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Thank you, Senators, for your civic service.

Please PASS SB 116 "Campaign Finance, Contribution Limits."

Many working Alaskans understand that unlimited campaign contributions have been giving undue influence to wealthy donors, causing legislators and administrators to serve the interest of wealth over the benefit of wage-earners.

We do not understand why the current bill calls for four (4) times the prior limit, rather than 1.5 or 2 times the former limit, and would encourage amendment to that effect.

But even the extravagant limits currently set forth in this bill are far better than none at all.

Can a worker earning minimum or even twice minimum wage afford to contribute even \$750 to each favored political candidate? Alaskans who Depend on their PFDs don't have money to influence political favor, putting them at even worse disadvantage.

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