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To: [Senate Education](#); [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: DO NOT CHANGE THE STATE SEAL
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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

