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**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#)  
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I sent the following message to individual committee members but got notice that it did not reach Senator MacKinnon and Senator Dunleavy, please forward to them.

I am writing as a multigenerational Alaskan, a mother, a grandmother, a current school board member, wife of a businessman, an employee of the educational realm dealing with public school concerns for most of my adult working career, and a caring citizen. I believe the decisions we make today are the stones that will have ripple affects for years to come on those who come after us.

I know you have heard hours of testimony from numerous districts and citizens of this diverse state so I don't think I have much more to share with you but to add my voice to the plea of asking you to honor last year's legislation for one time allocation to public education and to make the education of this state's youth a priority in the many choices before you.

I appreciate your service and the many hours of work you are putting in to move this state forward safely and prudently, but please don't lose sight of the immediate educational/developmental needs of our state's future workforce and their chance to be prepared as contributing citizens. They don't get a second chance at childhood and timely learning!

Respectfully,

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