



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Robert V. Lindsey Post 10041 Bethel, AK

February 23, 2026

Dear Senator Hoffman and Finance Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10041 in Bethel, Alaska, to express our strong support for Senate Bill 170 authorizing electronic pull tabs for qualified charitable organizations in Alaska.

Our Post serves veterans, families, and the broader Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region — one of the most remote and economically challenged areas in the state. We operate not only as a veterans organization but also as a critical community hub, providing space for community gatherings, youth events, memorial services, emergency assistance efforts, and charitable programs that directly benefit local residents. In rural Alaska, organizations like ours often fill gaps where other services do not exist.

SB 170 represents an important modernization of charitable gaming that would allow organizations like ours to generate sustainable revenue while remaining within a regulated and accountable framework. The ability to utilize electronic pull tabs would provide a stable funding stream that is essential for rural nonprofits facing high transportation costs, limited fundraising opportunities, and seasonal economic challenges.

For our Post, additional revenue would directly support emergency assistance to local veterans and their families, youth programs and scholarships, funeral honors and memorial services, and ongoing facility maintenance and improvements for a building that serves as a primary community gathering place. It would also help sustain community events, holiday programs, charitable outreach efforts, and regional veteran services where access to resources is limited due to geography and cost.

Bethel and surrounding villages face unique economic barriers because of geographic isolation and the high cost of living. Fundraising options common in urban areas are often not feasible here. Electronic pull tabs would provide a reliable, locally controlled funding mechanism that allows charitable dollars to remain in our community and directly benefit the people who live here.

Organizations like ours are not seeking profit — we are seeking sustainability. Every dollar generated through charitable gaming is reinvested into programs that support veterans, families, and community members in need. SB 170 would strengthen our ability to continue that mission, and I respectfully urge your support. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of Alaska's veterans and nonprofit organizations.

Sincerely,
Sean Pitre



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



March 17, 2026

Re: Opposition to Oil and Gas Tax Rewrite Advanced Without Adequate Public Process

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and our broad membership of Interior Alaska businesses, we write to express our opposition to the recent oil and gas tax rewrite and increase advanced by the Senate Resources Committee without a comprehensive and transparent public process and economic modeling.

Fairbanks is currently experiencing a significant positive economic impact in sectors that support the oil & gas industry – please do not risk this welcome economic activity.

Since TAPS construction, we have been uniquely connected to responsible North Slope development. As the logistical crossroads of Arctic resource activity, our community directly supports oil and gas operations through transportation, aviation, construction, engineering, professional services, equipment supply, hospitality, and retail. When investment flows north, Fairbanks businesses grow. When uncertainty clouds investment decisions, our community feels the impact quickly.

For that reason, major changes to Alaska’s oil and gas tax structure are not abstract policy debates for us — they are economic decisions with real and immediate consequences. As a general matter, Fairbanks Chamber opposes targeted taxes on business – whether oil & gas, mining, or other industries.

The proposal advanced by the Committee represents a significant modification to Alaska’s production tax framework. Changes of this magnitude warrant rigorous economic modeling, updated price and throughput assumptions, careful analysis of long-term investment impacts, and meaningful opportunity for public and stakeholder input. That level of process has not occurred.

Tax systems governing oil production in Alaska are highly complex. Adjusting a single element — whether minimum tax levels, gross value reduction

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provisions, credit structures, or price-based components — can cascade through the system and materially affect project economics. In a high-cost, long-cycle environment like the North Slope, those impacts can influence whether capital is deployed here or redirected to competing jurisdictions.

It is important to remember that Alaska's oil industry does more than support private-sector employment. The Alaska Permanent Fund was seeded with oil royalties. Earnings that help fund state services and annual dividends to Alaskans trace directly back to oil development. Any proposal that alters the fiscal framework governing that development must be approached with seriousness, transparency, and deliberation.

The Fairbanks business community understands Alaska faces fiscal challenges. We support responsible, thoughtful discussions about long-term revenue policy. However, targeted tax increases on a single industry — advanced without comprehensive public vetting — create uncertainty that risks chilling investment not only on the North Slope, but throughout the Interior economy.

Durable fiscal policy requires open debate, updated data, and confidence that the public fully understands both projected revenue effects and potential economic tradeoffs. Major structural revisions should not move forward absent that foundation.

We respectfully urge the Committee to pause further advancement of this proposal and commit to a deliberate, transparent process that allows legislators, industry experts, economists, and the public to fully evaluate the implications of any changes to Alaska's oil and gas tax system.

Fairbanks businesses depend on stability, predictability, and a competitive Alaska. We ask that the Legislature ensure that any tax reform of this magnitude reflects those principles.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO



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Board Chair

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