yr old tires, drive a 1993 vehicle, to need new shoes and be happy with shoe polish.

I dont have an internet account, tv or vices. I dont smoke, eat out, order in. I'm paying \$270 a cord for wood all winter.

The list of things we do to stay afloat is so hard. Even my rescued dog gets oatmeal with bacon grease often because I have to stretch her food.

This pandemic has been hard on everyone but the people that run the state.

When was the last time you only used a tank of gas a month because you had to buy a med that wasnt covered by insurance.

PLEASE HAVE MERCY ON THE PEOPLE YOUR SUPPOSE TO BE SERVING.

please.

My stimulus \$ bought me tires and \$753 worth of brakes. That's all.

Not even a pizza was allotted for.

Now I need a tune up, windshield and my trailer sealed.

I live in a 1978 airstream sence 2004.

Off grid. I put a woodstove In it.

Because I cant pay real rent and afford to eat too.

Thankyou for reading this.

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Kenai al. 99611

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [Tyler Watson](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Fiscal Policy Working Group  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:01:29 PM

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Members of the Fiscal Policy Working Group,

I'm writing to share my vision for fiscal stability for the State of Alaska. My name is Tyler Watson, resident of Anchorage (HD27), and I'm representing myself.

My number one priority for the legislature is to achieve a long term fiscal solution that solves our structural issues and allows the legislature to move forward on issues other than the PFD and budget fights every year. I think this can be achieved in a variety of ways, but with one common thread. All Alaskans have to work together and share in the cost of operating the state government. For me, this could be achieved in any number of combinations of the following:

1. A broad based tax (income: progressive and captures out of state workers, sales: more regressive, but captures tourist dollars)
2. Reform of oil tax credits and/or increase oil taxes
3. A strict adherence to the POMV (5%), and set the PFD to set percentage of the POMV.
4. Annual evaluation of state programs to find waste, inefficiencies, unfilled positions, etc to cut while protecting constitutionally mandated programs and programs that lookout for Alaskans in need.
5. State spending limit, that changes in accordance with inflation and population growth and has exceptions for emergency spending.

I'm agnostic to what the exact numbers or percentages are (aside from a sustainable POMV) as long as the solution allows for enough funding to pay for what we need and end the ongoing debate about PFD size.

Several plans like this have been brought forward before, Governor Walker proposed parts of this, Senator Micciche has spoken of the need to go "all in", and we've heard great ideas from this session's Ways and Means Committee. I hope your committee is able to come up with a new bold vision for our fiscal situation.

Regards,

Tyler Watson  
Anchorage, AK

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Tyler Watson



**From:** [Marcy Sowers](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Rep. Kevin McCabe](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony-FULL PFD, Repayment, FULL PFD in AK constitution.  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 8:08:07 PM

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Dear Fiscal Policy Committee,

My name is Marcy Sowers. I was born in Juneau, AK. I currently live in Wasilla. I am providing this testimony voluntarily on my own behalf. For years we have called in public testimony about the criminal theft by the majority legislature and willful ignorance of our state statute regarding the PFD. The legislature has committed felonious theft of the people's PFD, ***year after year.***

If any "regular" (read peon, aka your constituents) person in this state purloined the amount of money the Legislature has each year, they would likely be tried and convicted with a felony charge!

The legislature ***should*** be upholding the law, the current statute. But ***no***—we have seen the legislature do the opposite of what their job description is. Nor are you representing the people, you are bound and obligated to special interests. It's as though the voters' voice doesn't matter to you. You obviously don't think much of our voice—we elected a Republican majority which you managed to subvert. We primaried people who voted against the will of the people. (And we will do that again!) We were successful! (We will succeed again!) Despite our clear messaging -you managed to ignore the loud and clear voice of the People - AGAIN!

We have been living in dire straits amid the economic "cluster-mess" of the pandemic. We have Alaskan families wondering how they will afford heat this winter or drive to work given the Biden administration's historically high oil/gas prices. We have crushing effects: of covid on tourism, the Biden administration policy on oil/gas leases, the Biden administration policy on our natural resources, the effect of the pandemic on education and our children.

Moreover—we have the Alaska legislature not standing up to make improvements or progress on these issues. If you spent as much time on the real problems—instead of the inordinate amount of time spent on partisan power plays, not addressing issues to create a budgetary crisis or trying to circumvent the as-written Alaskan statute on the PFD—we'd have made significant progress towards improving the laundry list of problems in our state—and we wouldn't even need a special session!

We have asked for a full PFD, repayment of the PFDs stolen since the legislature and Walker admin first took it, we asked you to cut the size and scope of monstrous and bloated Alaskan government. We asked for a balanced budget. ***You ignored it.***

We have asked you to protect the PFD in its current statutory formula. ***You ignored it.***

We are all writing or calling in again, now to provide public testimony telling you we need you to do your job. Listen to your constituents, to obey the current law, the law that has been on the books for years. ***You are not above or outside the law. Our economy, families all could desperately use the influx of cash. The notion of a \$500.00 check is a slap in the face of every Alaskan.***

Contrary to the belief of some in the legislature *we* best know how to allocate our resources. We do not need you to decide for us. In fact we have spoken many times—full PFD, balanced budget, cut the bloated government, incentivize private industry/small businesses. One might start to think it is you-legislators- who need help in managing things-because clearly you have not been able to “represent” your constituents. The time for selective representation of one political party, union leaders, special interest lobbyists needs to end.

It’s long past time for you all to uphold the law. If you fail to protect the law, the PFD statute/historical formula-(and I do *not* mean the legislature’s interpretation of the law/formula from the past few years) and do your job, once more you are no better than criminals committing larceny or fraud. Do your job-obey the law. We ask criminals to pay restitution. Repayment of withheld PFDs is no different. It is what is called “justice”. We are tired of this ridiculous battle year after year, but our weariness does not mean you’ve worn us down; the legislature has just made us more angry and incentivized more people to do their civic duty and run to replace those of you who fail to do your jobs and *uphold the law*.

*Thank you to the amazing Senators and Representatives who actually listen to their constituents. These legislators are not “obstructionists” as some of you would like to paint them. They are the only ones with spine enough to wade through our “swamp” - the Alaskan political Muskeg.*

*To them and the others who are contemplating the notion of ignoring the special interests. Who want to do the right thing, for their constituents, I say:*

***Gunalcheesh!!***

***Itulatín***

***Yee gu.aa yax x’wán!!!***

(Tlingit translation:  
Thank you!  
We are watching you.  
Go forward with courage.)

*For those who want nothing more than to ramrod more of the same theft- I say:*

***Itulatín***

***Tléil oowaa wé aan káa ñududziteeyi yoo***

*y'atánk géide ñudunoogú.*

(Tlingit Translation:

We are watching you

It is wrong to go against the law of the land.)

I kindly ask that my testimony be read out loud into the official record.

Sincerely,

Marcy L. Sowers

Wasilla, AK 99623



**From:** [Andy Cizek](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** QUIT STEALING THE PFD FROM THE PEOPLE WHO IT BELONGS TO ACCORDING TO THE STATUTES!  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:18:03 PM

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You legislators are responsible for following the law just like everyone else. Do that and repay all the money stolen from the people since walker and the legislators at the time underhandedly started stealing the pfd from the people when they purposefully wasted the time of the regular session so they could go into special session and steal the pfd so the people couldn't vote on it which is also in the statutes all while walker was Governor. So repay all the money owed to the people of alaska and continue to pay them what the original formula says to pay them. Follow the law. Also do your job and cut the budget. You're all talk but nothing has been cut from the budget overall. Just shifting where it's spent. Do your job and if you can't, step down and resign so someone else can step up and do what the law requires. Thanks for your time and also a very special thank you to the legislators willing to stand up for the people in this matter.

Keep looking up!!!!

Andy

To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Realistic balanced budget  
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You may remember when Alaskans voted to move the Capitol and then voted not to when they became aware of the cost. We are in a similar situation today with some Alaskans wanting a big PFD but not wanting (your survey) the taxes that would go along with it. I have always supported the idea of the PFD but I have never been in favor of spending down our capital to keep the PFD high. We simply cannot have it both ways.

The final budget has to be a combination of actual income, cuts, and revenues. It cannot be based on what might be proposed for the future or what good might happen in the future. Bad might happen like another crash in oil prices (we have been there more than once), a big earthquake (think 1964), or a bad stock market. I do not have the date(s) on hand but I do know that there has been at least one period when the Dow Jones was essentially flat over 10 years. We have to deal with reality today.

Leave PCE alone as an endowment. It should not be any part of these budget discussions. If the governor or legislators want the PCE to be a part of the annual budget where it can be (will be) cut, they should just say as much. I support PCE while living in a urban area. When I lived in a bush village years ago we had a light plant (generator) that ran on gasoline so we depended on Coleman stoves mostly for light. The generator kept batteries charged for our required daily contact with Fairbanks and another village. Our radio was part of the old WAMCATS system. Those were the days of relatively cheap gasoline but nobody else in the village had any electric power. They could not afford it. The situation today is different but people on the road system still have a built in advantage.

In regard to additional cuts that some legislators want, I would like them to tell us what they want cut and why. Most legislators today from both major parties seem to think we have cut enough and I agree. We are now spending something like 20% more on corrections than we are our university system. I used to live in Sitka before the ferry system even started so I have some understanding about how those folks feel about their water highway system.

I support PCE and a realistic balanced budget and as big a PFD as we can actually afford without spending down our capital. Please deal with today's reality. Thank you.  
John Jensen (Alaska 1949er)

**From:** [Ron Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** revenue needs  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 6:27:57 PM

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I strongly support an income tax for alaskans. I would be fair tax on those with income above a certain level and would address the issue of so many seasonal workers who earn their money, use our infrastructure and services and then take their money somewhere else. lets do it.

Ron.



**From:** [Homer Hunter](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** State budget  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 6:42:36 PM

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My name is Homer Hunter, Hr from the southwestern Bering Sea village of Scammon Bay. With regards to the state budget, I am strongly urging the Alaska Legislature to fully restore the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) and back to its Endowment Fund. PCE must never be played around with by the Governor or the republican legislators. I am one of the many cooperative members of the 58 villages of the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative that depend on PCE to pay for my monthly electric bills. Without PCE, I do not know how I could have survived during the cold winter months. At the current .50 cents per kilowatt, it is still four times higher than what urban households pay with cheap electricity. Failure to restore the PCE, will be a breach of agreement between the urban and rural governments that was made in the early 1980's through the former rural and urban legislators. Furthermore it will politically re-divide the rural and urban relationship.

My other concern is the 17 million dollars that was cut in the medicaid program that is impacting the poor people in the rural and urban communities. That should also be restored.

The Alaska Performance Scholarship and the Alaska Education Grant program funds need to be restored back to its original funding. The University System has already suffered from Governor Dunleavy's prior cuts and without the full funding of ACPE, it is going to have a huge impact in the state education system.

I am not concerned about the permanent fund dividend and with the needless debate going on with the permanent fund dividend, it is wasting your time on finishing the state budget. First things first is a priority. Governor Dunleavy is making it sound that people are doomed to die if they don't get the \$5,000 dividend. A lot of work needs to be done with PFD and it can be postponed until the next legislative session.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Homer Hunter, Jr.  
Scammon Bay

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony on The Budget/Permanent Fund  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:56:28 PM

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Dear Legislators,

Thank you for this opportunity to give my input on our fiscal crisis. I have lived and worked here since 1974, when I moved here after college, following the footsteps of my great-grandfathers and grandparents.

First, I do not recall that I voted on ending the state income tax and leaving the state to rely solely on the oil revenues. I do recall that the current formula is nothing like what Governor Hammond intended, and that it was the lawsuit brought by the Zoebel's that resulted in everyone getting an equal share of dividends which further drained the fund much more than with the original formula, and a whole generation of Alaskans grew up not paying anything towards the upkeep of our state and instead getting paid for living here. Incidentally, many high-paid oil workers paid no taxes and left the state giving nothing in return.

Somehow many Alaskans have decided that the dividend portion of the fund should be set in stone. I humbly disagree. As cuts to services continue we are at the bottom of many indicators of a healthy state: 47% for economic well-being of children (KidsCount 2021), 49<sup>th</sup> in adult mental health (MHA), and 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation for overall health care, access, and outcomes (2016 WalletHub) and 49<sup>th</sup> out of the "Best States to Live in 2021" (WalletHub).

We can no longer afford to pay out large dividends and expect to rely solely on the fund for operating our state. The party is over and has been for some time.

Respectfully,

Beverly Churchill

**From:** [Mary Geddes](#)  
**To:** [Fiscal Policy](#)  
**Subject:** Today's public hearing  
**Date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:09:49 PM

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Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your efforts this far in the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Working Group and elsewhere, but I am still not seeing the necessary consensus develop in response to our state's only deepening fiscal crisis.

Speaking as an Alaskan with children and grandchildren who also live here, I urge the following :

1. Consider amending the Alaska Constitution to include the POMV system and guarantee the Dividend at a SUSTAINABLE level;
2. Reinstate broad-based taxes such as a personal income tax focusing on higher income Alaskan residents and NON-RESIDENTS;
3. Impose a moderate increase in oil taxes; and
4. Continue to look for efficiencies cues in state government while recognizing that the budget might need to be increased for certain areas such as the capital budget.

Please, please act to approve this fiscal plan; postponement moves us only closer to a yawning fiscal cliff.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Geddes



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Please accept my written testimony. I am representing myself and my family. I was born in the territory of Alaska. I stand as a proud Alaskan of 67 years.

We support passing a PFD resolution now with an equal split between Alaskan citizens and the government. Alaskans must get paid first. The government and legislature has been taking our money for too many years. Alaskans are standing up to the bullying and thievery, we will not take it any more.

Linda Morrison Goss  
Fairbanks resident