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Dear Senators,

Let's have a reality check. Your constituents were all working or busy with your families, when more people took the microphone to tell House Finance members to fund every pet project under the sun. These people testified that they wanted income tax. The people who called in to urge members to reduce spending were drowned out by the majority and you appear to have forgotten who put you in office. You are continuing to drive us into a recession with your good intentions and disregard for us at home.

The governor's proposed budget is HIGHER than last year's and he wants a payroll tax and more than half our PFD over time.

Our Alaskan government has only reduced 3% of daily operations of the departments and agencies over the last 3 years. You have plenty of fat left to carve down to bone, yet you are either reluctant to do it or you do not understand what you are doing, in which case we as your constituents are in the worse trouble we have ever seen.

I urge you to support the spending cap bill SB196

Best Wishes,

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