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Hello All:

I strongly support HB **115**, the State Revenue Restructuring Act. Please add my name to the support list of the House Finance Committee.

Thank you.

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Life-long Alaskan born + raised

Totally in favor of re-instating income tax,
a systematically Fair method of raising funds
for our state. - Poor pay less, rich pay
more. ~~Please have to shape locally, shouldn't~~

~~be~~

Many people come to Alaska for
employment, they can pay their state
taxes.

PFID does impact low income
people to a greater degree, but is like
a gift from the state; having an equation
that doles out a smaller amount
to each family while preserving the fund
is the best idea.

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Balance the budget, make people mad,
we are Alaskans, we can handle it.

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Feb. 17, 2017

Dear House Finance Committee —

As a life-long Alaskan, I write in support of HB115. We are grateful that our legislature is finally willing to grapple with our budgetary crisis in a meaningful way:

- by using a portion of permanent fund earnings to provide a base for government services while protecting a healthy dividend for families in need.
- by reinstating an income tax so we can help pay our way like residents in most other states.

May I suggest that you select and publish a "floor figure," i.e. *30,000 per couple below which people would not be required to pay? It could remove much anxiety (and opposition?). My accountant says, for example, that a retired couple living on Social Security (approx. *24,000?) would not be paying income tax anyway.

Thank you for attempting to capture income tax from nonresidents. As a small business owner, additional reporting would not be an undue burden.

As a retailer, a state sales tax placed on top of our local taxes (3% city + 3% borough) would place us at an increased disadvantage with online retailers who pay no local (or state?) sales tax.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve the economy of our beautiful state. We want to stay.

Peggy Mullan — river city books, Soldotna

Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group
Resolution in Support of a Sustainable Long-Term Alaska State Fiscal Plan to
Address the Fiscal Budgetary Gap

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group recognizes the current State of Alaska budgetary fiscal crisis and the need for the Alaska State Legislature to provide leadership in this time of difficult decisions facing our state;

Whereas, it is imperative for the future of the State of Alaska and its people that the Legislature develop a sustainable long-term fiscal plan for FY 2018 and beyond, during this legislative session;

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group is committed to providing support to the Legislature in developing a long-term fiscal plan that minimizes costly unintended consequences;

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a long-term fiscal plan that invests in our human infrastructure, specifically young children and families, and includes revenue generation to minimize the use of the Budget Reserve;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group urges the Legislature to make budget decisions that maintain or increase services and support for young children and their families, often among the most vulnerable Alaskans; that do not incur the loss of federal matching dollars or otherwise jeopardize leveraged revenue to the State and to early childhood service providers; and that maximize all available funding opportunities;

Be it further resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a plan of revenue generation that may include a combination of strategies: use of permanent fund earnings reserve, capping the permanent fund dividend payouts, income tax, sales tax (seasonal or year-round), gas tax and other creative solutions, such as endowments or social impact bonds; and

Be it further resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a Legislature that puts Alaska's young children and families, our future, first by taking the necessary steps to provide all Alaskans with a long-term fiscal plan during the 2017 Legislative session creating economic viability for this year and years to come.

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