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Hello:

My name is Bruce F. Sherry, a lifelong Alaskan, and I am a Captain for Alaska Airlines. Today, however, I am representing the Air Line Pilots Association as the Chairman of the Anchorage Base LEC (Council 64.) I represent all Alaska Airlines pilots based in Anchorage.

We have approximately 300 pilots who are domiciled in ANC. The overwhelming majority of those pilots live in either Anchorage, Eagle River, or the Valley. We also have a handful of pilots who live in Fairbanks and Juneau, and commute to work. Over the years, Alaska Airlines has proven to be a very stable employer, and the Anchorage base is known for being a very tight knit group. It's a great place to work. And, more importantly, it's been great for the State and local economies. Our Anchorage based pilots spend their incomes right here in the state. This vital spending helps support our communities in too many ways to mention here.

The nature of our job is unique and for a large portion of our pilots in Anchorage, it takes them out of state on work trips. This is generally something they have no control over as the airline builds work schedules that require layovers throughout the system.

Even though our pilots may have to travel to support their families, they deserve access to the PFD just like everyone else. Our pilots generally have many basing options throughout the West Coast. For the sake of our State's financial future, we should be providing every incentive for these families to remain in Alaska and spend their incomes here. The PFD helps provide that incentive.

This exemption would be vitally important to all of our flight crews to help them provide financial stability for themselves and for their families. On a personal level, my wife and I have been receiving the PFD for many, many years. Those PFD funds helped us raise two daughters right here in Anchorage and are currently helping us put them through college.

It's important to the Air Line Pilots Association that every one of our Alaska Airlines pilots that resides in Alaska has access to the PFD, and we are fully in support of this exemption bill.

Kind regards,

Captain Bruce F. Sherry  
ANC LEC 64, Chairman  
Air Line Pilots Association