
From: Tom Boutin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 5:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 122

Good afternoon,

One month ago I happened to see a news story about HB 122 as it pertains to a prospective AIDEA revenue bond authorization. I sent the email below to the legislator quoted in the news story. I sent the same email again a few days later in case that legislator had not received my email. I do not know if that legislator considered my recommended edits to the bill.

Today I saw mentioned on the internet that the House Finance Committee held a hearing on HB 122. I reread the bill just now and believe my suggestions – meant to be helpful and constructive – are still valid. Thanks for your time and thanks for all the hard work you do for Alaskans.

Tom Boutin
Juneau

Good morning Representative ,

After reading the news story in the Alaska Beacon I have two recommendations for edits to the AIDEA revenue bond authorization in the committee substitute for HB 122. I took a look at the bill.

1. The bill should forthrightly state that the moral obligation of the state is not granted with this authorization. This would not prevent the Legislature from later granting the moral obligation for a specific financing, and seeking the moral obligation for a specific revenue bond financed project would be very routine for AIDEA.
2. Debt service for the bond authorized by this bill should only be allowed to come from revenues generated by the projects constructed from authorized bond proceeds and from the bond proceeds themselves (meaning capitalized interest, for example). Every project financing utilizing the HB 122 authorization should stand on its own merit, and be strictly and clearly apart from general AIDEA revenues and cash flows, including the annual AIDEA dividend paid to the GF.

I would be happy to talk this over with you. I've jotted this down hurriedly on a Saturday morning but I think I've stated it in a way that makes sense.

I believe these changes would both improve the legislation and clarify what is intended, and these changes could be helpful in answering concerns one or more of your colleagues has been reported to have. I don't know that there is anyone who has more State of Alaska public finance experience than I have, including structuring and selling all kinds of bonds, COPs, etc., and in writing bond legislation.

So far as I know there is no one working at AIDEA today who has ever sold an AIDEA revenue bond. I have structured and sold revenue bonds for a number of state agencies, including AIDEA.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for all the hard work you do for Alaska. Have a wonderful weekend.

Tom Boutin
Juneau



From: Susan A <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:45 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB122

I am writing to oppose this bill as written.

I express concern about the lack of a precise spending plan. The absence of transparency regarding which specific projects will receive financial support. I have read the data provided by AIDEA and several different projects are not something I would have approved. Calling it transparency while closing down recent public meetings, removing public media funding, having to pay for the local newspapers, and not offering internet, is like a slap in the face.

I find little justification for issuing a blank check for \$300 million without a clear allocation plan. It is highly problematic.

The earnings of AIDEA are public funds.

Representative McKabe said in March this bill will "allow AIDEA to borrow \$300 million—to be paid back with AIDEA earnings—to build and finance infrastructure to support "critical mineral and rare earth projects located in Alaska."

Has anyone considered an environmental impact study?

I support the infrastructure development in Alaska with the replacement of the passenger dock. The debt agreement of 30 years is set. It is a precise plan.

We must first get our affairs in order before we can build it, and they will come. We have much to achieve, and no funds to spare. Pile up the ore. We will get to it later. Just kick the can.

Thank you

Susan Allmeroth, myself, Two Rivers

From: evvisse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Vande Visse
<evvisse@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 8:20 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: AIDEA-- \$300 million bonding authority should be removed

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

We watch and are very concerned. AIDEA has not earned our public trust and has not earned an exemption.


I write to urge you to remove an ill-advised provision in HB 122 so that it does not prevent the rest of the bill from passing.

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Please remove the provision giving AIDEA an expanded exemption from legislative oversight and expanded ability to waste state funds. This removal would allow HB 122 to proceed without problems. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ellen Vande Visse
Palmer, AK 99645-2905


From: Beverly Hoffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 1:04 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Opposition to the \$300 million amendment to AIDEA

I am writing in opposition to the amendment to House Bill 122 providing AIDDEA with an additional \$300 million dollars in bonding authority for anything related to critical mineral and rare earth element projects. The implications are far reaching to projects that are problematic for the health of our land and our waterways. It was brought up that someone should ask what happened to the \$165 million for Bokan Mountain Rare Earth and the \$135 million for the Nilblack mine that was authorized many years ago. This amendment is worrisome to many of us Alaskans who depend on clean lands, air and water for food. Respectfully Beverly Hoffman

From: dgc4306@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dan Cannon <dgc4306@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:41 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Dan Cannon
Juneau, AK 99801-


From: Patrick M. Brenner <pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:26 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Testimony: House Finance Committee
Attachments: SPPI-Testimony-Alaska-HB145.pdf; SPPI-No-Loan-For-You-Too.pdf; SPPI-No-Loan-For-You.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from the Southwest Public Policy Institute regarding Alaska HB 145, which will be discussed during tomorrow's House Finance Committee meeting. I will be providing verbal testimony to the committee, and these attachments should serve as a companion to that testimony.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Included below is a copy of that same letter for your convenience:

April 29, 2024

Members of the Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Capitol
120 4th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Opposition to House Bill 145 Based on Empirical Research and Consumer Credit Concerns

Honorable Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

As President of the Southwest Public Policy Institute, I am committed to fostering policies that promote financial health and equitable access to credit. From this position, I write to express my concerns regarding House Bill 145, which proposes a 36% rate cap on consumer credit products.

Our extensive research, mainly through our studies "[*No Loan For You!*](#)" and "[*No Loan For You, Too!*](#)", has documented the unintended consequences of similar regulatory measures, primarily in New Mexico. These studies provide empirical evidence showing that well-intentioned price controls on consumer credit in the form of rate caps can severely restrict access to credit for the most vulnerable populations, including low-income and underbanked consumers.

In New Mexico, after implementing a rate cap, we observed a significant contraction in the availability of small-dollar loans. The market did not adjust to fill the credit void left by regulated entities, which led to increased financial distress among consumers who previously relied on these products for emergency expenses. This has been particularly detrimental in rural and underserved areas with limited traditional banking services.

Our findings indicate that:

- Traditional banks and credit unions have yet to adequately expand their offerings to replace the void left by restricted small-dollar lending.
- Consumers, unable to access formal credit, have turned to less regulated and often more costly alternatives, contrary to the goals of consumer protection legislation.
- While rate caps aim to curb predatory practices, they have inadvertently penalized consumers with fewer credit options, pushing them toward financial instability.

Moreover, in states like Illinois, where similar legislation has been enacted, there has been a notable decline in consumer well-being, with many reporting difficulties in managing financial emergencies due to reduced access to credit. This aligns with our findings that rate caps fail to address consumers' underlying needs and instead exacerbate financial exclusion.

Although House Bill 145 aims to protect consumers, it risks replicating these adverse outcomes in Alaska. Currently, the bill does not account for Alaskan residents' diverse credit profiles and needs. Instead of a one-size-fits-all approach, I urge the Committee to consider more nuanced regulatory frameworks that protect consumers from predatory practices while preserving their access to essential credit.

As an advocate for the financial well-being of all consumers, particularly those in vulnerable economic situations, I recommend that the Committee re-evaluate the implications of HB 145 in light of these concerns. Ensuring that credit remains accessible and affordable is crucial for the economic health of Alaskan families and the broader community.

Sincerely,
Patrick M. Brenner
President, Southwest Public Policy Institute

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From: cleanecaffeine@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lori Stephenson
<cleanecaffeine@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 9:36 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Lori Stephenson
Homer, AK 99603-7755


From: mwillis.d@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Willis
<mwillis.d@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 9:35 AM
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Sincerely,
Michael Willis
Fairbanks, AK 99712-3538


From: ms.april.woods@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Woods
<ms.april.woods@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 7:20 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please remove the \$300 million bonding authority given to AIDEA


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Sincerely,
April Woods
Anchorage, AK 99504-3724


From: rachellegriffitts@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachelle Griffitts
<rachellegriffitts@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 6:46 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Rachelle Griffitts
Anchorage, AK 99508-1335


From: gabe.kitter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gabe Kitter
<gabe.kitter@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 12:00 AM
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Sincerely,
Gabe Kitter
Wasilla, AK 99654-4647

From: Laura Stats [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:37 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 122

Chairs Edgmon, Foster, Johnson and Representatives of House Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I am a 42 year resident of downtown Juneau and have taken an interested in this bill.

I am in favor of supporting the Alaska Railroad. However I seriously disapprove of the AIDEA amendment. On March 14th during the last half hour of the Transportation Committee meeting this amendment was hastily brought up by Representative McCabe and read into the record by Representative McKay. There was no presentation by AIDEA although representatives were available by phone to answer questions. That amendment is listed as section 3 in today's bill.

I feel Section 3 is a sham to the public and to the Railroad Bill. I sense that AIDEA chose the Railroad Bill as an easy ride to approval instead of doing the needed work of a stand alone bill. Asking the legislature to approve a preauthorization of \$300 million through bond sales for rare metal projects is a big ask. From questions asked at the transportation committee meeting AIDEA indicated they would not have to notify the legislature or the public of what projects they would be involved in. That is a disservice to the legislature and citizens.

The Railroad Corp expects to start their project in 2025. AIDEA's request has muddied a well prepared bill. I would suggest an amendment to remove section three from this bill so Railroad Corp can move ahead unfettered by AIDEA's request.

Respectfully,
Laura Stats

From: theoconnors@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael O'Connor
<theoconnors@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:05 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please remove the \$300 million bonding authority given to AIDEA


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Sincerely,
Michael O'Connor
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1636


From: betsy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Betsy Peratrovich
<betsy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 1:06 PM
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Sincerely,
Betsy Peratrovich
Anchorage, AK 99517-3279


From: annkyates@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Yates
<annkyates@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:45 AM
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Ann Yates
Anchorage, AK 99503-1884


From: terryms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Theresa Slaven
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Theresa Slaven
Wasilla, AK 99654-2612


From: jfishalaska@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Fish
<jfishalaska@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:33 AM
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James Fish
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5793


From: mrpm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patrick Murray
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Sincerely,
Patrick Murray
Kasilof, AK 99610


From: kalei.lw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynn Wilbur
<kalei.lw@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 9:18 AM
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Sincerely,
Lynn Wilbur
Juneau, AK 99801-9092



From: Kzamzow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kendra Zamzow
<Kzamzow@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 9:13 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please remove the \$300 million bonding authority given to AIDEA

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I urge you to remove an ill-advised amendment to HB 122 so that it aligns better with its Senate counterpart and does not prevent the rest of the bill, to fund renovation of the Seward terminal, from passing. The amendment gives AIDEA the ability to, without legislative oversight, issue \$300 million in bonds for anything related to infrastructure and construction costs “that support the development of critical mineral and rare earth element projects located in the state.”

This is vague enough that it could be applied to a wide range of projects for which the legislature should scrutinize funding before AIDEA issues bonds. This is especially troubling given that it comes on the heels of two respected Alaska economists’ deep dive into AIDEA’s finances, history, and efforts to exempt itself from both legislative oversight and laws protecting the public

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Sincerely,
Kendra Zamzow
Chickaloon, AK 99674-1250


From: kathrynkolp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katie Kolp
<kathrynkolp@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 9:11 AM
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Katie Kolp
Anchorage, AK 99504-3748


From: guyslopez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Guy Lopez
<guyslopez@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:44 AM
To: House Finance
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Guy Lopez
Big Lake, AK 99652


From: shuyakland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of K. Murphy
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Sincerely,
K. Murphy
Juneau, AK 99801


From: pm.delate@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Delate
<pm.delate@everyactioncustom.com>
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Patricia Delate
Homer, AK 99603-8326


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Sincerely,
Micheal Mason
Anchorage, AK 99695-0020


From: labs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Betts <labs@everyactioncustom.com>
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Ellen Betts
Wasilla, AK 99654


From: skylinep@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marc Dumas
<skylinep@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Marc Dumas
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1309


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Sincerely,
Steven Bergt
Anchorage, AK 99517-1239


From: Jbecker.ak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jared Becker
<Jbecker.ak@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Jared Becker
Eagle River, AK 99577-8636


From: mcfile195@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike FILE <mcfile195@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 7:32 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mike FILE
Petersburg, AK 99833-1666


From: nash.carrie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carrie Nash
<nash.carrie@everyactioncustom.com>
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Carrie Nash
Fairbanks, AK 99709-6640


From: agobydma@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carmen Williams Bydalek
<agobydma@everyactioncustom.com>
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Carmen Williams Bydalek
Anchorage, AK 99517-3256


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<asjs@everyactioncustom.com>
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Jamelia Saied
Anchorage, AK [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: danktke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of terry kennedy
<danktke@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 6:16 PM
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Sincerely,
terry kennedy
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841
[REDACTED]

From: ezolnierenk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Edward Zolnierenk
<ezolnierenk@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 5:13 PM
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Edward Zolnierenk
Auke Bay, AK 99821-0113


From: richlroth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Rothstein
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Richard Rothstein
Anchorage, AK 99517-1343


From: khightower@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ken Hightower
<khightower@everyactioncustom.com>
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Ken Hightower
Palmer, AK 99645


From: jgcrichon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janet Crichton
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Janet Crichton
Juneau, AK 99801-1413


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Mike Diemer
Anchorage, AK 99519-0850


From: charleswbingham3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charles Bingham
<charleswbingham3@everyactioncustom.com>
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Charles Bingham III
Sitka, AK 99835-7345


From: kariss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristine Bredehoft
<kariss@everyactioncustom.com>
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Kristine Bredehoft
Anchorage, AK 99516-1927


From: hapevaft@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Palmer
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William Palmer
Homer, AK 99603-9300



From: lucmehl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Luc Mehl
<lucmehl@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 12:53 PM
To: House Finance
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Luc Mehl
Anchorage, AK 99508-3211


From: mary.hoppas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Kling Hoppas
<mary.hoppas@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 12:45 PM
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Nicholas Cassara
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Kodiak, AK 99615-6011


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Audrey Elicerio
Fairbanks, AK 99712-2116


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William LeDoux
Wasilla, AK 99654-1608


From: krheagfournier@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gary fournier
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Sincerely,
gary fournier
Juneau, AK 99801-8597


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Elizabeth Mitchell
Anchorage, AK 99518-1668


From: rutherford_leola <rutherford_leola@asdk12.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Rep. Stanley Wright
Cc: Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Hunter Lottsfeldt; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Matt Claman; Sen. Löki Tobin; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. James Kaufman; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Mike Shower; House Finance; Tim Ranzetta; Chris Salm
Subject: SB99 Cross-Sponsorship: Appreciation & Ask for Friendly Amendment wording change back to "course"

Honorable Representative Stanley Wright,

Thank you for your support for SB99. Your cross-sponsorship of this vital legislation is a welcome addition in our efforts to guarantee access to financial literacy education in Alaska by ensuring that a semester of personal finance coursework is a graduation requirement.

Financial literacy education is a grassroots bi-partisan effort that has tremendous support throughout our country. In the past four short years, we have gone from 8 to 25 states guaranteeing access to financial literacy by making it a high school graduation requirement (source: ngpf.org Mission 2030 live dashboard). With support from you and your colleagues in the House, we are hopeful that Alaska will become the 26th state to make this needed change.

Before Alaska passes this legislation, however, there is one small change to the legislation that is needed. Somewhere along the way, the original language got changed and SB99 went from being a financial literacy **course** to a financial literacy "program."

While this small wording change may appear to be benign, it is not. In the world of education, "program" and "course" have very different meanings. Other states, like Utah, have made this mistake and seen their implementation rates drop to under 5% necessitating follow-up legislation to restore the intentions of the original bill sponsors.

Please help us close this dangerous loophole by offering a friendly amendment to change the word "program" back to the original wording of "course" wherever it now appears in this legislation.

We value your leadership in guaranteeing access to financial literacy education in Alaska.

With admiration,

Mrs. Leola Rutherford

Concerned parent and educator

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From: bias@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Vogt <bias@everyactioncustom.com>
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Susan Vogt
Fairbanks, AK 99712-2530


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Bruce Service
Anchorage, AK 99507-6107


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Bruce White
Sitka, AK 99835-9552


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Talkeetna, AK 99676


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Chugiak, AK 99567-5565


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Janeen Herr
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Sincerely,
barbara reilly
Anchorage, AK 99501-5750


From: wilsonterry523@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terry Wilson <wilsonterry523@everyactioncustom.com>
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Fairbanks, AK 99709-3485


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Kodiak, AK 99615-1523


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James Waller
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Christine Wilcox
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Sincerely,
michael Salzmann
Anchor Point, AK 99556-9451
[REDACTED]

From: bobscabinak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of BOB STANDISH
<bobscabinak@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:22 AM
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BOB STANDISH
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David Wellman
Copper Center, AK 99573-9703
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Anchorage, AK [REDACTED]
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John Gaedeke

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John Gaedeke
Fairbanks, AK 99709-6073
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From: foxflyr.ak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janice Laxson
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