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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please don't make any cuts to education
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Hello,

I am writing to ask you to please, please don't make any cuts to education funding. I understand the significant cuts you need to make, but this is not the place.

I have observed Juneau's school district doing more with less for several years. I think we need to make education funding more of a priority, locally, at the state level and also federal levels. It is a direct investment in our state and country's future.

There are lots of ways to trim the fat within the state's budget. One observation I've had for years is the crazy frequency that state employees travel both within the state and outside of Alaska for business. How much is spent on travel?

In this age of high speed Internet and virtual connectivity, video meetings should be the standard, and travel should be the exception.

Also I would be happy to give up my PFD if that money could instead go to education. I know using any part of the permanent fund starts a slippery slope but I think the current state of the budget warrants this.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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