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Chair/Senator Kawasaki and Committee Member Senators,

I'm Betty Jo Moore, resident of Anchorage representing myself. I'm Alaska Native. I worked as a legal secretary, paralegal and Associate Tribal Judge during my years of work history. Because of a family medical appointment I cannot join the committee hearing at 3:30 today so I'm submitting a written testimony in support of Resolution 13 with an amendment to include sections 8 and 10 of Article IV.

Alaska absolutely needs judicial reform. Our selection of judges should never be controlled by a political party or the Alaska Bar Association. The American legal system needs to work for all Alaskans. As former AG Taylor points out in an article in [MUST READ ALASKA - Treg Taylor: The rule of law doesn't work unless it applies to all of us](#) is spot on. Every Alaskan needs to have a fair trial based on the written law, rules, canons, sworn undisputed testimony one's exhibits, etc. There should be no flaws within our judicial system. Justice should be afforded to all Alaskans.

January 22, 2021 Senator Shower introduced SB 14 Sponsor Statement. Selection and Review of Judges. *"An Act relating to the selection and retention of judicial officers for the court of appeals and the district court and of magistrates; relating to the duties of the judicial council; relating to the duties of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and relating to retention or rejection of a judicial officer."*

SB 14 died in Finance without being acted on. See Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rule 24 (a) "A committee acts on all bills referred to it and reports its actions and recommendations to the house as soon as practicable..."

January 13, 2023 Senator Shower introduced SB 31 Sponsor Statement. Selection and Review of Judges. *"An Act relating to the selection and retention of judicial officers for the court of appeals and the district court and of magistrates; relating to the duties of the judicial council; relating to the duties of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and relating to retention or rejection of a judicial officer."*

Chief Justice Bolger and Justices Winfree, Maassen and Carney all sign on this letter to Fellow Alaskans. <https://courts.alaska.gov/media/docs/sc-2020-stmt.pdf>.

The Justices point out flaws in our judicial system that are very true but to date haven't been corrected.

Chair/Judge Mead points to the only example of a judge being removed. Deputy AG Svobodny filed a complaint with the ACJC in 2011 regarding Judge Cummings.

What has happened to the other numerous complaints filed with the ACJC over the years?



Senator Shower's bills SB 14 and SB 31 address needed corrections regarding judicial reform. There have been House Bills addressing the judicial system submitted too.

Senator Shower SB 31 - Sponsor Statement

https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?session=33&docid=1193

Testimony in support of SB 31.

<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail/?Meeting=SSTA%202023-02-23%2015:30:00&Bill=SB%20%2031>

I'm Betty Jo Moore, resident of Anchorage representing myself. Alaska needs JUDICIAL REFORM.

SB 31 addresses corrections and the selection review process of judges. Not all Alaska judges follow the laws, constitutional right to due process, a fair trial, best interest of our children and families. The violations of our constitutional rights, laws, compact agreement with some of the 229 Tribes, etc., have resulted in judicial corruption throughout many courtrooms and government departments. Our selection of judges should never be controlled by a political party or the Alaska Bar.

The people of Alaska need their ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES to bring about change to the selection and review of judges. Alaska needs judges who will protect Alaskans against such **absurd injustices** that many have and are facing.

In 2020 Chief Justice Bolger and Justices Winfree, Maassen and Carney released a statement to **Fellow Alaskans**. "We recognize that too often African-Americans, Alaska Natives, and other people of color are not treated with the same dignity and respect as white members of our communities. And we recognize that as community members, lawyers, and especially as judicial officers, we must do more to change this reality." I want to add another group of people who are not treated fairly with the same dignity and respect in our communities, and that is the people who do not have the education and/or the financial means, OR necessary political connections to protect their constitutional rights, their right to a fair trial and/or their right to protect their children from the State's OCS foster care system.

What about individuals who were or are in prison for crimes they did not committed? Did they get a fair trial?

Chief Justice Bolger and the Justices statement goes on to read, "And our courts are tasked with putting that principle into action by allowing people to seek redress for their grievances with the assurance that they will be heard and treated fairly."

Several weeks ago all Senators and Representatives were mailed information about the Kenai Grand Jury investigation regarding Marla Greenstein, Alaska's only judge investigator, about the process and judicial corruption. In the same mailing you also received letters to Governor Dunleavy, Judge William Morse, and an email to Ms. Greenstein from David Ignell.

December 24, 2021 I wrote Chief Justice Winfree about the wrongful and inaccurate facts in an ORDER that a superior court judge wrote. I wrote AG Taylor a letter October 31, 2021 about the **imbalance of the judicial system**. SCO 1993 is wrong. Chief Justice Winfree didn't improve changes, he violated our Alaska Constitutional right to go before a grand jury.

In 1985 the grand jury investigated Governor Sheffield and his staff. Today, each of you and we-the-people have the documented information to prove that many Alaska judges are corrupt and need to be impeached. We are not sore losers. We are not town criers. We-the-people need YOUR full assistance to **STOP** judicial corruption. Corruption breeds corruption.

Where does the remedy exist? Our ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES need to protect our constitutional rights and the selection of judges. SCO 1993 **severed** our right to appear before a grand jury. SB 31 needs to become law. Our ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES need to call for a special Alaska Constitutional Convention.

Thank you Senator Shower for SB 31.

Thank you. Betty Jo Moore