

February 27, 2017

Representative Scott Kawasaki
Alaska State Legislature

RE: Repayment of Withheld Permanent Fund Dividends for Eugene Vent, Marvin Roberts, Kevin Pease, and George Frese.

Dear Representative Kawasaki:

I am writing this letter to encourage you to keep up the fight for our boys and others whose sentences were commuted for any reason by the State of Alaska. I know each of the Fairbanks Four and am related to two of them: Eugene Vent and George Frese. Eugene is my late brother's boy and George is my sister's son.

We, now including the State of Alaska, knew that the facts of the case simply did not support the conviction of those arrested and charged with the horrific crime against John Hartman. They spent way too many years locked up for a crime they did not commit.

Specifically in Eugene's case, I would remind the Legislature that my nephew's confession was obtained under duress and when he was very young. As a result he and the other boys lost a major asset held by all Alaskans and that is the Alaska Permanent fund payment.

I have witnessed Eugene and George mature over the years and today with wisdom beyond their years, they continue to make the best of a bad situation by holding down jobs and contributing back to society and their community of Fairbanks. I believe they all deserve a chance to be called real Alaskans, citizens of this great state and honored with repayment of the Permanent Fund Dividend withheld for the past nearly twenty years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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