

Debra Higgins

From: Patricia Cue <pcue@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:38 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

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From: edmund gaines <epg74@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:38 PM
To: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Chris Tuck;
Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: STOP OIL SUBSIDIES

Esteemed Legislators,

I am writing to express my staunch opposition to Alaska's subsidies to the oil & gas industry. These tax credits are unsustainable. If the law is not changed, the State of Alaska will be paying more in credits than it will receive in unrestricted general fund revenue from the oil & gas industry in FY 2017. These subsidies catch us in a negative feedback loop; without addressing these subsidies, the State of Alaska will never be able to balance its budget.

It is important to point out that oil revenues for Alaska will cease due to exhausted reserves and declining North Slope production, NOT from tax burdens on producers.

Further, it is unfathomable that the State of Alaska would make cuts to critical items such as education while paying the oil industry.

Thank you for listening and your thoughtful consideration. I trust that you will do the right thing for the long-term good of Alaska.
thanks

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Sincerely,

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From: Karen Biggs <karen_biggs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:35 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

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From: Peter Cueva <pcueva@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Debra Higgins

From: Charley Basham <charley.basham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:26 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB247

To the Rules Committee:

I urge you to vote for House Bill 247. It is outrageous to pay the oil companies more in tax credits than we receive in unrestricted revenue. The amount of money allocated for oil companies is more than spending for the University, Department of Corrections and Public Safety combined, and ahead of the Department of Transportation. This is just not right.

I listened to the Governor present his budget in the Borough Assembly Chambers a month ago and I was impressed with the balance and care that went into that document. HB 247 represents a reasonable balance to protect the State's treasury while continuing to support oil and gas development in Alaska.

Please do your job as lawmakers to protect the State's financial interests. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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From: Marc Dumas <skylinep@alaskan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:24 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

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Debra Higgins

From: Susan Klein <susancklein@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:21 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Cuts to oil tax credits need to be made

Dear Legislator,

Please pass reasonable reform to our oil and gas tax credit system this spring. Pass the original version of HB 247.

We need the cuts to be made so we are no longer paying more to the oil industry than we are taking in. Our citizens deserve a budget that includes income from the oil industry to make up some of the deficit. We should not be paying paying more in credits than we'll receive in unrestricted general fund revenue from the oil industry in FY 17.

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Sincerely,

Susan Klein
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From: Kathryn Carovano <kcarovano@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:20 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

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From: PEGGY FINNEGAN <pegfinn@chugach.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:18 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: HB247 public testimony

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please consider my testimony for the good of all Alaskans. Our resources belong to US, not the oil companies!!

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Sincerely,
Margaret Finnegan
Anchorage

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From: Maureen Knutsen <maureen.knutsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:17 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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This makes no sense!

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Sincerely,

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From: John Gaedeke <Jgaedeke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

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From: rod murdock <murd@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:15 PM
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Sincerely,

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From: barbara reilly <barbarareilly131@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:15 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

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From: gary@chena.org <garycnewman@gmail.com> on behalf of Gary Newman
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Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:13 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson; Representative.Kurt.Olson@akleg; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep.
Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Jonathan
Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB 247 comment

Greetings,

After all this time agonizing over our budget situation, I'm disappointed that the Rules version of HB 247 merely postpones the tax credits. Bring back the governor's version of HB 247.

You have all heard the arguments on either side, but I believe that all need to share in the sacrifice as we look toward restructuring our state income to NOT need oil to the degree we have relied in the past. We have an opportunity to sustainably do so using the Earnings Reserve along with tools like HB 247 as proposed by the Governor. \$800 million IS significant.

Serious spending cuts on education, public safety, support for seniors, health care, local government, resource management seemed easier this session than keeping the oil exploration tax credits. I wonder about priorities.

Just as oil companies have a duty to advocate for their shareholders' interests, the Legislature has a fiduciary duty to protect the state's financial interests on behalf of the people of Alaska.

Please bring back and support the governor's version of HB 247.

Sincerely,

Gary Newman
Fairbanks, Alaska

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From: Agatha Erickson <agatha.erickson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:13 PM
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Agatha Erickson
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From: Max Walker <maxwalk@mindspring.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:12 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

Dear Legislator,

I urge you to please pass the original version of HB247, and then vigorously proceed to solve the remainder of our budget crisis. This is necessary to keep from pushing the state's economy further into a recession than is necessary, and what will happen if there are further delays and the hole becomes even deeper.

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Sincerely,

Max D. Walker, M.D.

Max Walker
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From: Mark Luttrell <prufrock@arctic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:10 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Eliminate oil tax credits

Dear Legislator,

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From: Mark Bloch <mbloch18@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:10 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

Mark Bloch
16010 Terracewood Lane
Anchorage, AK 99516
907-222-2869

Debra Higgins

From: Guy Lopez <GuySLopez@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:10 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

Guy Lopez
P.O. Box 190381
Anchorage, AK 99519
(907) 202-3173

Debra Higgins

From: Dave Bachrach <david.bachrach@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:09 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Support and Pass the original version of HB 247

Dear Legislator,

Pass the original version of HB 247. The original version is a reasonable reform to our oil and gas tax credit system.

We can't afford to continue paying these credits. We are cutting spending on education, public safety, support for seniors, health care, local government, resource management, and more.

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Please fix the oil and gas credit system, so we can move on to other fiscal matters.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Dave Bachrach
POB 2828
Homer, AK 99603
907-235-1805

Debra Higgins

From: John Duffy <jduffy@alaska.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:07 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

Dear Legislator,

It is important to have a rational oil and gas tax methodology.

The current oil and tax system with its credit system is not sustainable. If the law is not changed, we'll be paying more in credits than we'll receive in unrestricted general fund revenue from the oil industry in FY 17. If the law is not changed, oil tax credits would be the third-largest line item in Alaska's operating budget in FY 17 (unrestricted general fund spending).

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Nor am I in support of restructuring the PFD program which will, as presently conceived, result in a transfer from Alaskans to the oil and gas industry to pay for the ill-conceived tax-credit system.

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Sincerely,

John Duffy
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Palmer, AK 99645
907-830-7307

Debra Higgins

From: Ann Rappoport <agrappoport@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:04 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Please go BACK to the Governor's proposal: we need to eliminate \$800 Million in oil tax credits!

Dear Legislator,

The Governor proposed a reasonable and responsible H.B. 247 to eliminate \$800 Million in oil tax credits. I am very disappointed that Legislators have re-written this bill to only eliminate a fraction of the oil tax credits. Please go back to the original version of HB 247 and pass it ASAP!!

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Sincerely,

Ann Rappoport
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Anchorage, AK 99516
9073453822

Debra Higgins

From: Nancy Stone <nbstone@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

Nancy Stone
12640 Furrow Crk Rd
Anchorage, AK 99516

Debra Higgins

From: Sandy Henschel <Climb.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:01 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

Dear Legislator,

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We can't afford to subsidize the oil industry! And we shouldn't be doing that anyway. It's time to break the addiction to oil and find smarter things to invest in for our future.

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Sincerely,

Sandy Henschel
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#311
Anchorage, AK 99508
907-723-5709

Debra Higgins

From: Gary Moore <sacredart@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:00 PM
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Sincerely,

Gary Moore
11719 Laurie Circle
Eagle River, AK 99577
9076943943

Debra Higgins

From: April Warwick <awarwick@ak.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:57 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

April Warwick
5716 Kennyhill Drive
Anchorage, AK 99504
9073387777

Debra Higgins

From: Charles Bingham <charleswbingham3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

Charles Bingham
405 Marine Street, Apt. No. 6
Sitka, AK 99835
9076237660

Debra Higgins

From: James Mulcare <xsecretsx@cableone.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:53 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

James Mulcare
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Clarkston, WA 99403
(509) 758-3934

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From: Jessica Grantier <jessicac729@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:53 PM
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Sincerely,

Jessica Grantier
7275 Chugach Meadows Loop
Anchorage, AK 99507
9073511706

Debra Higgins

From: Arlene Reber <reberta24@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:53 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

Arlene Reber
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Anchorage, AK 99517
9072430191

Debra Higgins

From: joe macinko <jrmacinko@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

joe macinko
2625 spruce cape rd
Kodiak, AK 99615

Debra Higgins

From: DIIna Gherman <dgherman@spbhs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

DIIna Gherman
40700 Old Sterling Hwy
Anchor Point, AK 99556
907-690-1485

Debra Higgins

From: Eric Myers <Efmalaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: eliminate oil industry subsidies -- not reform, repeal

Dear Legislator,

Before any consideration is given to enacting additional taxes on Alaskans, the Legislature should repeal all oil industry corporate welfare payments. Immediately and completely. Not reform, repeal.

End the oil industry subsidies. End the oil company welfare state.

Sincerely,

Eric Myers
2834 Knik Ave
Anchorage, AK 99517

Debra Higgins

From: Thomas Burek <thomas.burek56@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: We should not subsidize a private enterprise that makes huge profits

Dear Legislator,

Please pass reasonable reform to our oil and gas tax credit system this spring. Pass the original version of HB 247.

If the law is not changed, we'll be giving away our resource funds to the oil industry in FY 17. If the law is not changed, oil company tax giveaway would be the third-largest line item in Alaska's operating budget in FY 17 (unrestricted general fund spending). This puts a profit making oil company ahead of the University of Alaska; ahead of the Departments of Corrections & Public Safety combined; and ahead of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities & the capital budget combined.

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Our number one priority is the people of the state. We are not beholden to the oil conglomerates, their futures and some obscure person who is receiving a small profit while our state and people suffer and get nothing.

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We have dire needs in our education system for funding, as you are aware. I request that you fix the oil and gas credit system, so we can build a financially feasible solution toward independent budgetary sustainability.

Sincerely,

Thomas Burek
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Anchorage, AK 99501
9074402649

Debra Higgins

From: Janessa Warren <jwarren15@fordham.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

Janessa Warren
2810 N Gunflint Trail
Wasilla, AK 99623

Debra Higgins

From: Karla Hart <karlahart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:47 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Charisse Millett
Subject: Testimony on HB 247 before House Rules 4/13/2016, please add to the official record

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Dear House Rules Members,

I watch the oil industry pulling out of Alaska, cutting jobs and dropping leases, now in 2016, after passage of SB 21. I now see cited the uncertainty of the federal regulatory environment. The oil industry is looking out for their best interests, always. I respect that. That is their job. They are good at luring public testimony and support. I took one of their online surveys to "test" my knowledge and now get their action alerts to tell you to look out for their interests.

As elected officials of Alaska, your job is to look out for the interests of present and future Alaskan people. Do your job. If the industry cannot develop our oil reserves without state welfare (which is what the tax breaks, incentives and rebates are) then maybe we should keep the oil and gas in the ground until it is financially viable without subsidies. I support removing all subsidies/welfare to the oil industry effective immediately.

The plan to cap Alaska PFDs instead of imposing an income tax is poorly thought out. If you want to support jobs and Alaskans, continue to give full PFDs to each and every qualified Alaskan. Those with little money spend their PFDs right back into our economy quickly. Those with more money may spend, save for a bigger purchase or invest for education and other longer term needs. Any way, this money creates a lot of jobs in Alaska and provides an important boost for many. To cut this without first cutting oil industry welfare is wrong.

An income tax would gain revenues from all who earn money in Alaska, whether residents or not. This would capture revenues from the fly in fly out mining and oil sector workers, seasonal tourism and others.

Show that you are strong enough to do what is right for Alaska. Do it now. Do it for those you are elected to serve

- 1) Cut oil industry welfare immediately.
- 2) Leave the PFD alone until you have cut the oil industry welfare/subsidies/incentives/tax credits.
- 3) Impose a state income tax.

Regards,

Karla Hart
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Debra Higgins

From: Elizabeth Roderick <Libbyroderick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:41 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Dear Legislator,

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Sincerely,

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9072234487

Debra Higgins

From: James Mackovjak <lituya2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:39 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Debra Higgins

From: Andrew Wills <books@ak.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:35 PM
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Sincerely,

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Debra Higgins

From: Nancy Rabener <nancyr@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:33 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
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Sincerely,

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Debra Higgins

From: Tom Lohman <tomlohman2@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:33 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Close the Gap - Reform Oil and Gas Taxes and Reduce Oil Tax Credits NOW!!!

Dear Legislator,

Please support reasonable reform to our oil and gas tax credit system now. Pass the original version of HB 247. Alaska and Alaskans deserve appropriate value for our natural resources. Companies must not profit from those resources while we lose money!

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Sincerely,

Tom Lohman
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From: Katherine McLaughlin <akbirdwm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:32 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

Katherine McLaughlin
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Debra Higgins

From: TOM POGSON <ALASKAKAYAKSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:30 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

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Debra Higgins

From: Valerie Barber <vabarber58@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:30 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

Dear Legislator,

Please pass reasonable reform to our oil and gas tax credit system this spring. Pass the original version of HB 247. Just do it and stop holding up the budget. Why should we pay the oil companies when all they are doing is cutting jobs. Even after the last oil tax bill was passed in their favor, they cut jobs the very next day. If you cannot pass a budget that will balance out over the near future, they you need to go do something else. I will help vote you out of office.

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Sincerely,

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1150 S Colony Way
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Palmer, AK 99645
9073784002

Debra Higgins

From: michael stehle <mstehle.stehlelaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:29 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

michael stehle
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907 272-7896

Debra Higgins

From: susan todd <susantod@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

Dear Legislator,

PASS THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF HB 247 TODAY!

The oil and gas industry has fed at the public trough long enough. We cannot afford to continue bailing them out.

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This preferential welfare and entitlement program for the rich needs to end.

Sincerely,

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From: KATHLEEN IRWIN <kathysarns@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Debra Higgins

From: Larry Edwards <larryedwards@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Larry Edwards
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Debra Higgins

From: Richard Steele <steeler@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform oil & gas taxes!

Dear Representative or Senator,

Please pass the original version of HB 247.

We are paying more in credits than we'll receive in unrestricted general fund revenue from the oil industry in FY 17. We need the money and we all have to contribute, including the oil and gas industry. I ask that you reduce their credits so that the oil and gas industry pays its fair share.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Steele

Richard Steele
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Debra Higgins

From: Julie Scheurer <hybognathus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:26 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Pass the original HB247 to help balance the budget!

Dear Alaska State Legislators,

Please pass the original version of HB 247. Alaska should be generating revenue from allowing companies to harvest our oil, not subsidizing these companies at the expense of the environment and our citizens. It is not only wise, but prudent that you do so.

Sincerely,

Julie Scheurer
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Debra Higgins

From: Marsha Holbrook <Marsha_holbrook@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:26 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Reform our oil & gas tax credit system!

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Sincerely,

Marsha Holbrook
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From: Norman Van Vactor <norman.vanvactor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:25 PM
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Debra Higgins

From: Susan Todd <susantod@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 3:23 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: End welfare for Oil Companies

I am furious about these tax credits to oil companies. Not only has it cost us 3.5 billion already, but we will spend almost one BILLION THIS YEAR for an entitlement program for oil companies.

Further, the legislature saw to it that all of this is TOP SECRET so no one will find out who is getting what or whether the whole thing pays!

Can you imagine the reaction if the welfare program was also TOP SECRET and no one could find out what was being paid to whom and whether it was a good investment? People would be up in arms. But some how when it's a hand out to the rich, it seems okay.

We might as well just put this year's billion in tax credits on a street corner and let it blow away because we are not able to track any of it anyway! Outrageous.

Stop this entitlement program for oil and gas.

The fossil fuel industry is going the way of the Horse and Buggy industry. Honest. Read the news! It's OVER. Fossil fuels are dead. They are NOT the future.

Stop this insane give away program for oil companies. They have fed at the legislature's trough long enough.

We cannot afford to bail them out any longer.

Susan Todd

Debra Higgins

From: Michael O'Meara <mikeo@horizonsatellite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Cc: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Charisse Millett; Representative.Kurt.Olson@akleg
Subject: Re: CS for HB 247

Dear Chairman Johnson and Rules Committee members,

Please consider my brief comments and enter them into the hearing record. **In my opinion HB 247(FIN) Draft 2 Wilson/Seaton is far the better** of the two proposals under consideration today. That said, as the previous message below indicates, my preference would be to go back to the reductions originally proposed by the Governor. Like many other Alaskan's it would make me very cranky to see the Permanent Fund earnings tapped and an income tax imposed in order to keep propping up the the Oil and Gas industry.

Thanks for your consideration,

Mike O'Meara
Anchor Point/Homer

On 4/27/16 2:05 PM, Michael O'Meara wrote:

Dear Chairman Johnson and Rules Committee members,

From looking at the hearing schedule it appears House Rules may hear the most recent iteration of the CS for HB 247 tomorrow. Thank you for struggling with the issue. The original HB 247 introduced by Governor Walker was an appropriate response to our need to cut unnecessary and unaffordable state spending. The present CS for HB 247 and previous attempts to reduce the amount of the Governor's cuts and maintain most of the present incentives for the oil and gas industry are unacceptable. I commend those Legislators who are fighting to see more significant reductions to oil industry subsidies enacted and encourage them to continue doing so. I urge you to have the courage to join them.

Please enter these comments into the hearing record.

Many thanks,

Mike O'Meara
Anchor Point/Homer

Debra Higgins

From: Ann and Ron Keffer <annronkeffer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 2:36 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson; Representative.Kurt.Olson@akleg; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB 247 Testimony

Honorable Representatives,

I just learned that you will be taking testimony today from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. I will try to get on through the 844 telephone number provided, but in the event that I cannot make my voice heard, please consider the following as my testimony:

In a general sense, I believe it to be almost incomprehensibly nonsensical to pay oil companies to extract our oil. (I do understand that many legislators are, in one way or another, in the pockets of the oil companies.) The profits many of those companies make are enormous. *If the collapse of oil prices is permanent, or if prices just rise and fall with a mid-point that is much lower than historical prices, none of this will matter much because the industry will, eventually, wither; and renewables gradually will replace hydrocarbons to a great degree. Alaska must be prepared for that!*

Please do not pass legislation that continues to pay any oil companies for extracting Alaska's oil. (Apparently, it also makes no sense to the sovereign nation of Norway!) What is terribly important is that this state must continue to provide the essential services any state must deliver to its citizens. Of paramount importance are our public education system and our health and human services system.

I gladly would pay an income tax to the state. A state-wide sales tax would be regressive and would hurt those who already are struggling. A progressive income tax is called for in this situation.

Please consider your obligation to this state as a whole. Even-handed legislation, with a vision of the future, is both a moral and an ethical imperative.

Ron Keffer

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From: Brenda Dolma <dolma@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:56 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:51 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB 247

I understand the need to stimulate the economy. But if our situation has gotten to be so dire that we have so drastically cut spending on education at both the K-12 and university levels, then we also can no longer afford the level of tax subsidies we have been giving to the oil and gas industries. Time to drastically cut those, too. \$800 million? That is shameful given what we've had to cut. And it's shameful given how it compares to state funding of our university, our public safety, and transportation department.

If you think cutting these subsidies will be too hard on development and ultimately our economy, then time to do the hard work and find some new revenue to pay for them. We can't cut cut cut our way out of this crisis and continue to hand out money to privately funded industries.

Please do your jobs. Look out for the citizens and taxpayers, not the shareholders.

Thank you,
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From: Di OBrien <obriens@aptalaska.net>
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