From: CJ Koan

To: Senate Finance Committee

**Subject:** Strong Opposition to SB 34 – Repeal of 90-Day Legislative Session Limit

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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to **SB 34**, which seeks to remove the statutory 90-day limit on legislative sessions.

This limit was not arbitrarily set by the legislature—it was established by the voters of Alaska through a 2006 ballot initiative. That vote reflected a clear desire for accountability, efficiency, and fiscal discipline in Juneau. Disregarding that mandate sends a message that the will of the people can simply be brushed aside when it becomes inconvenient.

Alaskans expect their legislators to focus, prioritize, and do the work they were elected to do in a timely manner. Extending sessions wastes taxpayer dollars, enables legislative gridlock, and allows procrastination to become the norm. If legislators need more time, it's not a sign that the 90-day rule is flawed—it's a sign that internal processes and priorities need fixing.

Instead of trying to undo the law through SB 34, the Legislature should be working harder to honor it. If anything, the 90-day limit should be **enshrined in the constitution** so it carries the weight voters intended it to have.

Please stand with Alaskans and reject SB 34.

Sincerely,

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