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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that there was public testimony in regards to SB196 recently. Unfortunately, I haven't followed things too closely down in Juneau this year due to being extremely busy, but when I saw Senator Shelley Hughes mention this bill, as well as HB286, I did want to have my input included in the public record.

As I informed my representatives last year, I do NOT support any income tax...period. There will never be a time I will ever support this theft of working Alaskans. I also do not support a budget that includes increased spending....in other words I'm FOR a spending cap. The government does not spend money well, and there are many areas that need to have their budgets reduced to reasonable levels with reasonable salaries for employees in the various government departments to be commensurate with employees in the private sector. I've been shocked at the numbers I've seen where Alaska government spends gigantic amounts in different sectors as compared to other states, including education. I realize Alaska is a huge state with logistical challenges, but there also are not that many people in the state either.

The time for living high on the hog during the oil boom season has come to an end and government should learn to live within their means, even if it means cutting services - with the exception of Public Safety. There are some Alaskans who will complain, and others will really feel it, but it is time for ALL Alaskans to sacrifice to put this state in the black again.

If there needs to be any taxes considered, please consider a sales tax. This would only have my support IF, and only IF, the budget and spending is extremely reduced and there is a spending cap implemented.

Again, I do not support ANY income tax, and I DO support a spending cap.

Regards,

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