From:

Dorothy Shockley <shockleyd907@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:45 PM

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

Re: HB 127

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Tuesday, February 28, 2017 1:00 PM

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Please white out my title and organization. I meant to but sent it.

Thank you.

Dorothy

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 12:42 PM, Dorothy Shockley < shockleyd907@gmail.com > wrote:

Dear Rep. Kawasaki and members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I an writing in support of HB 127. It is the least the state can do to compensate the wrongfully convicted.

I urge you all to pass HB 127 and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Shockley

Dorothy Shockley

From:

Morgan VanHatten <morganvanhatten@yahoo.com> Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:56 PM

Sent:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki D: Fw: HB 118 and HB 127 Subject:

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 11:13 PM, Morgan VanHatten <morganvanhatten@yahoo.com> wrote:

To the state of Alaska:

I'm writing on behalf of those who have been wrongfully convicted for crimes they didn't commit. The depth of what these people have gone through is indescribable to say the least. They have been cheated out of time that can never be gotten back. It's important to let those people who have been wrongfully convicted know that they haven't been forgotten and we are all still fighting for justice. It's only right that the state pass HB118 and HB127 so that people like the Fairbanks Four can go on to lead healthy, productive lives and inspire others that through faith and the right people, anything is possible. I've always been a supporter of the Fairbanks Four and hope that you, Mr. Kawasaki do everything in your power to see that these young men get compensation for their time served. Thank you for all that you do for our state.

Sincerely, Morgan King

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Edwin Bifelt <edwin@zanehillscapital.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:58 PM

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:58 PM

Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool;

Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Neal

Foster

Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 127! PFD's for the wrongly convicted

Attachments: Edwin Bifelt_HB 127_Letter of Support.pdf

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Good Afternoon House members,

I urge you to support HB 127, which allows back pay of PFD's for those wrongly convicted. This is a direct benefit to the 'Fairbank Four'. As Alaskans I think we are all well aware of this case.

As a resident of rural Alaska, a business owner and strategic consultant and a city council member for the City of Huslia - I wholeheartedly support HB 127. I ask that the House please pass this bill in the first session.

I know you are all facing an immense and sometimes incomprehensible challenge as we face a growing state budget deficit. There is no 'easy' answer to this challenge, and the reality is (which we saw last year) there may not be significant progress this year. But this bill is an opportunity to 'get it right', at least once in this 30th Alaska Legislature. I urge you to put yourself in the shoes of these four men, that literally lost half their lives.

s a finance MBA I understand that in reality the effects of this compensation have little effect on the long-term fiscal solvency of our state. In addition this is a 'case' that is heavily embedded into the consciousness of rural Alaskans, Alaska Native's and many throughout the state. Your support will definitely be appreciated from all parts of the state.

As a person of logic, I think we all know there wont be very much 'wins' in this 30th legislature.. This is a chance for all of us to get a win.

I apologies for such a late letter of support. If you need any further info please contact me anytime. God bless you all.

Best Regards,

Edwin Bifelt Owner/Principal Consultant

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From:

liisiarae@gmail.com

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:08 PM

P: .

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

HB 127

Dear Legislators,

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Liisia Edwardsen PO box 132 Tanana, ak 99777

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tillila Beetus <tilbeetus@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:16 PM

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jonathan

Kreiss-Tomkins

Subject: HB 127 - E. Vent testimony

Hello, this is Eugene's testimony for your consideration

Eugene Vent

February 16 at 8:15pm · I don't post often, but lately I have been thinking about how life is out here, getting such a late start at adulthood and the struggles that come with it, I am a thirty seven year old Native man and just now getting the opportunity to find my destination, yeah, I heard it all... People tell me and the other three guys (Kevin, Marvin and George) that we deserve to be compensated or given millions for eighteen years of wrongful imprisonment... Now that I began working full-time, I like my job... But everyday I catch that feeling of having been robbed of the most important years of my life, I appreciate all who are arguing for compensation... Scott Kawasaki, Bill Oberly and countless others, and now I am pleading that the people, citizens of Alaska once again rally behind this cause, that's what will make the difference, please come together and unite and demand compensation for 'The Fairbanks Four' It's only right, and now I believe that more and more as each day passes by, this type of Justice will only help reassure all Alaskans that these great examples of Injustice, our example... will be that much more less likely to happen, it is not about the money, but about accountability... and I hope we can all agree that what's right is right.

Til Beetus 907-378-2541

From:

Sharon Alden <fwxsca@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:47 PM

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp

HB 127

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I am writing in support of HB 127

Those wrongfully incarcerated should have their Perminant Fund Dividends restored. This money will help those getting out of jail to restart their lives.

Thank you

Sharon Alden

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From:

Pam A. Miller <pammillerarctic@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:54 PM

D:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

Support HB 127 Pay PFD's to those wrongfully convicted.

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Due By:

Wednesday, March 01, 2017 6:57 AM

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Dear Scott,

Thank you for introducing HB 127, a bill to pay PFD's to Alaskans whose convictions were vacated, reversed or dismissed.

This is an important bill towards the path of justice for the Fairbanks 4 and many others who have been wrongfully convicted.

remember the great joy at the David Salmon Tribal Hall the day that all 4 of the men were reunited with their amilies, their communities, and the great burden that felt lifted that day after 20 + years.

But now these amazing, strong men continue to face the effects of their wrongful convictions that are far reaching into the future. This is far more than lost wages, benefits, or paying into Social Security or retirement systems for decades, savings, but also skills honed over years and years that deepen as they are shared with colleagues, mentors, and young people.

There is also the greater security that comes from building a life and along the way figuring out that fine balance of the work world and family, and how to grow a socially and culturally sustaining livelihood rooted from time in those special places hunting, fishing, harvesting, and more.

I strongly support those wrongfully convicted from receiving their past PFD's value with inflation to today for the years they were considered ineligible due to incarceration.

This bill is a small first step of the full compensation the Fairbanks 4 and unfortunately many others should be provided for the tragic time they lost.

hank you for representing Fairbanks and the values that I trust all Alaskans share of justice, decency and plain old willingness to do right by people.

Best Regards,

Pamela A. Miller

1800 Musk Ox Trail

Fairbanks, AK 99709

Phone: 907-441-2407

pammillerarctic@gmail.com

From:

Lindsay Monty <cold_rain_nsnow@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:06 PM

: subject: Rep. Scott Kawasaki Supporting HB 127

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Due By:

Wednesday, March 01, 2017 6:57 AM

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Mr. Kawasaki,

I'm writing in support of HB 127, so that people who've been wrongfully convicted can at least recover PFD funds to try and begin a normal life. This is just one way to rectify the unimaginable injustice of wrongful imprisonment. Please put yourself in another's shoes and vote in support of HB 127.

Thank you, Lindsay Monty Fairbanks, AK

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From: Sent:

chuck hugny <chugny@yahoo.com> Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:18 AM

bject:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki HB 127

Hi Scott, I wanted to encourage your support of HB 127 that would allow wrongfully imprisoned individuals "back payment" of their PFD's they missed while incarcerated. I do have a personal stake in this a high school teacher of Marvin Roberts, on of the Fairbanks four. It was always my assertion that Marvin was not capable of such a crime. Comments from other former students who were with Marvin that night only cemented my view of his innocence. As you are well aware he, and the other three young men, spent 16 years unjustly behind bars even after the true murders cane forth. Marvin is making the best of a very bad situation. When our justice system fails in such a life destroying way I feel it is only just for them to be awarded the PFD's that would have rightfully be theirs!

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Charles " Chuck" Hugny Mile 315 Parks Highway North Nenana AK. 99760

Phone 1-907-750-5463

Sent from my iPhone

From:

emerson <emersoneads@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 01, 2017 2:54 PM

Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp

Subject:

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Dear Representative Kawasaki, (please feel free to amend the introduction to properly reflect decorum)

I write in support of both Alaska House Bills 118 and 127. I think they represent what is right and just in the heart of Alaskans.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am a doctoral student at the University of Notre Dame. Fairbanks is my home, and Alaska will always be where my heart is despite me being away from her more than I would wish. I have inaugurated the Fairbanks Symphony chorus and was it's chorus master for three season, and I was the chorus master for numerous Opera Fairbanks productions, including conducting a few productions which included my own opera, commissioned by Opera Fairbanks.

I wrote Mass for the Oppressed for the release of the Fairbanks Four, which was premiered in Fairbanks in the ummer of 2016 under the baton of Houston Symphony conductor, Robert Franz. The performance was attended by the Fairbanks Four. The audience gave the Four not one standing ovation, but two. The tears and palpable empathy which came from all those present was unforgettable, and as such, represents in artistic form, what these bills represent in hard, political and social currency.

I write in full support of these bills. They underline what is best about Alaskans: we are bigger and capable of embracing cultural divides, we are capable of ameliorating injustices, and we lift up the weak and underrepresented. This has been my experience in Fairbanks, and it has been my great pleasure to know that these traits don't just represent the Interior of Alaska, but rather, they are unequivocally Alaskan.

Thank you,

Emerson Eads 1334 Overhill Drive Fairbanks AK 99701 907-460-8950

From: Sent:

Don Ross <evrevross01@gmail.com> Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:06 PM

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Rep. Scott Kawasaki

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HB 127

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Dear Rep. Kawasaki,

Restorative justice is a theme worthy of support. Your bill is a part of that process. The best of luck with it.

Yes, to creating a culture that cares for one another and the earth.

Peace Rider Don 2532 Roland Road Fairbanks, AK 99709

From:

Rosie Ashby <ashbyrosie@yahoo.com> Thursday, March 02, 2017 1:23 AM

Sent:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp

Subject:

I support HB127 for Fairbanks Four

To whom it may concern,

I'm an Inupiaq Alaskan resident, who receives the State of Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend; and know that each year that really helps keep up with costs of living up here in bush Alaska. Where costs are higher because of our remote areas. Rent/mortgages costs take a high amount out of our monthly incomes. Groceries cost for the month aren't pretty. Gas prices are high. Not to mention retail on our necessities of warm winter gear. These are all the things this bill I know may help the Fairbanks Four with. So I just want to take this time to show support. I highly support the bill being passed. They should have a right to their Permanent Fund Dividends that were not paid. Thank you for your time and God blessings. Taikuu!(Thank you in Inupiaq.)

- Fellow Alaskan just wanting to show support

om:

Billie Buckingham <ncountry@live.com> Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:16 PM

Sent: To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

HB 127

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Thank you, Billie Buckingham

Tonya Garnett <tonyagarnett@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:17 PM

To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Chris

Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp

Subject: HB127

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I have heard the stories of the "Fairbanks Four." They have returned to their families, and people who care, with nothing more than the clothes on their back. We all know the story of their trials, appeals and hearings. What we do not know is what happened after their release. They found themselves among everyone else who has been building their lives for the past 20 years. With nothing, but the items they had when they went into jail in the late 90s. They have had to learn so many new processes and technology that we take for granted. The people who put them away may not even be serving our state anymore. It is up to this generation of leaders to make things right. There is no reason to release any guilty party from prison (unless they have served their sentence) due to political pressure. These men are free because they have always been innocent. I urge you to do the right thing and support the passage of this bill by the house and senate, it is a small price to pay compared to them giving their lives for someone else's mistakes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you, Tonya Garnett tonyagarnett@hotmail.com 907-388-3805

om:

CLARISSA GUNTER <cgunter2014@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:28 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

Support letter

To whom it may concern:

I believe it is very wrong to be accused of such horrible crimes that the Fairbanks Four were accused of. First your name is smeared all over the news papers and everyone is judging you. Then to sit in jail for 18 years for a crime the Fairbanks Four did not commit. Their whole lives were destroyed by this. At the very least they can be compensated for the pain and suffering they had to endure for 18 long years! They never got to learn a trade or go to college and starting life over in your 30's is not easy. They have endured enough pain and suffering they should at least be compensated and get their dividends from the past years.

Sincerely, Clarissa Gunter

Sent:

Christy <christy_moses2002@yahoo.com> Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:46 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

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Thank you,

enristy Shank 907-388-4439 1607 27th Avenue Fairbanks, AK 99701

Sent from my iPhone

Valerie Webb < VEW@shanwil.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:01 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp

Subject:

HB 127

Hi All,

I support HB127! Thank you to whoever drafted this bill and brought it in front of you all. Please help this bill become a reality.

Thank you in advance,

Val

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om: Travis Anderson <travisnnicole@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:07 PM

To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject: Pfd

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to support HB127, a bill to restore PFD payments to the wrongfully convicted. If persons were wrongfully convicted and incarcerated, they suffered a gross injustice. HB 127 does not compensate such persons to make up for their wrongful conviction: on the contrary restoring their previously withheld PFD checks is simply a matter of returning something that was rightfully theirs all along. Failure to restore the withheld payments would be a perpetuation of injustice. Please do the right thing and support HB127. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this ©

I hope you have a wonderful rest of your day!

-Nicole and Travis Anderson

_-6m:

Lou Brown < loubrown1952@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:13 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

HB127

February 28, 2017

Dear Legislator,

One of the things the State of Alaska can do to help the wrongfully convicted and help them reestablish a normal life is to pass HB127 which seeks to pay PFDs to Alaskans whose convictions were vacated, reversed or dismissed. It seems apparent that when an individual has been wrongfully convicted, reinstating their right to receive the PFD is the least the State can do to try to make a wrong right.

Thanks for considering my thoughts on this important matter.

Lou (Linda) Sue Brown

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Lou Brown 2630 Home Run Fairbanks, AK 99709 (907) 479-5629 loubrown1952@gmail.com

Christin Anderson <mushroomchristin@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:13 PM

To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: I support HB 127

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I have met nice people who were incarcerated and released with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Everyone deserves mercy, and I believe that giving then their PFDs would be a step in the right direction, even more so for those who were wrongfully convicted.

Thank you,

Christin

Jom:

Sheryl Reily <sherylmareereily@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:14 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Chris

Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp

Subject: Support for HB 127

Dear Representative,

I am writing in support of HB 127 which will enable wrongfully convicted Alaskans to receive their Permanent Fund Dividends for the years they are ineligible due to incarceration.

It the right moral choice and it will help them rebuild the lives that have been wrongfully taken from them by the State.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Maree Reily

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om:

Audrey C Bifelt

bifeltac@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:42 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

Support HB 127

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of HB 127, to restore PFD payments to those wrongly convicted and incarcerated. Denying the PFD isn't right so please support HB 127. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours, Audrey C Bifelt PO Box 49 Huslia, Alaska 99746

Sent:

Willow Bowen

 towenw@doyon.com> Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:27 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

HB127

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This may seem like something small to our legislature in light of other issues, but to the Fairbanks Four, who we already suffered and lost much more than just 18 years of their life, it is a small token of restoring their faith in a broken system, and ours too.

Sincerely,

Willow Bowen

Fairbanks resident

Jom:

Mona Nollner < Mona.Nollner@tananachiefs.org >

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:05 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

letter

Dear Representative Kawasaki,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Mona Nollner, Thank you for your work on the bills to seek compensation for the Fairbanks Four. These men are very important people to me. I realize this may be an uphill battle due to the current state budget and other factors. If there is anything I can do to help with these bills please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and best wishes this session.

Respectfully,

Mona Nollner

1223 26th Ave

Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

907-712-4915

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Om:

Emily Carroll <emilysidneycarroll@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:32 PM

To:

Rep. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

FAIRBANKS 4 HB127

Dear Representative Kawasaki,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Emily Carroll. Thank you so for your all work on the bills to seek compensation for the Fairbanks Four.

These men are very important to me. One in particular happens to be one of my really good friends. These guys have been robbed a life time, no amount of money could ever fix or even come close to making what happened to them right or okay. These guys never got to have a chance like most of us in life and lost so many years and missed so much time with family they can never get back.

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Respectfully,

Emily Carroll