



# CHECKER CAB

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ANCHORAGE, AK

February 3, 2016

Re: Proposed Gasoline Tax increase

To Whom It May Concern;

Alaska is supposed to be a three legged stool; however, one of the legs (oil) has become a twig, another leg is normal size (public sector) and the third has become like a tree trunk (government). All the ads and promotions that come out of Juneau proudly state those three legs are equal. The government leg has become fat and bloated over the years of plenty; those years appear to be over now. I am not asking, I am demanding, that you take away from the fat well fed leg before you even consider asking the people of Alaska pay one extra cent in taxes.

Last year the Muni of Anchorage raised the fee to renew each city Taxi permit by \$500, they also raised the Dispatch permit fee by \$1000. The airport badge office (SOA) raised the fee for the "privilege" to pick up passengers there by 50%.

The average cost to fill up a taxi after a 12 hour shift is about \$30.00, which will get you about 13 gals. If the fuel tax is raised to 16 cents from the current 8 cents per gallon, you will burden each driver an additional \$325 per year. Along with a potential income tax and a sales tax on the horizon and possibly losing most of the PFD, all to feed a fat and bloated government.

Mr. Walker you were sent to Juneau to represent the people of Alaska not to represent the government bureaucracy of Alaska. Cut the government and cut deep before you ask for OUR money.

Sincerely,

Michael Thompson

Owner, Checker Cab