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It is with great disappointment that I read of the continued cuts to K-12 education. I realize that oil prices are dropping and that we are facing a financial crisis in this state, however as a CPA, I believe in looking at both sides of the equation. Cutting expenses alone will not resolve our crisis, we must increase our revenue. I am personally willing to pay more in taxes if it means a stable funding source for our education system, including a personal income tax.

I have spent the last 3 years serving on the Juneau School District's Budget Committee. I've combed through their budgets and audits and I am completely sure that they have cut administrative expenses absolutely as much as they dare. The administrative personnel are less than 10% of the entire personnel of the district and the majority of that 10% are maintenance and IT. The district has worked hard to increase student performance while making cuts that affect the classroom as little as possible. It will be nearly impossible to continue the upward trend in student performance with the cuts being discussed by the Senate Finance Committee.

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