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I would like my comments of 3/31/15 to be added to the public record of HB72 at [http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/29?Root=HB%20%2072#tab5\\_4](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/29?Root=HB%20%2072#tab5_4).

Thanks, Celia Rozen

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I was lucky enough to have Monday off work for Seward's Day, which gave me the opportunity to listen in to Part 1 of the Senate Finance Committee public hearing. I heard and I hope you all heard & listened to all the people, ordinary citizens, pre-school moms, grandmas, dads, as well as school teachers, principals, and superintendents statewide underscoring the importance of stopping the cuts to education, that are coming in many different formats, from both the House & Senate, through various committees. I heard people plead for the Bethel Boarding School, Literacy Programs, STEM Program, pre-K programs. I especially heard many people speak about the one time funding that was promised (I emphasize - promised) by the 28th Legislature. The overwhelming number of legislators that have been reelected and that now form the 29th Legislature succeeded by running on supposedly pro-education platform. I know you are facing a reduced budget now, but HB278 was just put in place to offer some stability and forward-planning for schools. The first thing the governor did was yank 3.5% out via an across-the-board cut to the DEED budget. It is within the legislature's power to reverse that proposed cut and restore the one-time funding. Please live up to your campaign promises and the promise of the 28th Legislature by excluding education from the tremendous focus you have on cutting and instead leave education whole, for the sake of kids.

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