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Senate Committee on State Affairs
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs 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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