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**From:** Gary Miller <gmiller.juneauak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Jason Grenn; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zach Fansler; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Justin Parish; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Dean Westlake; Rep. Adam Wool  
**Subject:** HB 142

I support HB 142, "...increasing the maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefit rate..."

With the high cost of living in Alaska, we should be leading the nation with a high weekly benefit amount.

I worked at the Alaska Department of Labor for 22 years before moving to the Department of Revenue. I saw firsthand how people who lost their jobs and needed help feeding their family got help through their U.I. check. As you are aware, U.I. is self-funded through taxes paid by both the employer and the employee. This will not affect the \$3 billion budget shortfall.

Please vote to pass this legislation.

Thank you.

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