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Alaska is in a budget crisis.

S corporations have a loophole to get out of paying taxes.

Despite industry claims that taxing S corporations would harm business, there is no evidence to suggest that this tax break has stimulated job creation or investment in Alaska. In fact, **S corporations already pay income taxes in every other state except Alaska**, making our state an extreme outlier. A 2021 Fiscal Working Group recommended closing this loophole as a common-sense measure to stabilize Alaska's budget.

Continuing to allow this loophole is not indicative of public will, and legislators have a responsibility to pursue this option. SB 92 enjoys widespread bipartisan support, demonstrating that Alaskans recognize the necessity of closing this loophole and ensuring fair taxation.

A recent survey from [Data for Progress asked Alaska voters](#) if they support or oppose changing the state's tax structure so that Hilcorp, a major oil and gas producer, would pay state corporate income tax. The results were decisive:

- **77% of Alaskans support**requiring Hilcorp to pay corporate income tax, while only **17% oppose** it.
- **Two-thirds of Republicans (66%)** support this proposal.
- This proposal enjoys broad popular support in every region of Alaska. Even in the **Kenai Peninsula**, where Southcentral Alaska's natural gas shortage looms and Hilcorp is the primary producer, voters support the tax by a **+50-point margin**. Support is even stronger in every other part of the state.

Alaskans can no longer afford to subsidize oil and gas companies at the expense of our schools, infrastructure, and essential services. If legislators are serious about addressing the state's ongoing fiscal crisis, they must prioritize policies that bring in fair and sustainable revenue—not continue to bow to industry influence.

Thank you.

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