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**Subject:** Please vote against SB 207 and SB 208

Dear Senate Finance Committee and Governor Walker,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 207 and SB 208. As a former teacher in the Anchorage School District, a parent and an active PTA officer in elementary and secondary school, I have experienced first hand how important adequate funding is to the success of our students. Having teachers in the classroom and having an optimal teacher to student ratio is essential. SB 207 undercuts student success - or more bluntly, assures student failure - by shifting the state burden to the school districts.

Having volunteered in Title 1 elementary schools and worked with high school students who have fallen through the cracks, I cannot emphasize how important keeping the Performance Scholarship Fund is. I had many students who achieved this scholarship, used it to go to UAA and became successful working members of our community. Had they not had the opportunity the PSF provides, many of those students would not be where they are today.

Please oppose both of these bills for the sake of our students and our state. We need to invest adequately in the future leaders of Alaska.

Most sincerely,  
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