I have been in Alaska in the Anchorage area since 1975. I would like to see a sales tax that includes a yearly payback of an extra amount added to the PFD. It would be a rebate for taxes paid up to the poverty level for all Alaskan residents. This will capture taxes from anyone who purchases in the State. It will un-tax all residents up to the poverty level through a system already in place. Please avoid an income tax. It is intrusive and complicated. Thank you. Please forward to anyone who would care to read. It would operate very similar to the FairTax.

Please, please pass a worthwhile source of income for the state before you leave Juneau this spring. You were expected to do so during the 2016 session.

The cuts upon cuts you have made and proposed to education, K-12 and the University, the troopers and many more are frightening and shameful.

Why not an income tax, or sales tax? One or the other is needed now.

Isn't state income tax, or a percentage of it, deductible from federal income tax? That should lessen personal impact considerably.

Sincerely,

Kathleen W. Sisson

Ester, AK 99725

Greetings all,

I have lived in Fairbanks for over 40 years and there are many reasons that I continue to live in this community.

One: I value the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus and all that it brings to our community in terms of diversity,

cultural stimulation, scientific inquiry, and intellectual stimulation. KUAC is housed at the University and is

much valued and appreciated for similar reasons.

Two: I value a good public education system even though with my own sons, I opted to go the route of educating

them at home. I continue to support the public education system through my property taxes and am happy to see

those dollars spent on education.

Three: I value a government structure that attends to the social, political, environmental and civic needs

of a community like Fairbanks. Having parks, pools, trail systems enhances one's engagement with the environment

and the community. Having transfer sites and a dump that deals with refuse in environmentally sound ways is

essential to our civilized society.

I could go on but what I am striving to make clear to you is that I would pay state taxes and give up my dividend to

ensure that these aspects of my community remain healthy and strong.

Take the bold step to institute a state income tax again. We need more revenue streams and also the people of

Alaska need to have a stake in their government: taxation provides that personal investment in the state.

Sure there are always going to be government entities that do not run highly efficiently. One will never make

government lean and mean. There are too many social issues that are just not cut and dried but extremely

nuanced and tough to box in.

This continued cutting of government is NOT the answer. You send out questionnaires asking what I would cut

in light of government services and there is not one service that I can think to cut. I do not use all these services

but I am one person among many. There are many who find services I never use critical to their existence. Why

would I want to cut them off? We have lost sight of the fact that "we are all in this together" and tomorrow could

change my whole world in a matter of seconds.

Thank you.

Mary Calmes Fairbanks, AK 99712 Do an income tax. Leave our day to day living alone. Martha McQuiston

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Governor Walker, Senators, Representatives, and Finance Committees.

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