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**From:** Paula Beneke <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 5:19 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 26, 2025 @ 02:18am  
Please Oppose House Bill 97

Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Paula Beneke , and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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**From:** Theresa Wellington <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:52 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 11:51pm  
Please Oppose House Bill 97

Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Theresa Wellington, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Erin Buchanan <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:41 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 11:40pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Erin Buchanan, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
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North Pole, AK 99705  
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**From:** Whitney Robinson <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 1:32 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 10:31pm  
Please Oppose House Bill 97

Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Whitney Robinson, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Whitney Robinson  
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**From:** Shanely De Jesus <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 09:22pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Shanely De Jesus, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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**From:** Lianne Cox <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:53 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 08:53pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Lianne Cox, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Lianne Cox  
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**From:** Natasha Larry <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:47 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 08:46pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Natasha Larry, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Natasha Larry  
3315 Morgan Loop,  
Anchorage, AK 99516  
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907-347-2137

**From:** Milica Bogdanovic <team@peak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:34 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 08:33pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Milica Bogdanovic, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Milica Bogdanovic  
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Anchorage, AK 99501  
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**From:** Michelle Booth <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:24 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 08:23pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Michelle Booth, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Michelle Booth  
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**From:** Dusan Vujnovic <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:19 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Dusan Vujnovic, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Dusan Vujnovic  
8110 E 5th Ave ,  
Anchorage, AK 99504  
dulevule.vujnovic@gmail.com  
907-250-1908

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**From:** Michael Snodgrass <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:18 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Michael Snodgrass, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Michael Snodgrass  
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**From:** Edward Smith <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:18 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Edward Smith, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Edward Smith  
4251 N Sasbo Bluff Loop,  
Wasilla, AK 99623  
crazyhd68@gmail.com  
907-203-9800

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**From:** Sean Squire <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:14 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 08:13pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Sean Squire , and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Sean Squire  
8711 Beachwood Dr ,  
Anchorage, AK 99502  
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**From:** Irene Squire <team@peak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:14 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Irene Squire , and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Mrs. Irene Squire  
8711 Beachwood Dr,  
Anchorage, AK 99502  
King2squire@yahoo.com  
907-317-3117

**From:** Erika Douglass <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:09 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Erika Douglass, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Erika Douglass  
4680 E Mosswood Dr,  
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erika.d.douglass@gmail.com  
907-795-9186

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**From:** Charles Craig <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025 12:11 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 26, 2025 @ 09:10am  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Charles Craig , and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Charles Craig  
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Anchorage, AK 99517  
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907-884-7118



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**From:** Shanely De Jesus <team@peak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

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**From:** Donna Plummer <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 12:07 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 25, 2025 @ 09:06pm  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Donna Plummer, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Donna Plummer  
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**From:** Rodney Perez <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 3:26 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Rodney Perez, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Rodney Perez  
5901 e 6th ave,  
Anchorage, AK 99504  
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907-535-1787

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**From:** Lani Link <team@peak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 3:34 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 26, 2025 @ 12:33am  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Lani Link, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Lani Link  
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Wasilla, AK 99623  
lanilink@hotmail.com  
808-255-4804

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**From:** Laura Halvorsen <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 26, 2025 @ 04:10am  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Laura Halvorsen, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Laura Halvorsen  
189 E. Nelson Ave. #250,  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
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904-525-1936

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**From:** Sherilyn Podborny <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:17 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 26, 2025 @ 04:16am  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Sherilyn Podborny, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Sherilyn Podborny  
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Anchorage, AK 99504  
marleybugga@aim.com  
907-244-2344



**From:** Sonya Lesemann <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:25 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 26, 2025 @ 06:24am  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Sonya Lesemann, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Sonya Lesemann  
2709 W 66th Ave,  
Anchorage, AK 99502  
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907-245-1004

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**From:** Betty Wyant <team@peak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:26 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Please Oppose House Bill 97

February 26, 2025 @ 06:25am  
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Dear Representative Andrew Gray,

My name is Betty Wyant, and I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to institute a state sales tax on consumer goods found within House Bill 97. This provision seems innocuous, but in practice would be a new sales tax on Alaskan consumers at a time when we simply cannot afford it.

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Sincerely,  
Betty Wyant  
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Anchorage, AK 99502  
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**From:** Jason Thorn <team@speak4.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:27 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andrew Gray  
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February 26, 2025 @ 06:26am  
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Sincerely,  
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