

**From:** [Candace Smith](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** AK PFD  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 10:24:16 AM

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I am vehemently against the state legislators robbing the PFD to cushion their coffers. The PFD cannot be touched without a vote from the people, who it belongs to. Why don't you tax all those from the lower 48 who earn a living up here and take their money back to the lower 48? Why don't you give up part of your income to balance the budget? Why don't you give up some of your perks to balance the budget? Why don't you shave from the top instead of being bottom feeders?

My husband worked on the slope for years starting in '91. In '92, we moved here as a family. We have lived here since, brought up our family, and they all still live and work in-state. We've earned the right to a full PFD, and, being retired, we depend on it.

Find other ways to scavenge for funds.

Candace Smith  
6860 Orchid Drive  
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**From:** [holly.mothershead](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Be the voice of the people.  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2017 11:55:14 AM

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Stop Senate bills 21 and 26. Be the voice of the people.

**From:** [Annette R. Erickson](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Bills 21 and 26  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2017 11:36:50 AM

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Please do not pass bills 21 and 26 as a voter and as a Alaska citizen I do not want my PFD to be cut and if possible I would like the remainder of it back for the 2016 dividend.

Thank you.

Annette Erickson  
625-1653

Sent from my GCI smartphone

**From:** [Peter Branson](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Kill SB21 and SB26  
**Date:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 9:36:48 AM

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Dear Senator Dunleavy,

Please kill these regressive tax bill on Alaskan residents. I remember paying state income tax in Alaska and welcome its return, as long as the oil companies pay their fair share as well. Even under ACES Alaska was among the most profitable places in the world for oil companies, now we're literally paying the to take our oil. Cutting the PFD is one of the most regressive taxes you can do, especially in the bush.

Thank You, Peter Branson, PO Box 1259, Wrangell, AK

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [kathleen.peterson](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Leave my PFD ALONE.  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2017 2:20:52 PM

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My name is Kathleen Peterson, I really don't appreciate that our government such as yourself is deciding to take our money and "use it for the government". We are all not as fortunate as you are. You get paid very well to do what you do. Sure you could say you earned it huh? Why don't you do something positive instead? Of course, there's so many people with mixed emotions, some think it's free money, some don't need it, some are just going with the flow. Well let me tell you as an Alaskan born resident, I feel that what you are purposing is highly offensive to myself, Alaskan's, Jay Hammond, and our future. You guys are getting paid so highly to do what is in the best interest for Alaskan's. You guys have been trying to take it for years. Bill Walker finally accomplished taking our rights away from us last year by taking our money anyway, who cares what anyone thinks right? So now that made you guys feel like oh, why not go for more? Why not take it all! Let me suggest this, you walk away from your lifestyle, your suit, your money, your nice shiny car, go stand on a corner holding a card board asking for money, anything helps. Just for a week. I bet you couldn't last a day. I couldn't, but you would then understand, this is our money you are talking about. It was never yours to take. Most Alaskan's rely on that dividend every year. It is not free money. Why don't you buy a Honda and move into an apartment, give up your money to our government just as you are expecting from all Alaskan's? You get paid highly for a reason, do your job and quit trying to steal our money. Quit trying to take an easy route, because I will make it rough. That's my money you're talking about. That really angers me. I wouldn't let you come into my house and allow you to steal it right in front of me and that is exactly what you are doing. If you had any kind of heart, you would know this is wrong. Didn't your mother teach you right? I hope so. Do what is right and actually do some real work and earn that money you're getting paid for. Quit trying to take my money. That would be in our best interest.

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**From:** [Sally](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** LISTEN  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 11:44:59 PM

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Please, listen to us, senators and representatives. Senator Dunleavy, do whatever you have to do to prevent a cap and a restructuring of our PFD! Sally Pollen, Palmer, AK

**From:** [Jessica wesley](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 10:46:01 AM

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Please we need our pfd for low income alaskans. It helps with foof and bills we cannot afford. I have two young children they depend on our pfd this years. Lawmakers have no right to touch our pfd.

**From:** [tejas\\_dragon](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** NO TO SB 21/26  
**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 11:25:00 AM

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NO to SB 21 and 26 to restructure to the Fund and PFD

Stop taking money from struggling Alaskans!!!  
Stop illegally taking away our money!!

Balance the budget by cutting YOUR FLUFF not by taking money and food from my children's mouth!!

The PFD HELPS MY FAMILY GET THROUGH WINTER!!!



**From:** [Eagle One](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** PFD  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2017 4:29:08 PM

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Senator Dunleavy:

I encourage you to do everything in your power to insure that SB 21 and SB26 do NOT pass on the Senate floor of this state.

Citizens of this State, such as myself, are completely fed up with the exorbitant and wasteful spending of this State's government and we want the state budget brought under control and reduced so that, like any business, when income is not there, costs are cut to allow the business to continue.

The government of this State does not have the right to seize the PFD, or any portion thereof, from the citizens of this state without a public vote on the matter.

I encourage you to insure that the money that was removed from the PFD by the governor of this state be reinstated and paid back to the citizens.

Regards,

D. Alan Cruce

Palmer, Alaska

**From:** [Jimig](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** PFD  
**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 11:05:53 AM

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say NO to SB 21 and 26 to restructure the Fund and PFD

Karen L. Austin  
99508

**From:** [Becky Byrnes](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** PFD  
**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 5:30:51 PM

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Please do not approve any bill to use any part of the PFD for government spending. I rely on the PFD to buy winter gear and meat for my household for the year! The government needs to reduce costs not spend more. I make less than 30,000 per year. My electric bill alone is almost 300 per month, due to MEA raising costs to pay for the new power plant that was supposed to SAVE consumers money! I need that money as do the majority of people I know. The legislature needs to reduce spending starting with their own pay! When you make the amount of money I do instead of the OVER INFLATED WAGES that the legislators make you would understand. There is no reason they should make 3-4 times as much as I do just because they hold public office!

There are way more people in this state that need that money than don't. Please leave the PFD alone!

From Becky's iPhone 6

**From:** [lkniemann47@gmail.com](mailto:lkniemann47@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Please kill sb21. & sb26 These are not in the best interest of the people of Alaska. Do the right thing.  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 6:01:32 PM

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Thank You,

Sent from Windows Mail

**From:** [Alex V](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop SB 21 and SB 26!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 6:44:15 PM

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The Permanent Fund is an emergency reserve fund. it isn't meant for government spending or government overspending. It can't be allowed to be gutted without a vote from the share holders.. namely the entire qualifying population of Alaskans.

For those of us who live in rural Alaska, we don't spend dividends on airplane tickets and snow machines like most city folk. We put the dividend into our electric bills, or wood piles or fuel tanks. The slash tactic used by Governor Walker during last year's payout made it so that instead of filling up my fuel tank in preparation for the long winter, I have been struggling to fill it 100 gallons at a time.

There is not much work where I live in the winter and that shouldn't even have to be my point. The point is we filed for the dividend in 2016 between january and march of 2016 and expected that dividend to be available in october of 2016. there was no fair warning.. no settling in period no voting block.. none of these things happened.. we woke up to news in july that our dividend would be slashed in half. it was not fair. It was not called for. It was a petty tactic from a petty governor to punish Alaskans who didn't support his income or sales tax proposals.

The people hurt most by this dividend gutting are the people who can least afford it.

Reconsider supporting dividend cutting.. otherwise voters will reconsider your continued employment in the senate.

Signed, Bela Alexander Von Tolmacy , Registered voter. Member of the Republican party.

**From:** [rivjr59@gmail.com](mailto:rivr59@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Save Gov Hammonds PFD, Vote NO on 21 and 26  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2017 5:14:20 PM

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Hi Sen. Dunleavy, I'm emailing you to plz protect our PFD by Voting NO on Senate Bills 21 and 26. We the People would appreciate it, thank you

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Brandi Wadkins](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** SB 21 & 26  
**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 9:39:12 AM

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Dear Sen. Dunleavy, please do not support the passage of SB 21 and 26. The people of Alaska do not support a restructuring of the PFD, nor any change in dividend payout from current law nor new taxation when substantial and necessary cuts to the budget have not been made. We need constitutional protection for our PFD.

Thank you.

Brandi Wadkins

Soldotna AK

**From:** [beth@bethsvalleyviews.com](mailto:beth@bethsvalleyviews.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Senator Bert Stedman](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen. Anna MacKinnon](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#); [Sen. Pete Kelly](#); [Sen. Pete Micciche](#)  
**Subject:** SB 21-PFD & SB 50-\$75 Tire Tax  
**Date:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 9:00:28 AM

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Honored Senators,

It appears to me, for some inconceivable reason, that Senators Stedman and Giessel believe in maintaining an over-bloated government for a population with vast reaches but the population of a small city. I say this for the following reasons:

- \* We should never increase the expenses to the private sector during a recession; just ask noted economists Dr. Goldsmith and Nobel Laureate Dr. Vernon Smith;
- \* Just as you do not give more money to someone who has no concept of the value of the monetary gift you have given them, you do not give government more money when they are over-spending and not collecting available money (oil tax audits) doing their jobs.
- \* SB 21 has been introduced and rejected, in various forms, many times over the past 2 decades, please give it up, it is still a bad idea;
- \* SB 50 places the burden of rutted roads on a non-existent cause, studded tires. As someone who has been serving on the MSB Transportation Advisory Board for 5 years, and someone who has been reading South Central newspapers for 26 years, I know that it is the weight of traffic and not the studs that cause the ruts. Use a higher grade and deeper depth of gravel and you will extend the life of the roads.

Thank you for your consideration of this informationl.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Connie Fredenberg](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** SB21 and SB26  
**Date:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 5:44:28 AM

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SB21 and SB26 will drain our PFD, our duly earned dividend as an owner state.

Stop subsidizing the oil industry, the richest industry in the world, with our money.

We need an income tax and a proper tax on oil extraction.

Stop taking from the poorest of Alaskans to subsidize the richest.

Sincerely,

Constance Fredenberg

Palmer, AK

**From:** [Dave Wherley](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Senate Bills 21 & 26  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2017 1:22:00 PM

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Sir,

I find it very disheartening and frightening that the Alaska Senate continues it's attempts to seize the PFD for more funding of the government.

Leave the PFD alone and restore the money to the people! Last year the people had half of their PFD stolen to fund the bloated government. Cut the government to balance the budget FIRST, then we can discuss the PFD. Continuing to steal money from the people will only result in killing the economy of our state. Spend your earnings reserve, that is what it is for and leave the PFD in the hands of the people. They can spend their money to boost the economy from the bottom and that was the original intention, not to be stolen from the people. PUT IT TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE AND SEE WHAT THE CITIZENS WANT!! That is why you have your job sir, and that is why you were elected!

David S. Wherley

Sent from Windows Mail

**From:** [J. Cassellius](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** STOP SB 21 and SB26 - NO PFD AND FUND CHANGE WITHOUT A PUBLIC VOTE!  
**Date:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 9:49:00 PM

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Dear Chairman, Senator Dunleavy and State Affairs Committee,  
Please record my testimony AGAINST passing SB21 and SB26. You will serve the best interests of Alaskans today and for future generations by not allowing these bills to pass from your Committee. Kill these bills. It is wrong to change the PFD and Fund without a public vote.

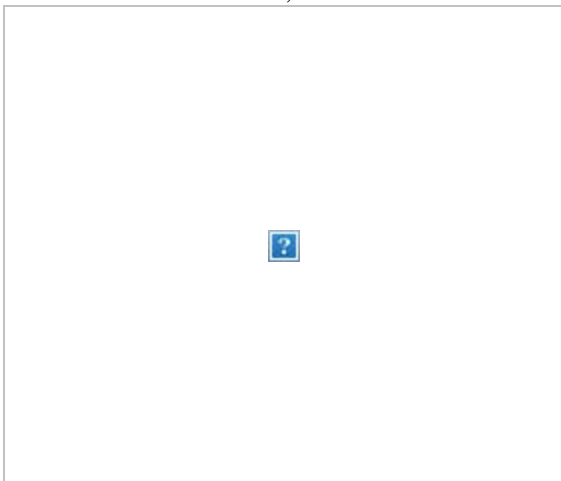
I'm a life-long Alaskan and registered voter in Eagle River, AK. My Facebook page for the group "Permanent Fund Defenders" has over 3,000 members and stands for stopping the restructure of the Fund and PFD without voter consent.

A petition I started last month opposing the plans to restructure the Fund and PFD has 1,000 signers so far. ([www.change.org/p/defend-our-pfd-and-fund-now](http://www.change.org/p/defend-our-pfd-and-fund-now))  
Below is the content of the petition. Please review it.

Thanks for doing the right thing to preserve the Owner State and Alaskans' shareholder rights. Restructure government, not the People's Fund.

Respectfully,  
Juanita Cassellius  
17606 N. Eagle River Lp  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

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Tell the Legislators to save our PFD and Permanent Fund in the 2017 Session!

As the Owner State, Alaska's resource wealth belongs to all Alaskans. Governor Walker and

the Legislature are planning to restructure and spend the PFD and Fund earnings without public consent. This theft endangers the Fund and blocks the rights of Alaskans.

We have other solutions to Alaska's fiscal problems including getting a fair share for our resources, budget reform, and raising revenues in ways that Alaskans choose.

Alaska Legislators, as our elected representatives, we urge you to do everything in your power to protect the public interest for Alaska voters and Permanent Fund shareholders through the following actions. We strongly support these votes:

**OPPOSE THE PFD AND FUND RESTRUCTURE: VOTE NO** on Governor Walker's plan to restructure and spend from the PFD and Permanent Fund without public consent. Don't allow this! (SB 21, SB26)

**SUPPORT RESTORING PFD MONEY: VOTE YES** on House Bills 21 & 22, Senate Bill 1 and 2 to pay back Alaskans the \$670 million cut by the Governor in 2016. Return the Peoples' money.

**SUPPORT A PUBLIC VOTE ON PFD USE: VOTE YES** to pass legislation requiring a 2017 PFD Advisory Vote by the People of Alaska to decide if PFD money will be used for government spending this year. No PFD change without the Peoples' consent!

**SUPPORT A CONSTITUTIONAL PFD GUARANTEE: VOTE YES** on Resolution SJR1 to approve a 2018 public vote for a Constitutional Amendment to guarantee our PFD in the future. The PFD will never be safe without this.

Thanks for signing and sharing on this legislation to protect Alaskans' dividend and Fund.

This petition will be delivered to:

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[When the PFD fund was set up the intent was to give all Alaskans a share in the wealth. It was not to give reckless politicians a stash to rob when they can't discipline themselves enough to balance the budget](#)

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[I believe the PFD & Permanent Fund belong to the people of Alaska not the government.](#)

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[Alaskans deserve the full amount; the PFD is the ONLY income for many rural alaskans who really depend on it.](#)

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**From:** [Jennifer Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Stop SB21 and SB 22  
**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 2:22:06 PM

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Dear Sir,

Using the PFD to fund government is wrong and implementing an income tax without MAJOR cutting is beyond my reasoning.

When my family income decreases, so does my budget. I am not able to simply take money from somewhere or ask for a raise. I must make tough decisions to keep my family fed, housed and clothed- everything else gets cut.

Those who have "enough", may not care what you do; but for those of us who live pay-check-to-paycheck an income tax, without or without the PFD reduction, will decrease standards of living and quite possibly push people back toward poverty. Decrease spending leads to a down economy..... a down economy leads people to leave the state.. and so on and so forth.

The job of the government is to make hard decisions- using the PFD and adding an income tax is not the hard decision, it's the quickest decision. The hard decision is cutting spending when it may be unpopular; the hard decision is ignoring lobbyist interests; the hard decision is risking losing the next election. 100% of the time, the hard decision is the right decision.

I urge you to make the hard decision; to decrease the budget and bring it back inline with the income currently generated by the state. And to let the people vote on what to do with the PFD- it is the people's money and we should decide what it does or does not get used for.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer E anderson  
Soldotna, Ak

**From:** [Full Name](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Stop the Bill  
**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 12:39:50 PM

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Dear Senator,

Please stop bills SB21 and SB26 to restructure the PFD. The PFD needs to stay the way it has been in existence. The state government needs to find another way to meet the budget. Like a state lotto or legalese gambling

Sincerely  
Kim Alman



**From:** [lmgoss@gci.net](mailto:lmgoss@gci.net)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Stop the Raid on our PFD/Message from 62 year resident of Fairbanks  
**Date:** Sunday, February 12, 2017 4:54:12 PM

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I was born in the territory of Alaska in 1954. I say stop the raid of our PFD now before its too late.

Linda Morrison Goss