

From: [David G Lewis](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: State Budget
Date: Monday, March 30, 2015 1:55:20 PM

Dear Senators,

First off let me say that I would like this e-mail to entered into the public record.

I realize that with lower oil prices that the budget needs to be cut, that is a given. Clear cutting whole programs isn't a given, what I have seen from what has been made public you are going after whole programs that affect everyday Alaskans (Public Radio, public Defenders, Early childhood education, the State Ferry System and so on). Cutting these is the easy way out. You have proposed raising the cost of hunting and fishing licenses, or adding a penny or two to the cost of gas for the ouil spill fund (because you don't feel oil companies should pay) again the everyday Alaskan gets hit. The hard part would be to cut oil and gas tax credits, raise the hard rock mining taxes, which are pittifully low or almost non existing, or raise corporate taxes on LLC's and others. You should also be looking at an income tax which won't solve the problem but will help (I remember when we had one and a school tax which I paid). If everyday ALASKANS are going to take a hit then EVERYONE needs to be hit. If not then you are doing a disservice to the PEOPLE of this STATE.

Thank You for your time and service to the State of Alaska,

David G. Lewis

Resident for 39+ years

Homer