

## Michael Mason

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**From:** April Erickson <tcucrna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 5:14 PM  
**To:** Senate Education; Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** SCR11

As an Alaskan we have many pressing issues in our state. I do not support a "reimagine" of our state seal at this point in time. Our legislative resources should be used in a more responsible way at this point in time.

April Erickson, DNP, CRNA

Kodiak, AK

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**From:** Cassie Lawver <caslawver@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 1, 2026 10:10 PM  
**To:** Senate Education; Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please Oppose SCR 11 – Keep Alaska’s State Seal

Dear Senator Stevens and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, which would establish a commission to reimagine Alaska’s official state seal.

Alaska’s state seal is not offensive or outdated, it is a historical record of how our state was built through hard work, perseverance, industry, and community in one of the most challenging environments in the world. Mining, transportation, fishing, agriculture, and development are not symbols of harm; they are the foundation of modern Alaska and remain vital to our economy today.

Honoring Alaska Native culture and history is important and should be strengthened through education and meaningful engagement. However, inclusion should not come by rewriting or replacing long-standing state symbols that represent our shared heritage.

Beyond the cultural concerns, changing the state seal would come with significant and unnecessary costs to taxpayers. The seal appears on state buildings, official documents, court materials, licenses, signage, websites, uniforms, and educational materials across Alaska. Replacing and updating all of these would require substantial public funding — money that could be far better spent on education, public safety, infrastructure, and essential services.

Once government begins redesigning historical symbols to reflect shifting political or cultural priorities, there is no clear end point. Alaska’s history deserves preservation, not revision.

I respectfully urge you to oppose SCR 11 and instead focus on initiatives that expand historical education while preserving the symbols that reflect Alaska’s resilience, heritage, and identity.

Thank you for your time and service to our state.

Sincerely,

Cassie Lawver

District C

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**From:** Dawn Maness <dawnbierlein@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 7:20 PM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** No new Seal

Dear senators, we do not need a new seal! The seal that we started with is wonderful and it should not be changed! No buddy asked you guys to change it and no one wants you to change it. There should be more important things you're looking into then changing a perfectly great seal! Drop it you nosy woke busy bodies thank you for thank you for your time.  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** DeAnna Koranda <deedlette@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 2:26 PM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** Leave Alaska's State Seal Alone

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February 4, 2026

Senate Committee on Education  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
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Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,  
I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Alaska to strongly oppose any efforts to redesign our state's official seal. While I appreciate the intentions behind such proposals—perhaps to modernize or address contemporary sensitivities— I believe this move would unnecessarily erase important elements of our state's rich history and heritage. Our current seal, adopted in 1913, reflects the pioneering spirit, natural resources, and foundational values that have shaped Alaska since statehood. Altering it risks diluting the symbols that connect us to our past, potentially for fleeting political or cultural trends that may not endure.  
Moreover, in a time when Alaska is facing significant fiscal challenges, this redesign is an imprudent use of taxpayer dollars. Our state is already too financially strained to fully pay out the statutory Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) that Alaskans rely on and are entitled to under law. Redirecting funds toward a seal redesign— which would necessitate costly updates to every official document, website, building signage, and more— is fiscally irresponsible. Estimates for similar changes in other states have run into the millions, a burden we simply cannot afford when essential services and resident dividends are underfunded.  
I urge you to prioritize Alaska's pressing needs, such as bolstering our economy, supporting infrastructure, and ensuring the full PFD is restored, over symbolic changes that offer no tangible benefits. Preserving our history while being mindful of our budget will better serve the people of Alaska. Thank you for considering my views on this matter. I look forward to your thoughtful response and continued service to our great state.  
Sincerely,  
DeAnna Koranda

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**From:** dianeperkins@frontier.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 11:07 AM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Cc:** Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Löki Tobin; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Robert Yundt; Sen. Mike Cronk  
**Subject:** SCR 11

Dear Senator Stevens and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose SCR 11, which would create an unnecessary commission to redesign Alaska's great state seal. This is a waste of our taxpayer funds and is not a priority for the administration of our great state of Alaska. This is a frivolous use of hard-earned funds and replaces a beautiful seal that reflects our great state's history.

The seal is a historical record of how Alaska was built through perseverance, industry, and community. It is not harmful or outdated — it represents the resilience that still defines our state today. Honoring Alaska Native history should be done through education, not by rewriting long-standing state symbols. Changing this seal is nothing more than a political move to appease the woke ideology. We did not vote for this. Not to mention, changing the seal would also create huge amounts of unnecessary taxpayer costs across state documents, buildings, licenses, and materials — funds better spent on essential services.

I strongly urge you to oppose SCR 11 and preserve Alaska's heritage and history.

Sincerely,

(Leslie) Diane Perkins, district C  
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**From:** Jewel Williams <jewel.a.williams71@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:37 AM  
**To:** Senate Education; Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** DO NOT CHANGE THE STATE SEAL

To Whom It May Concern:

I was recently made aware that Senator Gary Stevens has sponsored a bill to change the Alaska State Seal. It is now with the Senate Education Committee and the Senate State Affairs Committee. I am writing to express my vehement opposition to any legislative measure that would change the official seal of the State of Alaska. This is not merely an aesthetic concern; it is a matter of legislative priority, respect for public opinion, and the preservation of our shared history.

At a time when Alaskans are grappling with critical issues such as public schools losing teachers due to funding issues, the severe homeless situation in larger cities, as well as drug use and crime across the state, the expenditure of time and resources on redesigning a long-standing public symbol is a demonstrable waste of legislative effort and taxpayer money. I urge you to re-focus your attention and the state's budget on tangible issues that directly impact the well-being of your constituents.

Furthermore, any attempt to change the seal, whether at the state or municipal level, risks being perceived as a disregard for the voices of the people. A public seal represents a common history and identity. Removing established historical elements in favor of a new design suggests an arbitrary erasure of that history.

A change of this nature should not be pursued without clear, overwhelming public mandate, and its necessity must be justified far beyond a simple desire for modernization. The process of governing should build public trust, not undermine it by prioritizing cosmetic changes over fundamental responsibilities.

I strongly urge you to reject any proposals to change the seal and to instead dedicate your valuable legislative time to addressing the core challenges facing the people of Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,  
Jewel Williams  
Seward, Alaska  
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## Michael Mason

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**From:** Kim Bates <kbatesdg907@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 9:21 PM  
**To:** Senate Education; Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** \*\*Leave Alaska's State Seal alone. Preserve our history.\*\*

Our State Seal isn't harmful.

It tells the story of how Alaska was built — through perseverance, hard work, mining, transportation, fishing, farming, and community.

That's not something to erase.

That's heritage.

Honoring Alaska Native culture is important - but real history includes the full story, not selected chapters. Education is the answer, not redesigning our state symbols.

\*\*Leave Alaska's State Seal alone. Preserve our history.\*\*

Kim Bates  
Soldotna, AK

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**From:** Mike Morawitz <mbmortz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:13 AM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** State seal

"Alaska has a great State Seal already, a graphic legacy to Alaska's history. There is NO reason to recreate it in some new PC image.

There are more critical issues to invest time/money in during the limited time in session in Juneau than this attempt to destroy Alaska's already historically accurate depiction so well illustrated in the Seal of the Great State of Alaska. Just LEAVE IT ALONE and quit trying to emulate Anchorage's ineptness!!

Born in Alaskan Territory , since 1950

Mike Morawitz

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**From:** Ralph Crane <kummok@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:58 AM  
**To:** Senate Education; Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** Leave the State Seal Alone!

Dear Whomever is pushing this change

Alaska has a great State Seal already, a graphic legacy to Alaska's history. There is NO reason to recreate it in some new PC image.

There are more critical issues to invest time/money in during the limited time in session in Juneau then this attempt to destroy Alaska's already historically accurate depiction so well illustrated in the Seal of the Great State of Alaska. Just LEAVE IT ALONE and quite trying to emulate Anchorage's ineptness!!

Ralph Crane  
Alaskan since 1959

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**From:** Raymond Walker <raywalkeralaska@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 9:09 AM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** No to SCR 11

Dear Senator Stevens and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to respectfully oppose SCR 11, which would create a commission to redesign Alaska's state seal.

The seal is a historical record of how Alaska was built through perseverance, industry, and community. It is not harmful or outdated — it represents the resilience that still defines our state today. Honoring Alaska Native history should be done through education, not by rewriting long-standing state symbols.

Changing the seal would also create unnecessary taxpayer costs across state documents, buildings, licenses, and materials — funds better spent on essential services.

Please oppose SCR 11 and preserve Alaska's heritage and history.

Raymond Walker District 6

If we do not base our prayers on scripture, we are only wishing.

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**From:** Renee Eidem <cowgirlup4560@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 1, 2026 10:29 PM  
**To:** Senate Education; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Löki Tobin; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Robert Yundt; Sen. Mike Cronk  
**Subject:** Please oppose SCR 11

Dear legislators;

Please oppose the changing of the Alaska Seal. This is a total waste of time and money. If this is what is important to you when we are so in the hole financially, according to you all, this should be the last thing you should be wasting time and money on.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**From:** Shelly Erickson <shellyhro31@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 8:35 AM  
**To:** Senate Education; Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** SCR11 - Leave the State Seal alone

I am writing to request that this SCR11 be removed from the bills.

1. Our State has fiscal problems and health and safety issues, along with funding of critical infrastructure. This bill is a deterrent and a waste of time and money from doing what is truly necessary to keep our state moving forward.
2. The list of organizations in this bill is slanted and does not represent the citizens of the state of Alaska equally.
3. Our seal has been in place since the early 1900's. There is no reason to change, except for political posturing of current ideas. These ideas are not bringing our citizens together, but in fact apart. We need to have the full history and progress moving forward.

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