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Dear Chair Kawasaki and Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 120.

Key Concerns:

Bureaucratic Overreach Disguised as CO₂ Reduction – Establishes a new commission fixated on CO₂ reduction, despite Alaska contributing less than 0.1% of global emissions. This is purely symbolic, creating unnecessary bureaucracy without delivering meaningful benefits—only more government interference.

Energy Policy Should Not Be Shaped by a Climate Emergency Commission – Designed to consult and cooperate with public and private groups, academic institutions, and climate activists, this commission will act as a powerful lobbying force—not an impartial advisory body. It will push for costly regulations, destabilized energy reliability, and unnecessary restrictions, all under the guise of urgency rather than sound energy and economic policy. Delegating Alaska’s energy future to a group fixated on a climate crisis narrative ensures special interests—not Alaskans—will dictate the state’s energy direction.

A Blueprint for Degrowth, Not Prosperity – The bill’s directives to “advance the implementation of technology that provides for renewable energy” and “identify opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from in-state sources, including the expanded use of alternative fuels, energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, land use management, and transportation planning” are straight out of the degrowth playbook. These policies are not about balanced energy solutions—they are about imposing regulatory hurdles, restricting land use, centralizing transportation planning, and reshaping economic activity around arbitrary emissions targets. This isn’t about the environment; it’s about intentionally shrinking economic opportunities under the guise of climate action.

I urge the committee to carefully consider these implications before moving forward.

Additional detailed reasoning can be found in the following Substack article:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://kassieandrews.substack.com/p/does-alaska-need-a-climate-change_!!LdQKC6s!Payfp4lv0hRaePSZAGy1ajKO0ehA19KN46r-p6uG46CT75TZIVMgUzC3kDrr2_Bemjmh1vw7eKCGU-OngWWRiCsplKD_pQix\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://kassieandrews.substack.com/p/does-alaska-need-a-climate-change_!!LdQKC6s!Payfp4lv0hRaePSZAGy1ajKO0ehA19KN46r-p6uG46CT75TZIVMgUzC3kDrr2_Bemjmh1vw7eKCGU-OngWWRiCsplKD_pQix$)

I appreciate your time and attention to this critical issue and look forward to your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
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