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From: Grey Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 9:49 AM
To: Senate Judiciary
Subject: HB93 - Opposition

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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

As a lifelong Alaskan, I am writing to oppose HB93.

This bill unfairly targets long-time, older Alaska residents who have retired and may need to spend more time outside of Alaska during harsh winter months. Shoveling snow and icy conditions present real hazards and health concerns for older Alaskans.

I feel it is very disrespectful to take away Alaska residency status from older Alaskans who have spent their whole lives in Alaska and continue to maintain homes and residency under the current definition. The notion that this group of older Alaska residents are somehow straining Alaska's fish and game resources makes no sense.

So what is it really about? From the sponsor statement, it seems that the intent is to penalize older Alaskans who have paid their dues and now, after decades of hard work, sacrifice, and saving, finally have the means and opportunity to avoid the hardships of winter in Alaska. It seems petty to want to penalize the old-timers who have maintained Alaska residency for decades and want to come home and do some fishing and hunting simply because they don't have to endure the hardships of winter in Alaska anymore.

I remember a time when the Alaska sourdoughs were respected and revered by all Alaskans. I hope they still are. Passing this legislation without an exception for old-timer Alaskans would be just plain wrong.

Please do not pass HB93. Thank you.

Grey Mitchell
Current Juneau Resident
Past resident of Ketchikan, Cordova, Yakutat, Anchorage, and Palmer

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From: Sen. Matt Claman
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 8:19 AM
To: Senate Judiciary
Subject: FW: HB93 - Senator Matt Claman

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From: mark keller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 5:02 PM
To: Sen. Matt Claman <Sen.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB93 - Senator Matt Claman

To Senator Matt Claman,

My name is Mark Keller. I have been a resident of Alaska since 2008. During this time, I have been a resident in the Anchorage Community. I have maintained a home in Anchorage (my only home) for the entirety of this time. For many years, I practiced as a pediatric dentist in Alaska. I served by helping many children throughout the state. As an Alaskan resident, I have enjoyed many of the great things Alaska has to offer. I enjoy hunting and fishing. As a retired person, I rely on game meat as a healthy staple in my diet. I am writing this letter in opposition to Alaska Bill HB93, which would change the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and fishing privileges. It's reported that these changes would likely mirror the current requirements for the Permanent Dividend Fund. If this bill becomes law, it will take away my rights as a resident. Let me explain: currently, I must provide care for my aging parents who live in Minnesota. I am a durable power of attorney for my father, and I must care for him as needed. It is not possible for my father to move to Alaska. His condition will not allow it, and Alaska does not offer the interdisciplinary, specialty, and expert medical care he requires. As a result, I may for a time need to be absent from Alaska more than the proposed HB93 requirement of 180 days. I believe that the current version of HB93 should be either rejected or revised. I would at the very least recommend that Alaska allow a meritorious exemption process for residents with special circumstances. This exemption should allow residents with special circumstances to be exempt from the 180-day requirement that has been set forth in HB93. This exemption already exists for members of the military, individuals serving as member of the United States Congress and their staff, employees of the state in a field office or other location, individuals serving as a volunteer of the federal Peace Corps program, and individuals training or competing as a member of the United States Olympic Team.

I've been in contact with the Alaska Permanent Divided Fund Office. There is no meritorious exemption that allows a resident to be absent from Alaska more than 180 days while providing care for an elderly parent that resides out of state.

I would add that there's a large number of individuals that move to Alaska from the lower 48 with family members that reside out of state. This bill has the potential to affect many Alaska residents in a negative and unintended way.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Keller

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From: Toni Merrill [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 9:31 AM
To: Senate Judiciary
Subject: HB 93

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Dear Committee Members,

I am currently an Alaskan snowbird and registered voter in House/Precinct 19-605. My residency began in July, 1969.

I am asking you to vote NO on HB 93.

I am also a home owner and property tax paying resident. I don't mind giving up "my" PFD from the State of Alaska and senior tax exemption from the Municipality of Anchorage. That doesn't mean we are not "real Alaskans".

I am very angered at the thought of possibly losing my right to fish and hunt in the great state of Alaska, that I have called home for many years.

Taking this right of all Alaskan retirees to fish and hunt will result in many senior citizens leaving Alaska permanently. It is sad that you are even thinking and talking about your elders in this manner.

Respectively,

Antonia L Merrill

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Breanna Kakaruk

From: Ben Merrill [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 8:33 AM
To: Senate Judiciary
Subject: HB93

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To whom it may concern

I am a snowbird.

I grew up in Anchorage.

I pay taxes in Anchorage. I pay full amount because I'm a snowbird!

I don't get a permanent fund check.

If you take away my Right to hunt and subsistence fish in Alaska, I have less and less reason to return to Alaska and add to the income of other Alaskans.

Thank you

William Merrill

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From: Sen. Matt Claman
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 7:49 AM
To: Senate Judiciary
Subject: FW: HB 93

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From: veannoble [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2026 9:24 AM
To: Sen. Matt Claman <Sen.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 93

Senator Claman,

In regards to hb 93, it appears your committee is considering a carve out for pilots and possibly flight crew ?

There are plenty of other jobs and occupations where an alaska "resident" might be overseas or out of state for an extended period such as construction, firefighting, military contracting.....and plenty more. Do these other types of work get an exemption?

How about someone who is retired but likes to travel a lot....doesn't have residency in any other place... but goes over a 180 day absence and then loses resident fishing hunting privileges, but doesn't have resident privileges anywhere else?

I moved to alaska in 1982. It has been the only state I have voted in, held a drivers license and claimed residency in.

This bill represents a small and petty mind set about who is a "real alaskan". It's the whole "chechako" attitude on steroids. Have heard it for close to 45 years and always have considered it a petty, self serving attitude.

20 years ago, a friend of mine from colorado got busted for claiming residency...and don't forget board of fish guy Rowland Maw. He got busted initially with a commercial fishing residency issue that later got elevated to pfd fraud.

I am not buying the argument this bill has to pass in order to make enforcement possible.

Alaska has a lot of BIG issues that need attention....affordability on a state and personal level probably being near the top of the list....followed by infrastructure sustainability a close 2nd.

It's disheartening to see your time spent on small time click bait issues like hb 93 when significant issues that effect alaska's future go wanting for attention.

I would like to see you scrap hb 93 and instead push the alaska state troopers to bust the most flagrant abusers.

Speaking of abusers.... I have yet to see any published information on just how big a problem this is. Do you have any studies or definitive information that would show just how big (or small) this issue really is ? Everything I have seen reported is just peoples opinions and a lot of innuendo.

Pushing legislation without good detailed facts is what we have the U.S. senate and house of representatives for.....I expect better from my local state representation.

I am joking of course....but really... poltically, this country is in a real mess and in my opinion, hb 93 is the type of divisive legislation that accomplishes little, other than promoting the " us vs them" mentality that is so pervasive today.

Just wanted to share my perspective.

Regards,
Vean Noble

Kasilof Ak resident