

Jake Almeida

From: Patricia Moulton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:00 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Restore PFD Back Pay to Alaskans

The PFD is for Alaskans; it should never have been used to bail out misspending; something else needs to remedy that situation. Bad decisions was the downfall of robbing the PFD as a bail out and very unfair to the people of Alaska. We elect officials to do the right thing and manage the budget in the appropriate way and make good decisions for all of us- Thank you, Patricia Moulton, Petersburg, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Skeetter kurka [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 7:52 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD

Dear Representatives,

Please pay out the PFD as it was intended to be paid out. Hands off, it is NOT government moneys. You are going to need to cut the budget. Take the PFD moneys off the table as your only solution. We are broke and can't afford this bloated budget. School administrators CAN cut their wages, not cut teachers or kids. If you really care for Alaska you would get stuff done, no more sneaky House Speaker moves. You know what I am talking about. If a tax is the only answer, Flat tax only you can pay too. No more PFD tax, YOU are hurting our kids.

Heather Hepler

Jake Almeida

From: Michael Snow [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD restitution

Hello

I want to see the full PFD restored because I think it was wrong to change the format of how it was to how it is now. I believe that people need this PFD to survive especially in villages so it is important to restore it back to the way it was.

Thanks

Jake Almeida

From: Jesse Cress [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:51 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24

Hello,

I would like to make my approval known for SB23 and SB24. I feel very strongly that we need to protect the PFD in full. And that what has been withheld in the past years needs to be paid back. I feel that the government has no right to that money, it belongs to the people of Alaska.

Jesse Cress
Anchor Point

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Jake Almeida

From: Lisa Idell-sassi [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

I fully support the Governor's PFD Bill's SB23 and SB24.

Thank you,

Lisa Idell-Sassi
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801
[REDACTED]

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Jake Almeida

From: Helen Riley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Sb 23and24

I was to go back on record to support sb23 and sb24 helen riley. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Larry Duke [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:45 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD payback

I want Governor Dunleavy's PFD payback bill passed. Give the PFD back to the people and give us back the PFD amount that was taken from us.

Larry Duke

Jake Almeida

From: Denise Grube [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB23 and SB24

I am in full support of SB23 and SB24. I do NOT believe it is free money. I believe in Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget. I am in favor of the legislature making the budget work . In the past 4 years I've watched as we spend spend and it is time to stop spending beyond our means.

Please do NOT tax each and every resident in the state. By taking their PFD to support a bloated government.

It is time to STOP spending and start living within our means.

I listened to some of the testimonies, it is sad that the news media has used scare tactics once again to make people think our children will suffer from a poor education. We already have the worst schools in the nation. Throwing more money at schools will NOT make them more efficient. Media fear mongering needs to stop.

Again I am in full support of SB23 and SB24. As well as Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget.

Thank you,

Denise D Tarr

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Haley Strong [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:37 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD payback

We want Governor Dunleavy's PFD payback bill to pass. Give the PFD back to the people and give the amount that was taken from us back.

Trent and Haley Duke

Jake Almeida

From: don.c.sundgren [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:33 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Sb-23 and Sb-24

It is my opinion as a 3rd generation life long Alaskan that our Governor, Mr. Dunleavy is sound in approving both Sb-23 and Sb-24 and I would like to see them pass as well.

Thank you for your time,
Alaska resident
Don C Sundgren
Age-37

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: Alan Cruce [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:32 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24 - Support

I agree with Governor Dunleavy's provisions and orders to restore to Alaskans what Bill Walker stole from all Alaskans in his blatant violation of the Constitution of this State regarding the PFD.

I support SB23 and SB24. Governor Dunleavy was elected to office based on his promises to balance the budget and restore the lawful distribution and reparation of the PFD.

The legislature had best understand that If they try to undermine or diminish, in any way, the reparation or future payments of the PFD provided for under our Constitution that they will be held accountable for violating their oath of office.

Dennis A. Cruce
Palmer, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Alyssa Maxwell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:32 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

Dear Senators,

I am a young mom of a small child in Chugiak, Alaska who, without the assistance of my PFD would be unable to be a stay at home mother at this crucial time of my families life. We count on the PFD every winter to get us through. Also as a young family, we have learned the number one rule of budgeting. That rule is we cannot spend more than we make. For the health of any financial institution, including our state, this rule must be abided by and so I strongly urge you to be in support of our governor's budget and to give back the people of Alaska there PFD in full.

Thank you, Alyssa Goulet

Jake Almeida

From: Tamara Reiser [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:25 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pass SB 23 & 24

I am for passing SB23 and SB24, the supplemental payment of prior years' PFD's. The 3 year plan is a good idea.

The PFD payments help the local communities and small business here in Alaska. I know many who use their PFD to fill their fuel oil tanks and prepare for winter. These families have to live within their means and not spend spend spend, the State should do the same.

When the spending is cut then we can talk income tax...I am not against that at all.

Tamara Reiser
Homer, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Paul Hartley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:23 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: Support for SB23 & 24
Importance: High

Good Evening Senators,

I am writing today to express my support for our Govenors plan to payback the PFD amount to the citizens of Alaska and constitutionalize the PFD, Senate bills SB-23 and SB-24.

I firmly believe that State spending needs to be brought under control as the Governor has directed in his proposed budget plan and that our legislators need to support the Govenors plan.

I am a registered voter in District 30 who does not support my Rep. actions in the House but fully supports the Govenors plan to help our state.

Rev. Paul R. Hartley

[REDACTED]
Kenai, AK 99611
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Mark Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Sb 23 and 24

I am a life long Alaskan. My wife and I are raising our three children in the Matsu. We are fully in support of SB23 and 24.

Mark Johnson

[REDACTED]
Palmer, Alaska
99645

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Diana Van Vleet [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

The Permanent Fund Dividend program was set up years ago because of the mineral rights owned by the people. The equitable way was devised to put aside a portion of the earnings for the people of Alaska. It needs to be memorialized in our Constitution so that anyone that decides they can't rein in spending can't go after it whenever they want. The amount taken the past 3 years needs to be repaid back to the people as it is just sitting in an account. The Permanent Fund boosts the economy of the State and its citizens. One person deciding the fate for the citizens is not proper. We have more money spent on education and are ranked 50th in the Nation. I am all for education but something is basically wrong when we spend more money and fare worse. Cuts need to be made but not to the PFD as it helps the citizens and not just a special project.

Diana Van Vleet
[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Kevin McCabe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:23 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill;
Senator.scott.kawaski@akleg.com
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Dear Legislators,

The following is my testimony for the senate bill 23 and 24 to reinstate the dividend. I support the passing of both of these out of your committee.

The idea of a savings fund began almost at the same time as statehood. Our vision, our sales pitch to the Federal Government was that our mineral wealth would be at the center of our development. In 1959, when Congress approved Alaska's statehood, they knew that our state would someday not only be able to tax its resource development, like other states, but also be a major resource owner itself. That is, essentially the crux or the start of the PF idea. A "savings account" for a rainy day. Not a fund for every hair brained idea that the legislature could come up with.

The centerpiece of our new constitution was a system where all revenues went to the state General Fund and the Legislature was given the authority to sort out the priorities for spending. As we matured as an oil producing state, we began to consider the fact that "landowner" revenues such as royalties, lease bonus payments and rents, are not conventionally revenue like taxes. Instead these revenues represented the Alaskan peoples "fee" for the harvesting our resource. Alaska is not like other oil producing states. Our substantial subsurface resources do not belong to the individual land owner. They belong to all Alaskans. When it comes to oil, we are an "owner-state," a phrase coined by Alaska Gov. Walter Hickel.

At the time of the creation of the PF the idea that a single generation should not be permitted to consume the bulk of commonly-owned resource gains at the expense of future Alaskans became popular. This idea continued through the heady days of the Prudhoe Bay discovery and the great influx (eventually) of money from that find.

In 1975 Governor Hammond vetoed the law passed which would enshrine the PF in statute. He then announced a constitutional amendment to create a Permanent Fund in the 1976 Legislature, which would then be voted on in the state general election. Then instead of introducing their own constitutional resolution, the State House closed ranks behind Governor Hammond's proposal. As the constitutional discussion reached the State Senate they removed taxes from the measure and defined the conceptual difference between taxes and resource ownership assets.

Then came the "D" or dividend discussion. The original idea was that the dividend was important to keep the state's citizens interested in the Permanent Fund, thus protecting it from raids by special interests. Both Jay Hammond and Elmer Rasmuson agreed that the dividend created a strong public advocacy for the Permanent Fund and, most important, public interest in continued investments in the principal to offset inflation. In fact, while the idea for the dividend originated from Jay Hammond with his "citizen dividend" in the Bristol Bay Borough in the 1960s, it was also mentioned and considered by University of Alaska economist Arlon Tussing at the Brookings Institution's Conference on the Future of Alaska. Economist Milton Friedman also broached the idea in a meeting with state legislators in 1977 when he urged legislators to "write individual checks" to the collective Alaskans.

The idea of individual or direct distribution of Alaskan oil royalties was given additional impetus when Mike Gravel, one of the Alaska's U.S. Senators, offered an idea as an alternative to direct payment. His idea was the Alaska General Stock Ownership Corporation (AGSOC), a state corporation which would invest in development projects (oil being a leading candidate) with shares of stock distributed to individual Alaskans. This idea was based on Louis Kelso's, a pioneer in employee-owned corporations, concept of community ownership of assets.

So the bottom line, here, is that the PFD has a reason for living. It is there to keep the public engaged. It is there to provide some form of public buy in, or oversight of the PF. Without the dividend, the PF will be used up by an unsupervised legislature. The Dividend is the peoples way of ensuring that the legislature do what the constitution demands.

All The Best
Kevin McCabe

Jake Almeida

From: Steven Hassenfratz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Hi, my name is Steven Hassenfratz. I just want all concerning party's to know That I support SB23 & SB24 Thanks you for your support.

Times are tuff for the rural population. Even for us city folks.

PFD was created to share with the states full time population. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Christine [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: Sb 23 and SB 24

Am looking forward to seeing these matters introduced and moved forward toward the floor vote.

Christine Hutchison
HD 30; SD 0

[REDACTED]
Kenai, Ak 99611
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My name is Debbie Sherfick from Willow, I am speaking for myself and as a member of the Greater Alaska Chapter of AMAC and I fully support SB 23/24!

This last 3 years we have had a Governor and a legislature that were more interested in spending what we didn't have and using the CBR and PF to pay for that excess.

Republicans and Democrats just could not see fit to balance the budget, get their work done in the specified 90 day session, and stay within our current revenue stream, so they had to raid the savings of Alaskans, steal from the PFD, call for taxation and cost even more with special sessions upon special sessions!

I lived here when the Permanent Fund was set up. Governor Hammond did a great thing for all Alaskans so we get a full return from our State resources. So, I will enjoy that fruit and I will promise to all Alaskans that I will use that fruit in a way that will enrich our State even more by saving some, and spending most back into our economy!

Jake Almeida

From: Colleen Van Vleet [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:16 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent Fund payback

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Colleen Van Vleet
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[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Lisa Stephens [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23&24

This is a formal response of support for SB 23&24. I am a longtime resident and single mother of two. I have spent 25 years working for Anch schools and local non profit. I rely on my full PFD . Thank you for your consideration. Lisa Stephens

Jake Almeida

From: Margurett Duke [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD payback

I want Governor Dunleavy's PFD payback bill to pass. Give the PFD back to the people and pay back the PFD that was taken from us.
Margurett Duke



STATE OF ALASKA

Paying Back the PFD – Fulfilling Commitment to Alaskans

- ❖ *Dunleavy proposal works to restore dividends taken from Alaskans over the last three years, while also guaranteeing full dividends through 2023.*
- ❖ *Proposal will not expend new dollars, rather return what Alaskans are lawfully owed.*
- ❖ *Opponents paint false choice in attempt to solidify PFD theft and billion dollar tax increase on Alaskan families.*

Key Takeaways

Governor Michael J. Dunleavy has introduced two PFD-related bills, both of which work to restore a full PFD and repay Alaskans monies owed for years 2016, 2017, and 2018 under historic PFD calculations.

- ❖ **SB23:** An Act making special appropriations from the earnings reserve account for the payment of unpaid permanent fund dividends, and authorizing dividend payments through 2023.
- ❖ **SB24:** An Act directing the Department of Revenue to pay dividends to certain eligible individuals over the next three years.

Governor Dunleavy believes we should view the PFD as a transfer under the historic calculations Alaskans have grown to trust and rely upon.

- ❖ The bills work to fulfill that commitment by providing full back pay over three years, while also cementing full dividends through 2023 by prioritizing and authorizing the next four years of dividend payments. This removes the threat the PFD will once again be held as political ransom.

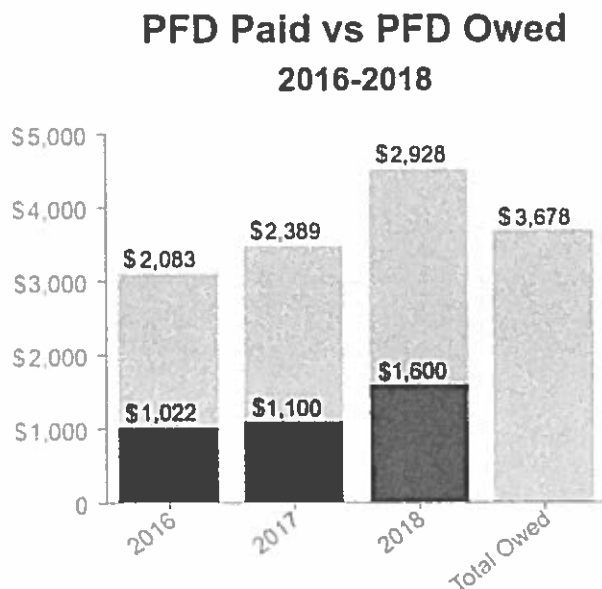
Back Pay Eligibility:

Eligible individuals will be determined by the receipt of a prior year's dividend and their eligibility for the current year's dividend.

- ❖ To receive back pay (\$1,061) in 2019; an applicant must have received a 2016 dividend and be eligible for a 2019 dividend.
- ❖ To receive back pay (\$1,289) in 2020; an applicant must have received a 2017 dividend and be eligible for a 2020 dividend.
- ❖ To receive back pay (\$1,328) in 2021; an applicant must have received a 2018 dividend and be eligible for a 2021 dividend.

PFD Paid vs PFD Owed:

According to the Permanent Fund Dividend Corporation, eligible Alaskans should have received \$3,678 additional dollars during years 2016, 2017 and 2018 under the historic formula. Those funds – \$2.3 billion in unpaid dividends – sit unspent in the Earnings Reserve Account.



2016:

Dividend Paid = \$1,022
Historic Calculation = \$2,083
Unpaid Dividend = \$1,061

2017:

Dividend Paid = \$1,100
Historic Calculation = \$2,389
Unpaid Dividend = \$1,289

2018:

Dividend Paid = \$1,600
Historic Calculation = \$2,928
Unpaid Dividend = \$1,328

Total Unpaid Dividends for 2016, 2017, 2018 = \$3,678

Additional Background:

The Alaska Permanent Fund was established – by constitutional amendment – to give future generations of Alaskans the opportunity to share in our states' rich energy and mineral resources.

- Since 1982, Alaskans have grown to trust the balanced statutory formula in which the Permanent Fund Dividend was calculated and distributed.
- Alaskans overwhelmingly supported the existing PFD system, yet in 2016 the trust of Alaskans was broken and the PFD was cut in half by a stroke of a pen.

As a State Senator, Governor Dunleavy took numerous efforts to restore the PFD under its historical calculations – filing numerous bills and amendments to restore and protect the PFD.

- Governor Dunleavy has stated consistently that he believes the Alaska PFD should be restored and repaid.
- He has also made clear that any changes to the PFD must be authorized by a vote of the people.

"The PFD must be paid out according to the law, Alaskans must be paid back what the governor arbitrarily took from them, and future actions involving the PFD must be approved by voters." – **Governor Michael J. Dunleavy**

"As your governor, I will follow the law and fully fund the PFD and inflation proofing." – **Governor Michael J. Dunleavy**

"I believe the Permanent Fund belongs to the people of Alaska and support protecting the PFD in the Alaska Constitution where politicians can't touch it," – **Governor Michael J. Dunleavy**

"Eventually, the citizens of Alaska may decide to change the way the Permanent Fund is used. But the people themselves, not politicians, must make that decision for anyone to place trust in it." – **Governor Michael J. Dunleavy**

Jake Almeida

From: lorraine HENSLEY [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I want to Voice my support for SB 23 AND SB 24

senatestateaffairs@akleg.gov

TO MY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

I AM WRITING YOU TODAY AS AN ALASKA CITIZEN LIVING IN ANCHORAGE TO SAY I support the SB 23 and SP 24 BILL PRESENTED TO SAFEGUARD THE PFD THAT BELONGS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA AND I support returning the confiscated portions of the PFD taken from the citizens for the last three years being returned to the eligible Alaska Citizens.

As we all know the PFD is a huge HELP TO the PEOPLE of Alaska and helps to drive our LOCAL ECONOMY WHICH HAS SUFFERED TREMENDOUSLY SINCE ITS BEEN TAKEN FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

The PFD SHOULD NOT GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE OVERSIZED BUDGET OF THE OVERSIZED INFLATED ALASKA STATE GOVERNMENT. WE NEED TO SCALE DOWN THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND GET THE SPENDING UNDER CONTROL. I voted along with the bulk of the State for Governor Michael Dunleavy to follow through with precisely what He campaigned to do and I fully support both these Bill's and everything he is doing to Slim down the inflated government and state budget!

Sincerely,

LORRAINE HENSLEY
[REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:50 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23,24.

You need to pass this legislation! Taking a lump sum from the permanent fund is taxing the poorest individual the same as the richest. It isn't fair.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Jake Almeida

From: Linn McCabe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:16 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Testimony re SB23 and SB24 PFD

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee Members,

Please accept this email as my testimony.

I request that you pass both SB23 and SB24 out of your committee with no changes. It was wrong of the previous governor and legislators to withhold these funds from the citizens of Alaska and disregard the formula which has been used since 1980(?) It was wrong to make such a decision without a vote of the people, the people who you represent. Please right this wrong!

It is irresponsible to touch the dividends without first cutting spending to a more realistic and sustainable level. To me taking the PFD to pay for the ever burgeoning state spending is an unconscionable act of theft of the people's resources. I believe the constitutional job of the legislature is to pass a balanced and sustainable budget; one in which spending equals revenue. Perhaps your focus needs to be on this and leave the decision of the use of the PF and PFD to the people?

I do not believe the State legislature is better at deciding how we spend our PFD's, and how we use the PF, than we are. The private sector drives our economy and PFDs are a necessary shot in the arm, especially for some villages and less advantaged people.

The PF was established as a means of giving the citizens of Alaska a share in the natural resources because we are not allowed to own our own subsurface rights under our property. The D part was established to give us a needed voice in what you do with the PF. Our voice is needed to reign in the spending. Please hear our voice.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Linn McCabe
Big Lake

Jake Almeida

From: JUANITA ROSS [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:08 PM
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

I am contacting you to express my desire that you do everything you can to see that these two bills are passed without any changes!

The permanent fund belongs to the people! It is my understanding these two bills are intended to restore the permanent fund dividend and make sure the permanent fund is paid in full in the future.

Taking the permanent fund from the people has had a major and damaging effect on our economy. If there must be a new revenue source, I strongly suggest you consider a state-wide sales tax that will affect everyone.

Thank you!
Juanita Ross
Soldotna

Jake Almeida

From: deborah holland [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 2:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23, SB 24

Legislators,

We The People have spoken through the only means available to most of us. We want the state budget balanced at a sustainable level. Further we want the monies that were stolen by Governor Walker and you guys, back.

We elected Governor Dunleavy because he promised to restore the original formula for the PFD and to try and return the monies taken in the "Great Alaskan Heist". It your responsibility to do the People's will.

The propaganda being promoted by ADN and every special interest lobbyist, equating the people's PFD as a state slush fund for Government spending, is not believable. There is no connection, other than the legislator's attempts to deceive The People into drinking the koolaide.

Most of us are awake. We know that this is a manufactured crisis. The state of Alaska can meet all of the basic functions of government and live within it's means. It will require ending some charity programs run by the state. It will require firing a few administrators in the dept of education, DHHS, and some Commissioners. It will require ending pet projects. In the end Alaska and Alaskans will be better for it.

Stealing isn't legal, stealing isn't moral and stealing isn't fair. Restore the PFD.

Deborah Holland

Jake Almeida

From: desiree cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD PAYBACK

To whom it may concern,

I am an alaskan taxpayer. My husband and I own our home, I am a student at UAA, my kids attend public school and we are on no source public assistance. I voted for Gov. Dunleavy because I am a strong proponent of PFD at the standard calculation as well as the PFD payback. It is my opinion that the Walker administration unfairly taxed my family by taking half the PFDs for 3 years straight. It was a head tax on each of our 6 family members. Dunleavy was voted in by Alaskans on the premise of public safety AND PFD paybacks and full PFDs, it is my opinion that you should respect the wishes of the Alaskan people and give us our money that was taken. How will the government be funded? By tax cuts and new sources of revenue. Personally, I feel and flat income tax would be the most fair route as long as out of state workers are also taxed.

Sincerely,
Desiree Cook

Jake Almeida

From: Francesca A [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Public testimony SB 24

Please submit for public testimony SB 24

Dear Committee Members,

Restore Alaskan's trust.
Restore our Royalties.

The Permanent Dividend Fund is owned by Alaskans. It is Alaskans royalties from shared mineral and resources rights. Taking an owners resources is theft. The PFD is Not a government slush fund and should not be included as Revenue. The Permanent Dividend Fund is NOT revenue for State Budget. It is not a trade off.

The past three years, Alaskans have not received their full payment of their ownership value of their mineral wealth share. Laws were not followed. Children were taxed without representation. Do Legislators get to pick and choose what laws they want to follow? No one is above the law. Statutory law was not followed. Restore the unpaid royalty portions of the PFD from 2016, 2017, and 2018 to eligible individuals.

Support pro PFD bills and payback was taken from Alaskans. SB23 SB24

Thank you,
Francesca Allegrezza
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Francesca A [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:33 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Public testimony SB 23

Please submit as public testimony on SB 23

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Thank you,
Francesca Allegrezza

Jake Almeida

From: Donald Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Public testimony on Senate Bills 23 and 24

To Senator Shower's staff,

This is For my wife: Annette Gwalthney Jones and myself, Don DJ Jones. We are Alaska residents and qualify for the PFD. We live at [REDACTED] rage, Ak 99504.

As an Alaskan residents:

We are FOR the original formula used to calculate the PFD.
We are FOR the full payment of the Dividend.
We are FOR back payment of the amount owed to those who qualified for the PFD in 2016, 2017 and 2018.
We are FOR the original 50/50 split of the earnings of the Permanent Fund.

We are NOT FOR SB-26 (passed last year) that uses a 5.2% POMV to calculate how much Alaskan are due and how much the legislature can spend in addition to the 50% they already get.

Sincerely,
Don and Annette Jones
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Donald Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 23 & 24

Senator,

To be clear. My wife, Annette Gwalthney-Jones and myself, Donald W. Jones, both are a YES for Senate Bills 23 AND 24.

Respectfully,
Don Jones

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Ak 99504

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: PFD Public Testimony SB23 & SB24

As a lifetime breadwinner of my household, a working mother, the PFD was and still is something that we find vital in that time where expenses can seem overwhelming.

While I don't solely rely on that but it gives me huge financial relief when school starts, there are class fees, there are fees for sports activities, clothing, shoes, school supplies and lunch payments.

While the budget and spending have grown exponentially in the past 6 years, the overspending on governments behalf has been outrageous and out of control. This has got to stop. This is the reason I voted and still support Governor Dunleavy.

We need to have a balanced budget, cuts need to be made! As I mentioned before I am a working mother and even I have to live by a budget and make adjustments when times get rough and I plan for long term expenses by saving....If I don't do this, I will fail. I can be back logged and miss payments, and be homeless before you know it. When that happens, then I have failed as a mother, to provide for the very basic things to my family, my children.

I expect my government to do the same thing. Cut that budget. If you really care about our future or the future of Alaska then rip the bandaid. Get out of your comfort zone and stop the over spending, the use-it-or-lose-it money grabbing, the unnecessary Vitamin D studies, the over staffing of school superintendents and upper management, get rid of programs that don't work.

Don't try to tell half-truth and blow smoke so we don't see what is really happening. I hear opponents of the proposed budget fear-mongering to the communities about cuts to education and the citizens saying, "NO, here take my PFD, please impose an income tax"! NO, that is not the answer.

We already know last years legislature FORWARD FUNDED education for two year. This was done to end the uncertainty school districts faced from year to year. We know this. So, why all the fear mongering? Because we are just the clueless citizens? We just want hand-outs, entitlements? Not one of the Senators have even bothered to mention this to the public.

Take responsibility and repair what has been damaged. Public trust.

Do the right thing and fund our PFD, including the 3 year restoration of our PFD!

Tamara LK McCoy

[REDACTED]
Kasilof, AK 99610
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Kristi Losby [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:31 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: PFD Payback

To whom it may concern:

Please stop the PFD tax, abide by the law and repay the people's PFDs.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Kristi Losby
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Jake Almeida

From: Dale Diviney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:55 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: senate bills 23 and 24

I support the passage of senate bills 23 and 24. this dividend money should neve haver been taken from Alaskans. It was never spent and should be paid as required by the dividend program.

Life Long Resident
William Diviney

Jake Almeida

From: ljgoldbach [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Alaska PFD

Fairbanks has been held hostage by fuel oil companies for years. There is known price fixing between producers of oil for years. So receiving PFD each year was used to help pay for these outrageous oil bills. Then, Governor Walker comes along and reduces the amount of dividends.

First of all, I've been a resident since the start of PFD. I worked for PFD office when it started. We told customers that the intent was to provide the dividends to all Alaskan. I remember one big promise is that the legislature and the State would not be able to change the annual amount of dividend because of how it was calculated.

Thus, I'd like to see the Senate bill passed so we get all of the dividend this year. However, it should be adjusted for people who have not filed during all of three years. If the Senate bill isn't passed, then the Governor's bill of paying the dividends over 3 years should be. But, the most important part, is that we get paid the back dividends.

Lynne Goldbach
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sent from Samsung tablet

Jake Almeida

From: A. Vin Zant [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:46 PM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD Legislation

Reducing the PFD is a regressive tax that hurts low income families, particularly those with children, disproportionately. Why, for example, should my family of five pay five times the tax a single Alaskan would pay? Is it really the responsibility of our children to pay for their own educations via a tax they can't even legally agree too? Can they vote now?

If the budget is assessed, and reduced (I would love to see all major programs audited by an independent team and funded at the determined level), as a lifelong Alaskan I would support a sales or income tax long before an unjust and questionably-legal PFD reduction (read tax). I urge you and the rest of the legislature to support legislation that restores the PFD and protects it for future generations so our children don't pay the price.

Thank you,
Amanda Vin Zant
Soldotna, Ak

Jake Almeida

From: heidi christenson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:57 PM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB23 and SB24

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this e-mail to encourage you to support and pass SB23 and SB24.

I feel that when the previous governor, Bill Walker, decided it was a good idea to take half of each person's dividend, he unfairly targeted lower income families. My husband and I are older parents who are retired. We are struggling to survive on retirement and have a 22 year old daughter struggling to pay for college. Frankly, I resent Bill Walker for taking it upon himself to decide he had the right to take my daughter's dividend that she desperately needed to pay for school. Additionally, lower income people rely on their dividends to fill their home fuel tanks and pay their extremely high electric bills.

I have lived in Fairbanks, Alaska my entire life. As I have already mentioned, I am now retired. I have seen almost everyone I know leave Alaska once they retire. It is very difficult to remain here on retirement wages. Receiving the entire dividend each year helps make ends meet.

I know personally receiving this money from past dividends will make the difference whether our daughter can continue her college education.

As I have said, I don't believe people with higher incomes realize how devastating reducing the dividend is to lower income people. If the money gets paid back to each Alaskan, it will be spent in our local economies.

Personally, I think if SB23 and SB24 don't pass, Governor Dunleavy should issue an executive order. Isn't that what Governor Walker did when he wanted to take half of each Alaskans dividend?

Sincerely,

Heidi Christenson
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

Jake Almeida

From: fishingtimek [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:22 PM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Hi senator

This is important to Alaskans what Walker took from Alaska residents without asking Alaskans
The permanent fund was set up very nice by our founder fathers all the world are surprised how well it works for Alaskans

One governor decided to steal n say the dividend is in jeopardy needs to be reworked he was crazy it showed how pathetic he was in the elections people spoke.

Im asking to support our governor to pay back what was taken leave the dividend alone not changing anything let people get the full amount for years to come

If you take the dividend from Alaskans only few people in special interest groups will have raises n money spent in one area

If the dividend is taken give back to communities as sharing programs so it be distributed to all Alaskans not just Anchorage or Fairbanks.

Please support governor decision to restore full dividend n pay back whats been stolen by Walker from Alaskans.

Thank you

Nikita Kuzmin

Delta junction

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: jeremiah cornell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:14 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD

My name is Jeremiah Cornell and I live in wasilla 3976 south Loussac lane. I would like to say that I support governor dunleavy and his proposal to pay back the pfd payments that was stolen by the previous governor. I am hopeful that you do the right thing and support this proposal.

Thank you,
Jeremiah Cornell

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Bob Dykes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:02 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: MY PFD NOT THE STATE'S

In 2012 my spine gave out and even though I had a spinal fusion I became permanently disabled. My family of 6 then had to learn to live on a PERMANENT reduction of 60% of our previous income.

I had noone I could turn to and just help myself to their money and take the money from them to help make up this permanent reduction in income like Walker did. My family had to learn to live on this 40% reduced income. Why hasn't the State learned to? Walker and the rest of the State are no better than my family and I.

This is when the PFD became critical to our survival. Then Walker took another \$6,000 from us the very first year he was in office. NO ONE can manage our income better than us. Yet, by taking our PFD's you are saying we know how to spend your money better than you do and not only that, we are going to.

The PFD is, if not de facto everyone's individually, at least de jure everyone's individually. Yet the majority of the State Representatives cowarded like dogs when Walker stole our money, not once standing up to the big bad special interest groups.

And now the very people we elected are trying to stop Dunleavy from making us whole. Go ahead then, block the distribution of what is legally ours. Do it and I promise you, I and everyone else that voted for Dunleavy will organize and work tirelessly to defeat and replace each and every one of you at the next election that voted against giving what is legally, morally and ethically ours.

Don't forget. We brought Lisa Murkowski back from the dead, being counted completely out of a race to winning it by a landslide.

Truthfully,

Bob Dykes

Jake Almeida

From: Randal Tindell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:54 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Please save my PFD, last two years I've carried bills and intrist I could have paid off with the PFD. I had to pay intrist on bills???

Jake Almeida

From: jedcress [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23, SB24

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an Alaskan citizen and a hard working individual. I am in full agreement with Bill SB23 and Bill SB24. I believe that every Alaskan deserves their Permanent Fund Dividend, and the Permanent Fund Dividend should be restored to its original purpose and not used for funding poor budgeting on the State of Alaska's part.

Sincerely,
Jed Cress

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

Jake Almeida

From: Jim Stearns [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24

The state supposedly has a budget crisis. While the tired analogy of 'If my family has to run on a a budget, why can't the government?', is an absurd inaccurate comparison, let's use it for a moment. If my family is running low on \$ we work harder, we raise more money. We DON'T cut our children's education, our health care and our transportation, et al, down to ridiculous levels.

Raise more money! We are the lowest taxed state in the country. Keep the PFD \$ that have been taken and keep the important services afloat. This hacking of everything in sight doesn't work and hasn't worked. (See Kansas). Raise \$ through a sales tax or an income tax so all the visiting workers and tourists chip in. Take some of the oil \$ back. They won't leave I promise.

This budget from this administration is a travesty with potential tragic consequences.

Thank you,

Jim Stearns
Homer Ak
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Pete D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23/24

It's time you listen to the people of this once great state called Alaska!!! Gov. Dunleavy is trying to do the job we elected him to do and if you want to keep your position in the office you hold now, it's time to start listening to the people and what we want. Pass SB23/24 so that we can get our PFD and what was stolen from us in the past 2 years!!!. We're sick and tired of the gov. spending like there is no tomorrow. The PFD was not set up to support your overspending!!! It is ours and we want and need it!!! I'm a disabled person and am barely surviving as it is

We elected Mike Dunleavy to represent the people of Alaska and that's what he's trying to do. Get out of his way or get voted out!!!

Sincerely,
Peter G. Dupuis

Jake Almeida

From: Jon Cress [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:34 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: jkcress@acsalaska.net
Subject: SB23 and SB24

Alaska Senators,

I request that you vote YES to pass SB23 and SB24 without hesitation restoring the full Permanent Fund Dividend(PFD) to qualified Alaska Residents. I also request that you pay back the PFD as laid out in SB24. Voting against these two Senate Bill could be very detrimental to your re-election.

Respectfully,
Jon M. Cress
Kenai, AK
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Jack Knife [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:34 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23, SB24

I would like to voice my opinion regarding the PFD bills, SB23, SB24.

I would encourage passing these bills. The PFD was NOT set up for distribution to the state government, at least not this section.

I understand some folks are afraid that the funds will be taken from our schools; I see no case of such, nor is there anything I saw in the bills suggesting such.

Again, PFD is for PERMANENT Fund Dividend. No where in the word "Permanent" do I find any kind of meaning such as "when we think its ok"

Not only that but the PFD is a major boost to our states economy! And right about now I think we could use that! Please vote to restore the FULL amount of the PFD... and the returning of those funds taken from us by those who should never have done so to start with!

Please PASS SB23 and SB24 !

Thank you kindly,
Gary & Dorothy Crockett
Wasilla, Alaska. 99623

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:32 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: RE: ALASKA Permanent fund dividend

My understanding when I moved here in 1982 was that the 'Permanent' Fund Dividend meant just that, PERMANENT.

It was set up for we Alaskans tuffing it out to live here, as incentive for us to stay.

I have lived around the world, been in cities that populate millions. States and countries that have no oil revenues nor any other, yet,

none of them claim the poverty this Alaskan Government claims and yet with less than 1 million people in the entire state, not city.

Expensive per diums are handed out readily for Gov. Workers and their families. 200 thousand each for two of them. Did they Honestly earn it?

I see a lot of money wasted on things that are unnecessary while Education and important things are haggled.

Anchorage cries broke all the time looking for handouts.

Tell them to get some sales tax already!

We pay them in the valley and everywhere else in Alaska that I know of.

NOTE how much it hurts our local businesses each year you deprived us of OUR PFD.

In conclusion,

I vehemently object to you taking or tampering in any manner with our Permanent Fund Dividend that was Promised to Alaskans, us.

Thank you all for your time and for your service.

Sincerely,
Debora Chrisman

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Jake Almeida

From: Dar Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:30 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Dividend testimony

Times are hard fuel is expensive. Over half of my family's dividends in the past are spent on fuel anyways ya get the money back. I have bills to pay maintenance on vehicles. The dividend was set up for the citizens of Alaska not for the state to spend it. Please take into consideration that a lot of people are hurting right now.

Jake Almeida

From: Linda Aker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

PAYBACK WHAT YOU OWE THE PEOPLE.

THANK YOU
LINDA

Jake Almeida

From: C Lamborn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support for SB - 23 and SB - 24

To Whom it may concern,

My wife and I would like to voice our support for SB- 23 and SB – 24. To give our pfd funds that the state legislature and Governor Walker stole from us.

Next step, support Governor Dunleavy's budget.

Sincerely,

John and Caroline Lamborn

[REDACTED]

Wasilla, AK 99629

[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Clayton Goulet [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:21 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In support of pfd!!

Dear Senators,

My name is Clayton Goulet. I was born in Juneau Alaska. I have lived in Alaska my life. I appreciate governor walker doing something about our budget deficit but it has not made a difference over the past couple years. By continuing to go down this path it will not solve our problems.

Taking the pfd away from the people of Alaska, you take away the means of support for people to live in the outlying regions of Alaska who depend on this for their livelihoods, such as buying equipment for commercial fishing. By taking away the PFD this way of life maybe become unable to be sustained and we may lose a part of Alaska that has always been.

Thank you,
Clayton Goulet

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:20 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: sb23 & 24

My name is Michael Frank of Wasilla, I support the Governor's bills sb 23 and 24, the Politian's should have never been aloud to get their hands on the people's part of the dividend, they already get a lot from the fund for their operating budget. Its time to live within our means. I have a feeling the legislature's don't spend their own money this way. They have spent like drunken sailor's long enough . and every state recipient will try to make it hurt the public as much as possible, for instance the schools will lay off a lot of teachers when they should cut the fat at the top too many chiefs .

Jake Almeida

From: Robert Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD REFUND TO ALASKANS

Do the right thing and return ALL the stolen PFD money back to all Alaskans!

THERE WAS NO NEED TO TAKE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE!

Thank you!

ROBERT HAYES

[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99502
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Coons [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:18 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: SB 23/24 Testimony

Thanks for the ability to testify! Senator Shower, THANK YOU for informing about Pick Click and Give that people can, because of legislation give their PFD or part of it back to the State! I loved it!!!
:) :) :)

I don't know if anyone counted the number of people who gladly would give up their PFD. Since all of them signed up for the PFD, it would be interesting to figure out how many 10's of thousands of dollars these people will give back.

Too bad that some will spite themselves by leaving the greatest State because they are so full of Socialist/Marxist views. I am glad they will be leaving, since they will most likely go to Vermont or California, the lands of socialism!

Lastly, I do believe the gentleman that there are flyers to call in with socialist talking points. I'm sure NEA spent a good amount of time and cost to do so!

Mike Coons
Palmer

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Jake Almeida

From: Penny Gottsche [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB

As a citizen of Alaska I am expressing my support for Governor Dunleavy and SB 23 and 24, allowing full permanent fund dividend to be restored to those eligible residents of Alaska.

I fully support Governor Dunleavy's budget cuts and expenditures and fully expect that the lawmakers in Juneau understand the need for this corrective step and it's importance to resetting the course of the state affairs, the great state of Alaska affairs, back on sustainable course , able to proceed collectively and confidently without going into debt. Look at Washington DC, look further at California.

We have a unique favorable visionary Governor we the voters put there. He has not changed his course. We voted many people in to Juneau offices. Many have changed course or lied to get there. Many like Peter Meciche seem to think they know better now than the governor. They don't.

Please keep one eye and ear on Governor Dunleavy and the other on his supporters. That is a movement you will want to be part of.

Respectfully,

V. Penny Gottsche

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD's

I want to voice my support for the governor's budget, specifically the cuts to the bloated education spending. I want to add my support for SB 23 and 24, returning the people's money to the people. The government's job is not education, it is to protect liberty so that people will be free to pursue the vocation they see to be best for their individual liberties. If people want to put their money toward education, they are free to do so.

I am in strong favor of not spending more than we make. Hard working Alaskan's already pay more to support freeloaders than they should have to.

The governor is doing what he was elected to do.

Thank you for your time,

The Robinsons

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: LAURIE ROBINSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:13 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfds

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The governor is doing what he was elected to do.

Thank you for your time,

Johnny Robinson

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: Alaina Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

Thank you for your time!

I am a single mother of 2 wonderful children. I work a full time job as a medical assistant and I am here to tell you that the PFD is SO much more than "fun money" to my family.

The PFD helps pay our gas bill in the winter, helps me afford clothing for my ever growing children, and pay for car repairs. The last few years, a good chunk of it has gone to paying medical insurance deductibles and out of pocket cost related to medical & travel costs for surgery to treat a brain tumor I was diagnosed with 3 years ago. Due to the raiding of the PFD the last few years, many of these expenses ended up on credit cards. I have found myself having to work extra hours away from my kids just to cover the payments on my debt. If the PFDs are repaid, it would allow me to pay off that debt, nearly in full. It is also the only form of child support I have ever received from my children's father, collected by CSSD.

The PFD repayment is more than just a campaign promise made by the governor, it is a lifeline and simply the right thing to do.

I urge you to vote in favor of repaying the PFDs, as proposed by Gov. Dunleavy.

Thank you!
Alaina Clark

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, Ak 99623

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfds

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The governor is doing what he was elected to do.

Thank you for your time,

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: Northern Comfort Assisted Living [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB23 and SB24

We support SB23 and SB24 to restore the PFD's.
Was born in Alaska in 1955 and will be here until I die.
My family, five brothers, three children, six grandchildren, all support this bill.
Not to mention my husband, who's been here since he was 11 years old and his family.
Cut the dang budget and leave OUR money alone.
Merri Belle Dias

Jake Almeida

From: Jesse Cress [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:09 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support of SB23 and SB24

Hello,

I would like to make my full support known for SB23 and SB24. I feel very strongly that we need to protect the PFD in full. The PFD was started for the future of Alaskans, I believe it should continue on that way. What was taken should be paid back. These two bills have my complete backing.

Sarah Cress
Anchor Point

Jake Almeida

From: Melanie Beverly [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:06 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate Bills 23 and 24

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to express my thoughts on Senate Bills 23 and 24 in lieu of giving oral testimony.

My family have been long time Alaska residents since the early 1970's and we love this State and believe that it is God's country.

When the Alaska Permanent Fund was in my opinion raided in 2016 the loss had a significant affect on the economy of this state. Not only did it affect households throughout the state it also hurt the businesses that rely on the influx of spending at that time of the year.

We now have a new Governor that understands that our state is in jeopardy of financial ruin if we don't get a handle on our spending. Our state can not flourish if we don't make the hard decisions to tighten our belts and cut back on state spending. I am fully aware that the changes that need to happen are going to be painful but we are strong and can survive.

As a previous educator in the public school system I know that teachers are underpaid, but in turn we didn't study education to get rich. My thought is to encourage teachers that are past the time limit for retirement to formally retire so new teachers can be brought in to replace them. My experience and belief is that it is time to bring new theory into the school systems which come with newer education. I can tell you that when I came into the school system in 2015 to teach there were teachers there that had close to 30 years in and were still using resources that were used more than a decade previously. We all know that students today in the school system are not the same they were a decade ago let alone even 5 years ago. By making such a change we can save the state a considerable amount of funds and I believe enhance the education that our students are receiving.

Now back to Senate Bills 23 and 24 I am fully in favor of a return of the PFD funds held back from the residents of Alaska. I would prefer to have the funds returned as soon as possible in one lump sum which I believe will bolster the local economy. Because these funds are sitting in the reserve account already this could easily be accomplished. It would take very little extra effort by the state to calculate this payment amount (since you already have the amounts withheld). In the event that this cannot be accomplished in one payment then refunding the monies over a three year period would alternatively be acceptable.

What is not acceptable is instituting a state income tax or raising taxes in some other way as Mr. Micciche mentions in the survey he posted for constituents of District O. Likewise it is not acceptable to take out PFD's to make up the deficit in the state budget or a shortfall based on the cuts suggested in the Governor's budget. Mr. Micciche was instrumental in this fiasco with his bill to take half of the dividend before and I am absolutely against this happening again.

As I stated before the influx of this money into the economy will bolster our economy which is a win for the State of Alaska.

Melanie Beverly
Soldotna Alaska Resident

Jake Almeida

From: Mark Clemons [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:06 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Bills sb-23 & sb-24

I'm contacting you to let you know that I am in support for the return of the money taken from the dividend over the last three years. It is to my opinion that the state of the Alaskan politicians are drunk on spending money in the billions and yet they can't balance a budget or get spending under control.

The government is grossly over bloated and like an alcoholic, can't just have one drink they have to have the whole bottle.

It is also my opinion that you politicians need to check yourselves into rehab because you have a drunken problem,, oh excuse me, I mean you have a spending problem.

Leave the portion of the dividend that rightfully belong to the people alone.

Get your elected priority straight, because if I have to do with less, then you must cut back also.

Don't come looking to people who the majority of us out here fitting the cold have to survive with less already.

Just think if Alaska didn't have oil revenues, I guarantee you politicians would of packed up and gone long time ago.

PS. restore the money taken don't forget we vote again soon enough, we are taking names.

Thanks Mark Clemons

Jake Almeida

From: Lloyd Bickford [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:04 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate Bill 23 & 24

Senators,

The Permanent Fund Dividend was established with a clear goal of establishing a trade with Alaskans for the benefit of using Alaskan land for profit.

You, yourselves, are Alaskans, and as private citizens you should be able and willing to understand the importance of that deal.

As Legislators, you are public servants, set i place to serve the citizens of our state. How is it that you are able to make decisions on something that belongs to everyone without giving us a say-so in the matter?

Where has there been a vote for or against giving away our dividends? Where have people honestly had the opportunity to vote our PFD away? I would vote for a state income tax before I voted to give away the PFD.

To take the PFD if only a few people agree to it is not an honest representation of the people. Set it to a state vote on whether to implement a state tax or take a portion of the dividends. Give every single Alaskan the opportunity to cast our lots, and let the matter be decided democratically.

Allow us the chance to represent ourselves, and do not tax us without a proper representation of the heart of the people!

Regards,

Lloyd Bickford

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR;

COMMITTEE: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS

CHAIR: Sen. Mike Shower & all Committee Members

BILL: SB 23 & 24

SPONSER: Request by Governor

DATE & TIME: 02/28/2019 @6:00 PM

My name is ERIC WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I **support** SB 23 & 24.

I voted for Mike Dunleavy because of his views & policies. He is my Governor and I support him and both Senate Bills 23 and 24.

ERIC J WEATHERS



Cordova, Alaska

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR;
COMMITTEE: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS;
Chair, Sen. Mike Showers & all Committee Members
BILL: SB 23 & 24
SPONSER: Requested by the Governor
DATE & TIME: 02/28/2019 @ 6:00 PM

My name is DENNY KAY WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I **SUPPORT** SB 23 & 24 as written. I voted for and believe in Gov. Mike Dunleavy views and policies.

The Legislature already gets 75% of the oil revenue and always wants more. That is why Alaskans created the PFD; during construction of the Pipeline in the 1970's oil companies' flooded the state coffers with \$900 million and the Legislature spent it all within a few years. Alaskans knew they had to do something to safeguard the robust income forthcoming from the pipeline. Alaskans voted in 1976 to amend the constitution to put at least 25% of the oil money into a dedicated fund. The constitutional amendment was designed to keep the government from spending the oil wealth recklessly. Alaska does not need any new taxes nor do we need to surrender the PFD. What the State Legislators need to do is listen to Governor Mike Dunleavy and **CUT GOVERNMENT** and make an honest budget. Many Alaskans like me are tired of paying for a bloated government created by overzealous Legislators.

Thank you for your time. Any questions call me at [REDACTED] or email me at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

DENNY KAY WEATHERS
[REDACTED]

Cordova, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

I want to voice my support for the governor's budget, specifically the cuts to the bloated education spending. I want to add my support for SB 23 and 24, returning the people's money to the people. The government's job is not education, it is to protect liberty so that people will be free to pursue the vocation they see to be best for their individual liberties. If people want to put their money toward education, they are free to do so.

I am in strong favor of not spending more than we make. Hard working Alaskan's already pay more to support freeloaders than they should have to.

The governor is doing what he was elected to do.

Thank you for your time,

Aaron Hall
North Pole, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Michael Tavoriero <michael.tavoriero@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:59 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24

Hello Chairman Shower and Member of the State Affairs Committee,

I am and 123,172 voters support the Dunleavy agenda. That means I support SB 23 & SB 24.

I was on the phone listening to the callers and I couldn't stay on the phone.

The PFD is not the State of Alaska's money. It belongs to its people. Regardless, of all the testimony regarding using the Earnings Reserve Account and the Dividend, it is not the State's money.

The return of the full amount of the PFD to the people of Alaska is what you must do.

Thank you,

Michael Tavoriero

[REDACTED]
Eagle River, Alaska 99577
[REDACTED]

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Jake Almeida

From: Lisa Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:59 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In Support of SB 23 & SB 24

Alaska Senate,

I am writing Concerning SB 23 & SB 24 in support of The Permanent Dividend Fund.
I believe that we should not take the funds from the people and we should have an Alaskan Constitution to guarantee it's longevity on behalf of Alaskans.

It is a hard state to live in and very hard to do business, this money helps and it is the only way That many of us get to visit our families in the lower states. This money buys me 2 round trip tickets To see my kids and grandchildren once a year. We don't have a money tree, get bonuses, vacation pay or

Government supplements, I don't have a new car, a house and I live very conservatively already so this is a really nice thing to receive once a year.

I am in support of Governor Mike Dunleavy to keep our state to task in the efforts to Restrain and budget the spending within our state and to pay back the PFD that should Of never been touched. We must keep budgets in our businesses and our homes. So should the Alaskan Government's leaders who represent us. You must tighten your Belts and people will have to tighten up the leads as well.

I sincerely hope you hear our voices in support of SB 23 & SB 24.

Sincerely, John & Lisa Taylor

[REDACTED]
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
[REDACTED]

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Jake Almeida

From: thomas willard [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:58 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Cc: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB23,SB24

Good evening Senators Wilson and Shower,

I am taking this time to voice my full support for Governor Dunleavy's budget cuts and PFD funding. I urge you to take this opportunity to reel in government spending and return the budget to sustainable levels while simultaneously returning monies unlawfully stolen from the Alaskan public and economy.

Please help return this state to a sustainable place.

I've chosen to make Wasilla my home and invest my money in our borough, I strongly disagree with Government being more important than Private Economy. Strong economic growth brings far more sustainable and diverse dollars to our state and we need to use this opportunity to diversify our income. The people who are prepared to invest in this state will begin leaving over time, myself included, as we continue to feed our incredibly bloated state government. We need to be Alaskans and stay strong not Californians.

Thank you for your time, I would appreciate a response with your thoughts on this vote.

Thank you,
Thomas Willard
[REDACTED]
Wasilla, Ak 99654

On Tue, Apr 17, 2018, 3:52 PM Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov> wrote:

Tom give me a call sometime – I've come a long way in my understanding since 2 Mar – and if you look at my voting record you'll see I've retained ownership of myself. I also have a much better feel for what will, won't work, what can be supported, etc.

I should have been clear – I'm not worried about votes – I am going to run for the seat but only for a term – with a new governor we might affect the change we need (I've come around to a constitutional amendment(s) as being the only way we can do that). If I'm here for it, great, if not, I won't be the least bit disappointed being back in my full time job as a cargo pilot enjoying the life I had before this 'act'...

Mike

From: thomas willard [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 2, 2018 8:03 PM

To: Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>

Subject: Re: No vote

Mike,

I may call when I get home from the slope.

I absolutely do not believe Bill wants to do this for the people, as the title "politician" has become so poisonous that I can only believe something when it happens. If I assume its all lies I am not likely to be disappointed. My only point was preventing the government from further theft is a conservative standpoint.

To answer the questions you've put forward, yes I want the 50/50, no I don't want the same level of Government spending, I want far far less, and of course I want no taxation.

Fear not, I am not likely to turn my votes simply over the PFD issue. I am quite conservative. In viewing politicians as poisonous until proven otherwise, I'll still have to vote for the poison that is most convincing that it is not and I've never met a Democrat that could sway me to that belief.

I truly appreciate your response.

Thank you,

Tom Willard


On Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 7:49 PM, Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov> wrote:

Tom,

Had no background on it - didn't know what I was saying yes or no to. There was only 1 reason I voted no and that was it. It was a default position.


Had I known that and about another 100 things I've learned in the last 2 days I would have voted yes - I have no problem getting the conversation out in the open. One caution though on Wielechowski if you think he's doing this for you - he's not. His goal is 1 - populist ideas for his desire to be Lt Gov and 2 - a tax so he can spend how he wants in the future. You may know that - I didn't until watching him this week and asking around. In his case it's not all it appears on the surface.

I want cuts - which is by the way - the only way the PFD will survive w/o going to some POMV model from what I can see. There's a LOT more going on than a sound bite. Want the 50/50 PFD? Want the same level of gov spending? Want no taxation? Something has to give or we'll crash sooner rather than later. Call the office - let's talk - I'll tell you everything I have learned, seen and think. You're not dealing with a politician here I simply don't care what happens to me. If I'm back in my happy life in Wasilla by this time next year - I'd count that a victory for my family. Perhaps that will tell you who I really am?

Seriously - call.

Mike

465-6600

From: thomas willard [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:49 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>
Subject: No vote

Hello Sirs,

I am concerned and curious as to why you two gentlemen have decided to vote no on SJR1.

To me this seems to be a slap in the face of ALL Alaskans not just your constituency, but, your family, friends, neighbors, and many generations to come. This continues to allow our Governor and current legislature to push our massive budget issues off to the next session, by allowing the continued efforts to steal more of Alaskans rightful 1/4 share of the fossil fuel wealth, even after the blatant annual theft currently occurring. I am once again calling on you both, Primarily you Mr. Wilson, to support your fellow Alaskans and change your votes to "Yes" when confronted with the next vote to guarantee the rightful share of the people in the Alaskan constitution. It is a sad day when Democrats are being conservative and voting against government theft and our Republicans are not.

Having said that, why have you resorted to "Nays" on SJR1?

What could possibly be the reason the Government should have power to dictate how Alaskans portion of the Permanent Fund Earnings are spent?

Mortified,

Tom Willard


Wasilla, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Meldonna Cody [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB23 & SB24

As a retired Senior and a person having been a resident of Alaska since 1983, with my extended family resident here since 1963, I ask that you support SB 23 as well as SB 24.

The PFD is at minimum an annual reminder to the people of Alaska that WE THE PEOPLE are responsible for both our resources as well as for monitoring those elected officials who we chose to work to represent us. Deplete the PFD, and the control and voice the people of Alaska have over it, and we will forfeit the essence of the spirit of Alaska and the people who endure and thrive here. It is a positive element of the PFD that keeps resources, revenue, expenditures, and government in the minds of Alaskans.

Please do not be swayed by the teacher's union and their "save the children" false mantra. As I waited to testify, (and was not able to) I listened with increasing disgust at the selfish failing educators claim nonsense about the PFD and education. I worked for nearly 20 years in the KPBSD and KIBSD, as well as did work in schools in Bethel, Dillingham and Nuiqsuit. I watched over the years our schools lower the bar and shift parenting to the schools. Teachers have glorified themselves while they have created a tremendous problem in our state. If they cared about our children and their future they would take a hard look at the failing Alaska educational system, and be working to revamp it from the ground up. Instead, they want more money to floorboard ahead with the trainwreck. About 48 states do a much better job than Alaska for far less money. The best thing I ever did for my child was to pull him out of Alaska's public schools and put him in a private school. His and my PFD's went a long way toward that end, and he is now a very successful professional.

People can always donate their PFD's if they feel the need.

We voted for Governor Dunleavy knowing we each would be impacted by the budget cuts we supported. We also expect the PFD to be restored, and any changes to ONLY be done by a vote of the people.

We also expect you as our legislators to listen to our voices.

Support SB23 & SB24

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Meldonna Cody
Clam Gulch, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:52 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD

Senator Shower,

Please support the governor's bills to return the remaining PFD payments that were taken from the people of Alaska.

This letter is for all my family members in Alaska (14 people).

If people don't want their PFD they can not sign up to get it or can donate it all to a place of their choice.

Thank you,
Emery Schramm

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Pete D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:36 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23/24

Stop stealing our PFD!!! Stop blocking Mike Dunleavy from correcting the mistakes that have been made by previous politicians. Give us back what you stole and get your greasy paws out of the PFD!!! Pass these bills and do what's right for the people!!!

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Kenai_LIO@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-283-2030 / Fax: 907-283-3075

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: James Weiss
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 23 & 24
COMMITTEE: SSTA DATE: 02/28/2019

I received no notice of the discussion SB 23 & 24 specifically the PFD. Why don't we catch up with the times and use electronic communication to add our input.

My input is: Gov. Walker stole a large part of my PFD. Gov. Dunleavy promised to give it back. I want my PFD in full retroactive. Nuff said!

Thanks', James Weiss

Jake Almeida

From: Karen Landwehr [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD/Karen Elizabeth Landwehr

Good Morning Everyone,

I would like to say that I am in favor of restoring the PFD to what was initially ours to begin with in the first place. I moved here to Alaska 10 years ago not having any knowledge at all of what a PFD was or is. I was hired over the phone to work for The 26 Glaciers Cruise ships in Whittier as a Guest Service in tourism. The following seasonal tourism job I went to was in Sitka, AK to work again as a Guest Service Attendant on the sea for Allen Marine Tours. Following this I was hired by Marie Monroe and Jan Blair for Doyon Tourism to work front desk as a lead in Denali National Park. I ended up here in Fairbanks, AK only waiting for Homer, AK to hire me at Lands End Resort. They waited and waited to give me a permanent answer which was delaying me to move forward. They ended up hiring someone else and told me in April, which is usually too late to look elsewhere in tourism because everyone is usually hired by now. I more or less found out about the PFD and wrote a letter to Lisa Murkowski to ask for an appeal because I had no knowledge in it. I was awarded this PFD which helped me find a place to live so I was not homeless. The place I rented was awful and uninsulated. I had not known anything about the conditions of living in Alaska therefore I was really taken advantage of because of it. In Minnesota real Men and real Women would not take 700.00 of your dollars for 6 months up front and then call you when they are out of town to tell me that I was responsible for insulating and chinking the uninsulated cabin at 321 5th Ave, Fairbanks, AK. It was owned by Richard Miron. He and Sandra Benson both in their older 60's took all my hard working money upfront of about 3000.00 for rent from me and then left for California. I still have the copies of the money order I gave them and the e-mail that Richard Miron says, "You will have to pay the rent and the heat bill therefore you probably will want to insulate and get free government service of weatherization to keep your heat bill down or chink it. I did not know what chink meant. All MY PFD's have helped prevent me from applying for food stamps, heating assistance, welfare, because I work but tourism only pays us about 12.00 an hour and the work is seasonal of about 5 to 6 months. I have been stuck financially preventing me from moving on but I have made for myself the best of it to help myself grow. However of all the places I have worked in the USA I have to say that Fairbanks, AK is the worst place ever. I was told after three years of working at Lowes Outdoor Lawn and Garden as a weekend team player by Angela Nelson and Anthony as the Outdoor lawn Garden Manager at the time in Angela's Office that they want me to sign a new contract. They wanted me to work fulltime. They said, "I never miss work, never late, and I have been a good employee for Lowes Outdoor lawn and Garden because I care about everything and the guests. I sign a new contract and a week later I am called back in the office by the same two people, : "Karen, I went on face book and a Man is upset with you because what he said was, "An Elderly Lady was not smiling while driving the fork lift," Angela Nelson wanted to write me up because of this. I said, "How do you know that it was me?" Angela Nelson said, "You are the only elderly lady who has a license to drive the fork lift in Outdoor Lawn and Garden." I said, "I have to concentrate while I am driving machinery, Raven are poking soil, children are dashing out in front of me, chicken wire falls in front of me, I cannot be concerned about smiling." Besides I was not doing anything that was malicious. The next week I was fired by Rod Person the GM and Stephanie the Assistant Mgr. Rod Person said, "If you do not take your work vest off you will lose your dignity." I said, "I have been a hard honest working employee and I have not done anything wrong and I like my job in Outdoor Lawn and Garden so I want to know why last week you ask me to go fulltime because you like my work and a week later you want to fire me for lies and now you tell me I am going to lose my dignity. I said, "How's that?" Rod Person said, "I will call the police and they will walk you out in front of all your friends and the customers and you will lose your dignity because you will feel humiliated." I looked at Stephanie who was there too and said to her, "Are you going to sit here on the sidelines and watch Angela Nelson and Rod Person destroy me and abuse me and not stop it.?" I left crying in hysterics because of the unfair cruelty of it all. At Safeway Floral, Heidi the Manager of North Pole Floral of Safeway says to me, "Karen, I want to hire my very own friend or have my son work for me." Heidi, went on to say, "You can understand that can't you.?" Tabitha at the Bentley Mall would yell at me everyday to the point that Yolanda the Human Resource Lady and Devina the Assistant Mgr. of Safeway brought me up into the office and yelled at me "Why don't you go to Fred Meyers Floral, Tabitha has been abusing you for three years now. I was fired by Tabitha for what she said was insubordination because I said in a nice tone and I was kind too, I asked, Tabitha, after three years could I request more than 2 days of work. Tabitha's son was employed and Tabitha's

neighbors daughter who was still in high school at the time. They were the ones who were getting more hours than I. I was the one who loved the job but needed the money just like everyone else to live and I was working part time for three years. I should have had some seniority. At Great Alaska Bowl Company, I was called a stupid pathetic idiot by Curtis Barnett, he would harass me and chase me and not work at all, Malen the owners Son would touch himself all the time to the point where I would ask him to please stop and go into the bathroom because some ladies walked out of the store and I am feeling violated, He would admit it and tell me he was going to buy boxing shorts soon. Jeffery another employee there would call me a fu---Bi--- and throw wooden bowls in a corner really forceful and call customers Assholes, Joyce a 70 year old lady who is married to a North Pole Pastor told me in front of the guests that I was to ugly and not skinny enough to wear a pretty dress like what the guest lady had been wearing that day. Joyce would psychologically harass me by walking by me and slam doors on purpose all day long. Kristina laVair another employee at Great Alaska Bowl Company stole a military man's silver bar and then was blaming all of us of possibly stealing it. She would take my bowls that I was lazing and remove them from the lazer while I was lazing a custom order. She would then smile and walk away. I do not think any one could have ever worked with these cruel people and come out of it normal or as their previous self. There are witnesses to all of these issues and no one seems to care if I ever received severance pay for the emotional and mental abuse. Now, I could have used my PFD to pay for next months rent because I am on unemployment and it runs out next week. I will have to ask the housing coalition possibly for if they can help me with one month rent of next month because I have honestly been looking for work but there is never anything concrete yet. Had I still had my PFD I could still pay my rent this month and next month and hopefully find work soon. Where I rent I have not been able to use my bathroom sink for three years because it became unattached in the earthquake that we had three years ago. I have had to use the kitchen sink to wash and brush my teeth. I asked Yvonne and Kevin Temple last summer if they could fix it while I was gone for the summer working in Juneau, ak

ON THE DOCKS OF THE SEA. I paid my 800.00 per month rent each month here in Fairbanks, AK and my 444,00 a month in Juneau for rent which did not give me much to live on for the winter but I did save enough that has helped me pay all my bills up to now and now I have none left. Governor Walker did not help the community by taking from us. How many people went to apply for food stamps and housing assistance and weatherization and heating assistance after he took our 1,600 away from us. I volunteered for years at the Yukon Quest and at the food soup kitchen for Cydie Fields and Joe Fields and now I won't volunteer anymore anywhere because of all of the injustice that I have had to experience while I have lived here in Fairbanks, AK. The sad part is none of them have any remorse for all they did to me and not even a "Here, Karen, Here is a 1000,00 for your rent and electric bill and some food for next month we are sorry for what these people are capable of doing to others. But why is it I am the one always being layed off. They say that there is to many people like them and you do not go along with what they do therefore you are the one who is going to be laid off. Connie from Connie's boutique still owes me 874.00. When I worked for her she called me a stupid idiot and Bill Stuart her husband of 95 years kisses me on the cheek and tells her not to call me names and Connie lifts her hands to hit me when Nettie this Hawaiian employee stops her from hitting me. Connie still has not paid me the 874.00. This is your community. I must go and please allow for Governor Walker to read this.

Karen Elizabeth Landwehr

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Jake Almeida

From: Scott & Donna Stout [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:14 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Approve of SB 23 & SB 24

We approve of SB 23 & SB 24

Scott & Donna Stout

[REDACTED]
Big Lake, AK 99652

Sent from my iPhone

The Permanent Fund Dividend and the State Budget used to exist completely parallel to one another, like drops of rain. Their combination into the unseemly monstrosity we have before us now, a combination which fails to fully pay for the state while also endangering the long term value of the Permanent Fund, is the direct result of the state government's willful and cowardly refusal to raise its own separate revenue. By snatching money from the PFD, money that belongs to the people of Alaska as individual income, and then claiming you are merely cutting an expenditure, you can pretend you are not levying a tax upon the Alaskan people, when in reality you have imposed one of the most regressive and dishonest taxes ever devised. I am for progressive and honest taxation, so I oppose using the Permanent Fund in this manner.

I therefore urge you to restore the permanent fund dividend to full, repay all the money taken from previous dividends, and instead fund all essential state services through the institution of a progressive income tax together with higher oil taxes. Thank you.

Ghert Abbott

[REDACTED] Ketchikan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ghert Abbott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.

Jake Almeida

From: JOAN TRUETT [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In favor of senator 23 and 24

To Whom It May Concern,

I just want to let you know I am in favor of the full PFD money that Walker took from every Alaskan. That is our money and you all need to spend less money down there in Juneau. I called in yesterday but never got to talk as you all were taking a lot of phone from southeast from teachers and ferry workers who are worried about their jobs, that's why you had a high count against the payout of the PFD

Thank You
Joan Truett Big Lake

Jake Almeida

From: Rampton Family [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:56 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 &24

Dear Committee Members,

I connected telephonically last night to your teleconference but wasn't able to get on a call with your committee. Please except this emailed version of my testimony.

I've run a dental office in Eagle River for nearly 20 years. Ive seen an annual reoccurring trend of patients paying off their dental bills every October....right after receiving their permanent fund payout. The expected result is a large drop in my account receivables every October. That hasn't happened for the past three years. Our account receivables have inched higher every October for three years because people haven't had the money to pay their dental bills. Withholding permanent fund moneys hurt my business and every other business in my community. The economy as a whole has suffered. I strongly urge you to support SB23 & SB24. It would be a huge boost to our state economy

Dr Jason Rampton
Eagle River
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Lora Reinbold
Subject: Re: SB 23 testimony Feb 28, 2019

Listening to the callers last night, I was struck with all the dis-information and lack of understanding of both the money available in the ERA and then money for budgetary purposes...as teachers, I guess I thought they would be better informed...no wonder Alaska in on the bottom rung Nationally in education.

On Fri, 01 Mar 2019 13:02:07 -0500, dclark@acsalaska.net wrote:

Thurs, 2/28th. 6:00pm Senate Bills 23 Public Testimony

Pay back time...the \$'s are there, sitting in the ERA. Alaskans know that it's separate money and it's ours! Walker, and both Houses, without a vote by PFD shareholders, knowingly violated State Statute. Then, for a three year span of time, they stole from every man, woman, and child.

Each time our dividends were short-changed, it was done with greed in mind, and to further our debt in their continuation to pillage what is by Law and Statute belonging to Alaskans. All the while ignoring Alaskans who understood what their spending spree was all about! Power!

We called for years to cut spending and give us a balanced budget, the mantra of our Representative government however remained spend, spend, spend and then steal! Well...look what Alaskans got from those efforts, an Alaska that is damn near broke!

In closing, an observation...I have raised four to five Hogs at a time for meat, when feeding time came around, they all gathered for what they thought they had coming...Oh! There was loads of squealing and fighting for position at the trough...quite similar to the posturing by some legislators especially in our House, instead of honoring their word, their Oath of Office, and complying with Article 1...Sections 1 and 2 of our Constitution.

I do hope I have been clear enough, because enough is enough! It's restitution time! And, I thank you for your attention.

Lynette Clark, Fox, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: David Allam [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:07 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

My wife and I both voted for Governor Dunleavy based on his campaign promise to pay back the PFD that was stolen from us as Alaska residents. This thief needs to be rectified. The PFD is not meant to fund the operating budget. David and Karen Allam Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Dena James [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill;
senator.scott.kawaski@akleg.gov
Subject: I support SB23 & SB24

As a born and raised citizen of Alaska the PFD needs to be restored to what it was intended. The people of Alaska have repeatedly voted against use of the PFD and do not give politicians permission to continuously do as they like with the funds.

Dena James
Have a blessed day 😊

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Gov. DUNLEAVY P.F.D. Bill's

Real Alaska has spoken and won !. I want my full P.F.D , and back payments of the P.F.D. that Gov. Walker and liberal legislators kept but never used !. I'm not in the banking business for you liberals who can't stand on your own two feet !. If your scared of the drain of the P.F.D. earnings reserve account, I'll take 3 acres of state land as payment , of my choosing . You still haven't brought forward legislation to make AK. a " Right to work " state , until we stop these Unions from putting a strangle hold on AK. , we won't survive.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Dated: February 28, 2019

Senate Records: FAX TO: 907-465-2931

Dear Senators"

I am writing to have this put into the Senate Records to Support Senate Bills No. 23 and No. 24

I am in full support of these Senate Bills and ask that you support and vote to enact them.

I have read statements from people who think the PFD should not be returned to the rightful owner of those funds, the people of the State. Those folks apparently would rather allow the State to continue to rape the people so that they can continue to overspend.

There are many people do not want the PFD monies returned to them, so I say do not accept or apply for the PFD if you really think the State can spend it better, but for those who use the PFD monies to pay rent, house payments, buy food, or buy heating fuel, do not support the State keeping the money.

I am an elderly home owner who is a widow and who provides for herself without any assistance from the State for Housing or Heating or any of the things that the State provides to people who qualify for these programs. The reason is primarily because I do receive a small retirement each month that take me slightly over what is considered the poverty level and therefore keeps me responsible for paying my own bills. The PFD has been a Godsend each year to help me to purchase foodstuffs to see me through the winter and to make my house payments and heating and electricity bills. I purchase all that I can locally and the PFD has often been the difference between getting behind and potentially creating a financial burden like bankruptcy or foreclosure.

Thus far, the State has not spent the money it kept from us. The money sits in a fund that has not been used for the stated purpose of paying for State Obligations when Walker and the Legislature decided that we did not need it.

I have been asked how we would feel if the PFD was less than the \$1000 or more than we received rather than the full statutory payout. I have been here for 54 years, so that means I was here when the PFD was first put into practice. We have had times when the PFD was \$300 and several times when it was \$800. We did not have a problem with that because that was how the fund was calculated and on a rolling 5 year average that was what the fund produced, so I say that as long as the Statutory amount is paid, whether it is \$3000 or \$300, that is satisfactory but when the powers that be decide to determine the amount it should be, then that is wrong.

I support Governor Dunleavy's proposal to pay back the funding to the folks who were eligible for each year's full payment. Although I would like to see all the back payments made this year, I fully agree that it might be a different type of hardship for the people with regards to their Federal Income Tax Liability and therefore splitting it up is appropriate. As long as the money stays in the fund, it should continue to gain interest as well.

Sincerely,

Phylis K. Silverton

Wasilla, AK 99654

Jake Almeida

From: kim nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 7:25 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Per discussion with Showers office

I'm in FAVOR of Sb-23 & sb-24

Kim j Nelson

Jake Almeida

From: Thomas Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 6:55 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill; Senate State Affairs
Subject: TESTIMONY TO ALASKA SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON SB 23 & SB 24 (PFD PAYBACK LEGISLATION) FEB. 28, 2019

Do to the back log of special interest groups clogging up the phone lines, I was in able the give my testimony. Here it is!

My name is Thomas Williams from Peters Creek. I am in support of both SB 23 & SB 24 to restore our PFDs.

The PFD by law belongs to the people of Alaska, not state government. State government already gets 75% of natural resource taxes. On top of that State Gov gets 50% of the 5-year averaged earnings from PF investments, while Alaskans share is the other 50% of the averaged earnings for their PFDs. TAXING Alaskans by not giving them their 50% share amounts to a tax – a tax without CONSENT of the PEOPLE that impacts low income Alaskans the most. Also, according to ISER's own studies, has the "worst adverse impact on the whole Alaska economy."

State government needs to live within its means just like people have to do.

State government has NOT spent its share of monies wisely over the past decade plus.

Don't steal MY share to support YOUR bad spending decisions.

The PFD distribution was originally a transfer to the people & not a part of the budget process until recently.

Therefore, it's a false premise to perceive the issue as "restoring PFDs vs. state services."

Please support SB 23 & SB 24.

Thomas Williams
Peters Creek, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Karen Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:04 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Stop ignoring statutes

Importance: High

My name is Karen Perry, I have lived in Alaska for over 30 years. I am a constituent of Senator Shelley Hughes.

I fully support these Dunleavy's SB23 and SB24 bills and ask EACH of you record a **DO PASS** recommendation and move these bills onto the next committee as soon as possible.

Alaskans all across the state despise the double standard of elected officials. We are required to follow written statutes but it comes to the Legislature, it would seem that you think you can live above the Rule of Law.

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By statute those unpaid PFDs belong IN the individual ESTATES of Alaskans, not the Earnings Reserve.

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Some argue if the PAYBACK occurs that it would effect future dividends. What you need to keep in mind is that the PAYBACK corrects the ERROR and puts the funds back into the proper ESTATE, where it belongs. Individuals are free to invest those funds if they wish, where they can perpetually receive that INCOME offsetting the "future dividend" argument. In addition, some have argued that the PAYBACK robs future generations, however, an Alaskan's ESTATE can be bequeathed to their next generation. It is the individuals right to spend, invest or bequeath those funds as they see fit. I guarantee they will do a much better job than the government.

Pay the FULL PFD according to currently written statutes and also PAY BACK that which you and Walker have stolen over the past three years!

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Anything less, we will be glad to replace each and every one of you.

Last, but not least, God's law says THOU SHALT NOT STEAL!

Stop stealing from every man, woman and child of Alaska...you are actually stealing from children, so despicable!!!

RESTORE the RULE of LAW!!

~Karen Perry

Jake Almeida

From: Tanya Q. Kitka [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:38 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill; Senate State Affairs
Subject: Please pay back the PFD

To: senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov

Subject: Please pay back the PFD

Please pay back the PFD and pay full PFDs from here forward.

Please DO NOT TAX our children to pay for their education. It is disgusting to hear teachers, who I believe do care for their students, spew their testimony that we should all (ALL! Their students included) give up a portion of our PFDs to support education. Kids are being taxed to pay for their own education? This is NOT right.

They say this like it's the ONLY solution!

Find other means, reduce the waste (and yes there is a lot, no matter how painful it is to admit and to rip off the bandaid) but please please continue to support the PFD.

We have faith in our legislators that you can come up with a better solution than robbing Alaskans so unfairly and disproportionately. Do not set this precedent.

Thank you.

Regards,
Tanya Kitka
Kodiak, AK

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Jake Almeida

From: Sally Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:18 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill;
Senator.scott.kawaski@akleg.com
Subject: I support SB23 and SB24

I support SB23 and SB24

Jake Almeida

From: Dillon Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs

I want to voice my support for the governor's budget, specifically the cuts to the bloated education spending. I want to add my support for SB 23 and 24, returning the people's money to the people. The government's job is not education, it is to protect liberty so that people will be free to pursue the vocation they see to be best for their individual liberties. If people want to put their money toward education, they are free to do so.

I am in strong favor of not spending more than we make. Hard working Alaskan's already pay more to support freeloaders than they should have to.

The governor is doing what he was elected to do.

Thank you for your time,

**TESTIMONY TO ALASKA SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
ON SB 23 & SB 24 (PFD PAYBACK LEGISLATION)**

FEB. 28, 2019

TO:

Senator.Mike.Shower@akleg.gov

Senator.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov

Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov

Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov

Senator.John.Coghill@akleg.gov

SenateStateAffairs@akleg.gov

My name is William Topel from Anchorage. I am in support of both SB 23 & SB 24 to restore our PFDs.

I first came to Alaska in 1966. I remember those days when Gov. Jay Hammond and other far-sighted legislators from the Republican, Democrat, and Libertarian parties established both the Permanent Fund and later the PFD program for the people. The PFD program belongs to the people of Alaska by law, not state government. State government already gets 75% off the top from incoming natural resource taxes and have access to 50% of the 5-year averaged earnings from Permanent Fund investments while Alaskans are supposed to get the other 50% of the averaged earnings for their PFDs. For Alaskans not to get their 50% share amounts to a tax – a tax without our consent that, according to ISER's own studies, have the "worst adverse impact on the whole Alaska economy."

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Jake Almeida

From: TheWasillamike Tarr [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs

I agree with Dunlevey's budget and I agree with sb23 and sb24.

Jake Almeida

From: James Cress [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:58 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24

To Whom it may concern,

I am an Alaskan citizen and a hard working individual. I am in full agreement with Bill SB23 and SB24. I believe that every Alaskan deserves their FULL Permanent Fund Dividend and the Permanent Fund Dividend should be restored its original purpose and not used for funding poor budgeting on the State of Alaska's part.

Best regards,
James J. Cress

Jake Almeida

From: Amy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:57 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24

Hello,

I am an Alaskan from North Pole. I want give my full support to Governor Dunleavy, and I fully support his SB 23 & SB 24 bills. He is doing exactly what he was elected to do. Any hard working Alaskan would have to tighten their belts and make cuts to make ends meet.

It is hard living in Alaska, and most people I know depend on the PFD to make ends meet before winter. They stock up on heating fuel mostly, but also get much needed repairs on their homes and cars before winter. Any PFD and PFD payback goes straight into the local Alaskan economy.

Thank You.
Amy

Jake Almeida

From: S J Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:52 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

Hello....this is in FULL support of these two bills.

The folks against SB23 & SB24 can always PICK CLICK & GIVE their PFDs or just don't file. It is their choice without affecting everyone else who NEEDS their PFDs. Not just individuals, but local businesses who need the extra boost.

It is not all about educators and school districts & unions. There are people who literally NEED their PFDs. P.S. CUT THE BUDGET & get us back to spending what we have now & no more putting us in the hole more years down the road. Thank you all for standing with Governor Dunleavy and the reasons he was elected, as well as many of you too. The crazy out of control spending has got to end to protect our future and children's future.

Sincerely,
Jeff and Sandy May/Wasilla

February 28, 2019

Senator Shower and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

- I support SB23 and SB24 and Governor Dunleavy's effort to return the PFD that was taken against the will of so many Alaskans. This effort will right wrongs and laws that have been broken and oaths of office violated.

- These bills put the money back into the hands and lives of Alaskans where it is best spent. Let the individual determine what they wish to fund with it, be it themselves, family, friends or government.

- Alaska is in the fiscal situation it is due to the abuse of over and wasteful spending of the past 12 years.

- Remember there was once \$18 billion in savings and the sustainable budget target was once over \$6.2 billion and the legislature couldn't even spend within that. With each gluttonous budget the sustainable target continued to decrease making each year more and more challenging. Excuses were made to continue excessive spending including a clearly unsustainable \$4.5 billion cash credit program to oil companies. This is nothing shy of the "*Crime of the Century*". Future generations, knowing the truth, will look back at what took place in total disgust at the fiscal irresponsibility that was allowed to go unchecked for so long. By listening to hours of public testimony, most do not know this. It is not wise to reward bad behavior unless you want more of it.

- Senator Stedman reflected in Senate finance that many wish they could have done things different. THEY STILL CAN.

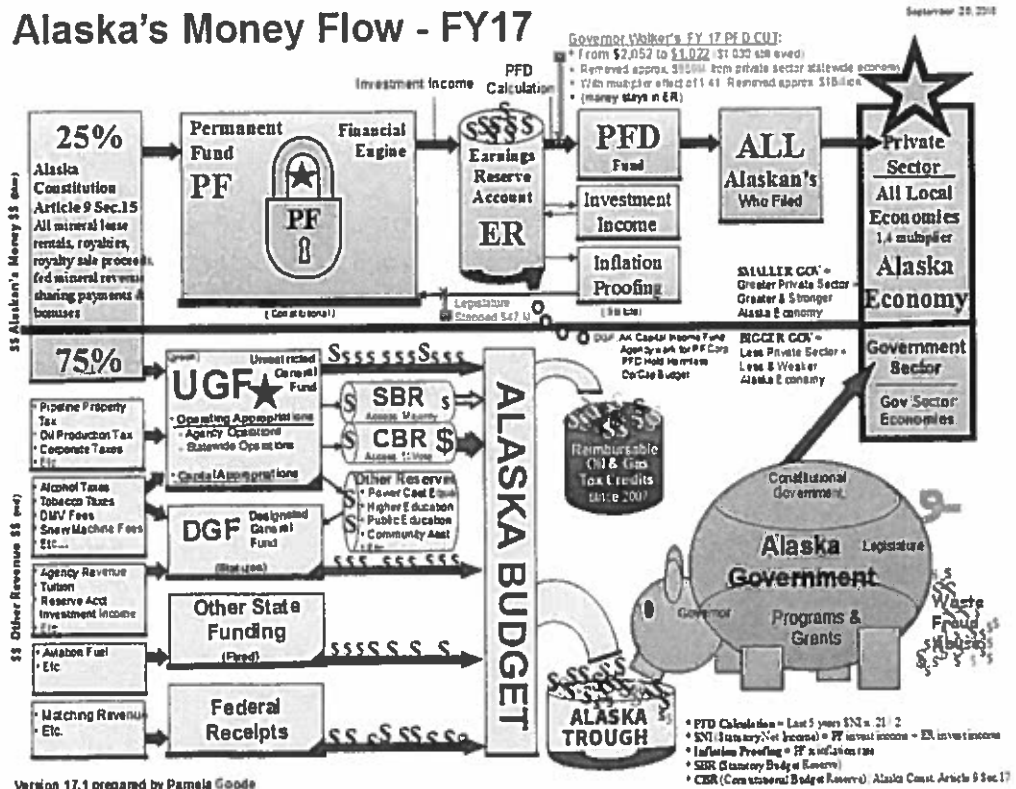
- It will take the same fortitude they needed then to address what needs to be done today.

- You can always tell what is important to anyone by where they spend their "time" and their "money". Give the people that opportunity to do just that and stop putting special interest in front of their will and your re-election. Payback the confiscated portions of the PFD and keep the investment income earned for the state.

- Pass SB23 and SB24 out of committee.

Respectfully,
Pamela Goode

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Jake Almeida

From: John Goulet [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public testimony SB 23 and 24

John Goulet, Chugiak

Resident of Alaska since 1981. I waited to be heard on my phone for an hour and forty minutes. My wife and I support Governor Dunleavy and he is doing exactly what we elected him to do. Balance the budget. We are for SB 23 and 24. We the people of Alaska want to spend the PFD not government! People can pick click give if they want to give to government ! We are against oil tax credits! Two other alternatives to raise funds. 1 - state income tax but only if it includes all outsiders who come to alaska to make money then leave. Grrrr it upsets me people coming up here using our natural resources, oil, mining, tourism, commercial fisherman. ALL must pay income tax and not just Alaskan s. 2- state wide sales tax on everything from tire change or times. May 1 thru October 1.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: deanne james [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:26 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: pfd

Many people in the Tok area use their funds like I do for heat , electricity , and food bills . The money comes in handy also for vehicle insurance . It is hard in Tok a tourist town to make extra income or have a job in the winter when its -60 or colder at times for weeks and weeks . Thank you Alaska Permanent Fund for saving me many times in the past please don't take our fund away

Thank You Deanne Watford

Jake Almeida

From: Karen Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:19 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: RESTORE the RULE OF LAW

Importance: High

My name is Karen Perry, I have lived in Alaska for over 30 years. I am a constituent of Senator Shelley Hughes.

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RESTORE the RULE of LAW!!

~Karen Perry

Jake Almeida

From: Heath & Merrie Bigelow [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:06 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 SB 24

Stop this PFD tax, abide by the law and repay these PFDs.

Thank you,
Heath & Merrie Bigelow

"You don't' find a happy life, you make it!"

Jake Almeida

From: tickle foot [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:04 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD pay back

To whom ever is reading this,

I am writing this PFD testimony because I live in a rural area and depend on things like the PFD to make it through the harsh Alaskan winter. We all have alot of credit card and other debt by the time winter is over having this pay back right now instead of later would really help everyone even the small businesses in Alaska. Please consider these things. Thank you for your time.

Sheila Wontorski

Jake Almeida

From: Dar Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Dividend testimony

Times are hard fuel is expensive. Over half of my family's dividends in the past are spent on fuel anyways ya get the money back. I have bills to pay maintenance on vehicles. The dividend was set up for the citizens of Alaska not for the state to spend it. Please take into consideration that a lot of people are hurting and could use the money.

D'Artagnan Christopher Williams

Jake Almeida

From: Nancy Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: dividend testimony

A lump sum payment of the past years dividends would serve to buy food, fuel and other necessities that had to be limited by half over the last three years, My husband and I live in a **fly in only area** south of Tok, (historic Chisana) and freight is an expense we pay over and above the price of the aforementioned goods

Thank you

Nancy Williams

Jake Almeida

From: Jessie Burfoot [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:01 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Divided testimony

To whom it may concern,

To receive any owed dividends now rather than later would be most helpful to my family and I. We pay THOUSANDS of dollars a year for heating fuel for the house we live in. We go into debt every winter and struggle every summer to climb out of debt. The nearest hospital from my town is four hours away and we have had to use those facilities this year. Travel to and from as well as doctor expenses has dug into almost all of our savings. Thank you for your time.

Jessie Burfoot

Jake Almeida

From: Heather Homan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Testimony

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this testimony for the PFD payback. I think I speak for most Alaskans when I say that winter time is always very hard and most of us come out of winter with some sort of debt. We live in a rural area where it is hard to have a 40 hour a week pay check in the winter if any jobs at all.. Lots of businesses in our town are closed for the winter because we rely heavily on tourist season. Receiving our pay back for the past PFDs right now would help so many people. Right now we are burning a ton of wood and diesel just to keep our houses running. It is also very hard to travel when we need medical care in the winter months since we live 210 miles from the nearest hospital, Its alot of wear and tare on our vehicles. Please take all of this in to consideration thank you for your time.

Heather Burfoot

Jake Almeida

From: Hailey Robinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:49 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I want to voice my support for the governor's budget, specifically the cuts to the bloated education spending. I want to add my support for SB 23 and 24, returning the people's money to the people. The government's job is not education, it is to protect liberty so that people will be free to pursue the vocation they see to be best for their individual liberties. If people want to put their money toward education, they are free to do so.

I am in strong favor of not spending more than we make. Hard working Alaskan's already pay more to support freeloaders than they should have to.

The governor is doing what he was elected to do.

Thank you for your time,

Jake Almeida

From: Johnny Robinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:48 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Stop using my taxes wrongly

I want to voice my support for the governor's budget, specifically the cuts to the bloated education spending. I want to add my support for SB 23 and 24, returning the people's money to the people. The government's job is not education, it is to protect liberty so that people will be free to pursue the vocation they see to be best for their individual liberties. If people want to put their money toward education, they are free to do so.

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Thank you for your time,

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Jake Almeida

From: Kathryn Deal [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate bill 23 & 24

Reduce you spending and get a real budget.

Want the PFD monies returned to those it was taken from. This fund is for the people; not the State to take at will.

Leonard Deal
Deals Bed & Breakfast

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

[REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Web: DealsBNB.com

Jake Almeida

From: Rainbow Chaser [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony FOR SB23 & SB24 from JAMES SQUYRES

Public Testimony from JAMES SQUYRES
SB23-SB24
Senate State Affairs
2-28-19

My name is James Squyres, I am from Rural Deltana. I am a constituent of Senator Mike Shower. I support these bills and ask EACH of you record a DO PASS recommendation and move these bills onto the next committee as soon as possible.

There are several principles at stake with these bills. When you reflect on my comments I am sure you will agree. I am a CPA by profession and some of my following terminology comes from that background of financial accounting and estate taxation.

The statute for the last three years calculates and requires a full PFD. As legislators you pass bills and create statute for us to follow, yet, as a body, do not follow statutes yourselves. It is time to restore trust to Alaskans. This behavior must be corrected. There is a saying often used around our cabin that goes "what you allow you encourage." This behavior can not be allowed.

By statute those unpaid PFDs belong IN the individual ESTATES of Alaskans, not the Earning Reserve. There was an "error" so to speak, and in fact this is the basis of the Governor's bills. In the financial accounting world when errors are discovered there are a couple of ways to move forward. One is what we call a "prospective" adjustment which is the "water-under-the-bridge-lets-fix-everything-going-forward" approach. This is used for errors that are not MATERIAL. Errors that ARE material, such as the magnitude of the PFD deficiencies must be corrected and restated into the prior years.

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That concludes my testimony.

Jake Almeida

From: Jenna Cress [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Hello,

As a concerned Alaskan, I am writing to show my support for SB 23 and SB 24. I would like to receive the money that has been stolen from myself and the rest of the Alaskan residents over the past couple years. I have been continually disappointed in the government in recent years and truly believe Governor Dunleavy can help turn our state around and get us out of debt.

Give the people their money back!

Thank you!

Jake Almeida

From: Pete D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23/24

It's time you listen to the people of this once great state called Alaska!!! Gov. Dunleavy is trying to do the job we elected him to do and if you want to keep your position in the office you hold now, it's time to start listening to the people and what we want. Pass SB23/24 so that we can get our PFD and what was stolen from us in the past 2 years!!!. We're sick and tired of the gov. spending like there is no tomorrow. The PFD was not set up to support your overspending!!! It is ours and we want and need it!!! I'm a disabled person and am barely surviving as it is

We elected Mike Dunleavy to represent the people of Alaska and that's what he's trying to do. Get out of his way or get voted out!!!

Sincerely,
Peter G. Dupuis

Jake Almeida

From: Nancy Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: dividend testimony

A lump sum payment of the past years dividends would serve to buy food, fuel and other necessities that had to be limited by half over the last three years, My husband and I live in a **fly in only area** south of Tok, (historic Chisana) and freight is an expense we pay over and above the price of the aforementioned goods

Thank you

Jake Almeida

From: Erin Ahrens [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Please give the money back to the people because the things you took our PFDs for with Walker still was not enough.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: Gayle Maggi [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Please support SB 23 and SB 24 – to restore Alaskans full PFD and repay the portions that were taken from us.

Sincerely
Patricia Gayle Maggi
[REDACTED]
Ninilchik AK 99639

Jake Almeida

From: Karen Cress [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:41 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB24

Dear Alaska Senators,

I request that you vote YES on bills SB23 and SB24 without hesitation, restoring the full Permanent Fund Dividend(PFD) to qualified Alaska Residents. I also request that you pay back the PFD as laid out in SB24.

I am counting on you to do what is right for those you represent and the future of those working and living in this great state of Alaska.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Karen Cress

[REDACTED]
Kenai, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: gordon burfoot [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:31 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Alaskan PFD Testimony

Dear to whom may be reading this.

For what its worth life in Alaska is alot harder than most places to live, While in some live in a city and they can turn a dial on the wall to make their houses warm, It takes alot of us cutting and packing firewood for many months just achieve the same thing, The hauling of fire wood is very hard on the truck even if u are easy on it, the cold is very hard on the vehicles I have a power steering pump that blows up every year from the cold temperature and the pressure that it takes to make it work, I live 210 miles from the nearest hospital and when we have babies we have to drive there once a week at the end, it was costing between food a room and gas almost 900 dollars just to get my wife to the hospital to get routine check ups and I have done this 3 times. Plus three children to take care of is hard enough, its a four hour drive ONE way to the real doctors that can run test and such, I am writing to you today to please take into account that its just a harsher place to live and everything is spread out so far that everything for gas to tires and wear and tear on trucks costs alot of extra money that alot of of states do not that no worry about, We always float thru winter trying to make it to summer its been this way my me and I have been here over 30 years and this bump would help alot.

Thank you for your time

Gordon Burfoot

Jake Almeida

From: LK Deal [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate bill 23 & 24

I would like for the PFD refund to be given-returned to those from whom it was taken in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Further, the State should not be taking any of it. The purpose of that PFD was for the people of Alaska. Lets keep it that way.

Kathryn Deal
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99509

Jake Almeida

From: Silversurfer Angela G. Birt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 8:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony in Favor of SB 23 & SB 24

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am in favor of Governor Dunleavy's plan to return PFD monies withheld from the citizens of Alaska by the Walker Administration. The groups who oppose the repayment of these purloined funds are those who benefit the most from this government overreach money grab. Namely, the teachers union.

Our education systems spends two times the national average for the poorest of outcomes. Our schools are bloated with high paid administrators while the people in the classroom are under compensated. I am in favor of SB 23 & SB 24 because it returns money to Alaskans who can decide how to spend it. Many may well chose tutoring for their children who are not getting an adequate education in our schools. Throwing more money at schools is clearly not helping.

I say this knowing full well that where I live in the Municipality of Anchorage, they will simply raise my property taxes rather than tighten ASD's belt. Right now, 65% of my property tax goes to support the failing Anchorage School District. They don't need more money - they need to do a better job. By allowing them to siphon off our PFD monies, we are enabling mediocre to poor performance. Mediocrity should never be something to aspire to.

The people of Alaska deserve their PFDs and the government taking them was akin to theft. Right this wrong and return these ill gotten gains. Thanks for your time and thank you Governor Dunleavy for keeping your promises.

Respectfully,

Angela

Ms. Angela G. Birt,
Eagle River, AK 99577-7798

Jake Almeida

From: shawna jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 8:16 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 /SB24

I support these bills SB23 and SB24

Thanks,
Ryan Jones

Jake Almeida

From: Angela Berke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 8:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Yes on SB #23, and #24!!!

There are a lot of people and businesses that count on getting the full PSD to help boost businesses and financial stability especially for some of the Millennials and those coming out of high school. Getting that PFD makes a world of difference of being able to get out on their own, having enough to put down payment on your first last month's rent, a house, a car, or just to get ahead.

Those who opposed getting the full PFD they have the right to not apply if they don't want theirs, but don't keep hundreds of thousands of Alaskans from getting it just because a few handful of loud people make the most noise and keep the rest of us from being able to.

Thank you,

Angela Darbous

Jake Almeida

From: Tracie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 7:51 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: I support sb23 sb24

Hi there. I am a lifelong Alaskan, 49 years and I support SB23 and SB24. I think it is detrimental to our economy and the future of Alaskans !

Thank you

Tracie Rector

Jake Almeida

From: Shelly Griffin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 6:33 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24

To Whom it May Concern,
I support SB 23 and 24.

I do not believe education needs more money, population is declining this year, spending should follow the same trend.
I would rather see a state sales tax than an income tax before more theft of our mineral right royalty payment.
If you want to take the PFD, give Alaskans back thier mineral rights.
I fully support Dunleavey's proposed budget.

Thank You,
Rachel Griffin
[REDACTED]

Kenai, AK 99611
[REDACTED]

Registered undeclared

Jake Almeida

From: AK Terstegge [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 6:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Other Alaskans are more than welcome to forfeit their own possessions. They have no right to speak for me and my PFD.

Mine is not theirs, or yours, to give away. Period.

Lynn Terstegge
Talkeetna

Jake Almeida

From: Laura Morisky [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 5:16 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support for SBs 23 & 24 PFD Back Payments

Chairman Shower and Senate Affairs Committee,

I am writing in full support of Senate Bills 23 & 24 and urge you to pass these bills out of committee.

I have heard there has been a lot of opposition to them. No one is making someone apply for their dividend. Those who feel their conscience lies elsewhere can just not apply. Also if you are so inclined, you could receive your dividend and donate it back to your favorite cause. This way people can choose for themselves where best to spend the money. I know many people who already do use the "Pick, Click & Give" campaign. Others choose to put in a College Savings Plan for their children's future.

Please pass SB 23 & SB 24 and give the choice back to the people.

Thanks for your time,

Laura Morisky

Jake Almeida

From: Bryan Scoresby [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 4:51 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; senator.lora.rinebold@akleg.gov; senator.peter.michicci@akleg.gov
Subject: PFD payout

Sorry I missed calling in last night to testify at your PFD hearing.

Please put me on record as being in favor of paying the citizens of this great state a FULL PFD under the historical calculation.

I understand the reasoning behind changing to the new calculation. I disagree with the need to change.

The PFD is very valuable to all Alaskans, especially the lower earning families. Taking half or some other portion is like a tax on the most needy, and not equitable to those who are less needy. It is just wrong.

Further, State Government is too large. Bloated is a better term. Spending needs cut. Spending should align with revenues in government, same as we all have to at home.

I heard on the radio Ms. Goyette from the Mat Su school district say Mat Su district will have to cut teachers and increase class size. Why? Is it possible to cut admin and hire more teachers? Save money on bloated admin which cost too much. I think some (to be fair, not all) administrators have figured out how to hire more admin staff, so they have less work to be personally involved in. University especially. Time to cut and keep cutting till education improves. We were always told education needs more money so education can improve. Education is poor now with more money so we know more money is not the answer.

Please cut government spending and keep a full PFD for all Alaskans.

Bryan J Scoresby
Palmer AK.

Jake Almeida

From: Mark allegrezza [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 4:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Public Testimony SB 24

Dear Committee Members,

I was born here in Anchorage, Alaska and I am a shared owner of The Permanent Dividend Fund. It is Alaskans royalties from mineral and resource rights. The Permanent Dividend Fund is NOT revenue for State Budget.

The past three years my family and I have not received our full payment ownership value of our mineral wealth share. Laws were not followed. Children were taxed without representation. Statutory law was not followed. Restore the unpaid royalty portions of the PFD from 2016, 2017, and 2018 to eligible individuals.

Support pro-PFD bills SB 23 and SB 24 payback was taken from Alaskans. Restore our trust.

Sincerely,
Mark Allegrezza

Jake Almeida

From: Jana Wallette [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 3:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

The PFD belongs to the people of Alaska. I'm opposed to using it for any state expenditures. The full amount should be paid back and the full amount should be paid every year to all Alaskans.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: kim nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I approve of sb23 &sb24

Kim j Nelson

Jake Almeida

From: John Coon [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & 24

Senators, I would like to give you my opinion on SB 23 & 24. I would ask that you support these bills and pass them through your committees and pass them through the Senate.

I have always looked at the PFD as being like a stock investment and the dividend that is earned on that stock belongs to me. My wife and I have always put our sons dividends away in investment accounts so that he would have money for his college education. My son is a student in the Anchorage school District and I believe he is receiving a good education. When looking at the Anchorage school District I can see that there is a lot of waste in the program and there is a lot that they can cut and consolidate but they are not willing to do this. I believe this goes through all of the State of Alaska departments, they must all be willing to cut their budgets. We cannot afford to fund these programs at the level we have in the past we must bring them back to a level that is far below what we have been spending. We have been subsidizing these programs at levels far above what the averages are across the nation for far too long. When managing my household budget I do not spend more than what I have and neither should the state.

When the people of Alaska receive their PFD checks the money goes back into the local economies we could use that economic shot in the arm. In the few years hopefully my son will be spending his PFD money on his college education at UAA or UAF.

John S Coon
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99504

Jake Almeida

From: LIO Glennallen
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony for SB23/24
Attachments: 0040_001.pdf

Please see attached testimony for SB23 and SB24

-seth

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From: postmaster@akleg.gov <postmaster@akleg.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:12 PM
To: LIO Glennallen <Lio.Glennallen@akleg.gov>
Subject: Scan from Glennallen LIO Copier

Jake Almeida

From: Eric Siebels [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:11 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23-24

Senators,

My name is Eric Siebels, and I live in Palmer. I am writing in support of SB23 and SB24, and ask each of you to pass these bills.

Thank you.
Eric

Jake Almeida

From: beaverwoman1 [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD, SB 23 & SB 24

I feel for you, guys to have to sit through all the "sided" comments opposed to these bills for our constitutional right of the PFD for the citizens of Alaska last night!! Talk about stacked!

Please continue your efforts in the protection of the PFD of why it was set up to begin with, for the people.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Holt

Palmer, AK.

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: Scott Morsell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I APPROVE SB23 and SB24

I approve both SB23 and SB24.

Scott Morsell
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: D.I. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 12:40 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Write in vote, yes ballot 33,34

Hello sir,

I need my pfd! The last couple years with walker stealing the pfd was an immoral and unethical issue. The monies need to be paid out to all Alaskans. I'm more upset that he stole from my kids! Far as the teachers getting paid more, that is an embarrassment. They have out played themselves by over spending and asking the people of anchorage to bail them out on everything. Kids educations are almost the worst in the United States and pouring more money into education isn't the answer. They need to do a lot better than what they are giving out they need to start teaching at a higher capacity. Mr Dunleavy was elected by the people cause we new he was going to make the hard choices with walker over spending and changing our democracy into a democrap state but we the people do not want this. Just like last night I do not understand how mostly it sounded like teachers were calling in and there are soo many people I chatted with on Facebook that said we all waited 1:45 minutes 1:30 minutes to talk then was told we needed to email 1 of 5 persons, I choice you. We the people did not ask these several politicians who are not gathering there facts properly are judging what is best for all us alaskans. We want what governor Dunleavy proposed yes on ballot 33,34 Make it right! I just understand how Gabriel ladoux is on the council in Juneau, she is a cheater and liar. I think the Kenai rep knopps is a crook from coming from a republican area but votes democraps. I just wanted to point this out that have nothing to do with the props.

Thank you
Don Ismael
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Scott Morsell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: SB23 & SB24

I APPROVE SB23 and SB24.

The people should get their full share.

Scott Morsell
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Candy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche;
Senator.Scott.Kawaski@akleg.gov
Subject: Support of Governors budget..... also SB23 Sb24
Attachments: Document1.docx

Jake Almeida

From: Big Dog Custom 4x4 and auto repair [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: support of pfd payout

Hello- my name is Matthew Lay I am writing to in support of the PFD pay out.
I was not able to provide public testimony, but I have been reading many news clips about this most of the people that are changing their tune about making this bill go through are thinking that it is taking from the schools. from what I have read on the bills for the budget is moving moneys around and keeping the money in place for the teachers but dumping some of the bureaucrats from the school system. it seem to me we have many school systems that are demanding more and more money, BUT they have money hid away,

http://www.newsminer.com/opinion/editorials/fnsb-school-district-s-large-reserve-fund-balance-raises-questions/article_85621d30-3e0c-11e8-9afe-5fe1420bec0c.html

This is just one example of this, much of this has to stop. there are many other waste of moneys that is going on, city's and such that are demanding moneys, but are hording money, so they do not have to spend their own money on their special projects.

As a business owner I have tasted the bitter bit that the cut in the PFD has done to just our community. over the last couple years we have lost much revenue, this means we can not hire more personal, or any other expansion plans.

I ask you to please support the Gov's Dunleavy's plan for the PFD.

Thank you For your time

Big Dog Custom 4x4 and Auto Repair
Matthew and Tracy Lay
With GOD All Things are Possible
[REDACTED]



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Jake Almeida

From: Allison Dupre [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 1:42 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Public Testimony Regarding Bills SB 23 and 24

To whom it may concern,

My name is Allison and I have lived in Alaska my whole life. I have witnessed several leaders in government positions and have experienced multiple perspectives. As a loyal Alaskan, I support bills SB 23 and 24 because they have an enormous effect on hard-working residents. While I was growing up, my parents used this money to provide necessities for our family such as winter gear, school supplies, and groceries. Coming from a lower class family, cuts in the PFD's have drastically affected the financial stability in my house. As an adult, I use this PFD to go to college, and it is one of the reasons why I am able to get a higher level of education. With rising tuition costs and fees, it becomes harder to keep up with.

PFD's keep Alaska's local economy strong. People are most likely spending the money within the state generating more revenue for big and small businesses which means people are paying more taxes on goods and services. Although the tradeoff may not sound good in the short run, it is beneficial in the long run.

Governor Jay Hammond successfully started the Permanent Fund Dividend in 1980 because of the abundant amount of natural resources our land has. The PFD's are a way to give back to Alaskans for digging up our land. It was also clearly stated on the bill that there should be no government intervention. The purpose of that statement was to avoid the unlawful use of our funds due to government overspending. The working class is expected to budget correctly so why are our leaders not setting an example? I believe that through hard work and examination we can come to an agreement on how to spend our money wisely.

Do the right thing and support bills SB 23 and 24.

Thank you for your time,
Allison Dupre

Jake Almeida

From: shawna jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 12:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

I support these bills SB23 & SB24
Thanks!!!
Shawna Jones

Jake Almeida

From: Robert Kreft [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PDF

Hello

The Walker administration should of "never" taken the PDF from Alaskan's..

Please pass senate bill 23 and 24, the residents of Alaska need this.

There's allot of people that are hurting out here, our state is a disaster and you politicians blocking everything that should be done doesn't help. The more you block everything the longer our state suffers.

There are two types of politicians and leaders ones that sacrifice the people for themselves, and those that sacrifice themselves for the people. Putting the people before themselves, where are you?

Thank you, Robert Kreft

Jake Almeida

From: mary spitzer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate bills 23 &24

To whomever it may concern,
Please make right Gov. Walkers fleecing of the people of Alaska! Pass senate bills 23 & 24 and fully fund the PFD!
Chris Spitzer

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: PRISCILLA FAIRBANKS [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Please consider passing bill 23 and 24 on PFD. Alaskans need all the help they can get!

Sincerely,
Priscilla Fairbanks

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Jeff Myers [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: jeremydavid333@aol.com
Subject: Senate bill 23 and 24

Please pass these bills..... and let Alaskans have there full PDF.
Don't be like the last administration and take away this valuable resource for so many Alaskans.
Many families need this desperately.

Thank you
Jeff Myers
Co-chair
Chickaloon community council

Thanks
Jeff Myers

Jake Almeida

From: John Vessey [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 9:40 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24 regarding the PFD

Please pass SB 23 and SB 24. Its time to RESTORE the PFD. So many Alaskans depend on the PFD for their families. It is also a great boost for the Alaska Economy. Most of the PFD funds go right back into the economy.

Thank you

Janie Vessey

[REDACTED]
Chickaloon, AK. 99674

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Swanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Testimony on SB23 & SB24

Dear Senator Shower,

Thank you for being my Senator and for putting up with all the nonsense in Juneau to serve your fellow Alaskans. I know you are making a personal and financial sacrifice to try to get us on the right track and we appreciate it. Here is my testimony for SB23 & SB24.

My name is Mike Swanson and I represent myself, my wife Barbara and our three children. My children are in public school, I work in public education and I absolutely support SB23 & SB24. Shame on anyone who tries to foment the false dichotomy between public education and PFD's.

The Permanent Fund Dividend helps the Alaskans who need it the most. We know that 30,000 Alaskans have been put over the Federal Poverty Level over the last three years, first due to Governor Walker's PFD veto, and then by an unholy alliance between most Senate Republicans and House Democrats to confiscate the people's money favoring big government and big business over their actual constituents. Meanwhile, the average Alaskan has suffered, while the can of unsustainable spending has been kicked down the road.

According to ISER, cutting and or capping the PFD has had the largest negative impact on the overall Alaska economy than any other option to battle our fiscal crisis. The PFD has the highest local multiplier effect and buoys the private sector economy, which for most Alaskans is a retail economy.

Another false dichotomy has been PFD vs. income tax. While it's true that 80% of Alaskans would be better off with a flat or progressive income tax than having their PFD capped or confiscated, we know that we could tax people 100% of their income and take their entire dividend and still come nowhere close to balancing the budget.

I am a public employee, having worked for the University of Alaska for the last 13 years (though I do not represent UA). I am the sole income for a family of 5. The PFD cuts the last three years have cost my family over 10% of our household income each year. We already live paycheck to paycheck and struggle to make ends meet. The PFD allows us to stay afloat in the midst of recession and the perpetual high cost of living in the Greatland.

I should not need to remind any Alaska Legislators that the Permanent Fund Dividend is our share of Alaska's mineral wealth, representing access to resources that we are constitutionally prohibited from owning. The traditional allocation of 50% of the inflation-proofed 5 year average of Permanent Fund Earnings worked just fine until Governor Walker's veto. It allows the citizens, as shareholders of our state, to participate in the peaks and valleys of our Permanent Fund investments over time. Anything less than the traditional formula is not a Permanent Fund Dividend. It is a Permanent Fund Allowance.

As for paying back the confiscated portion of the Permanent Fund Dividend from the last three years, it should be viewed the same as paying back oil tax credits that are due under statute. There has been no successful legislation to change the PFD formula, therefore that is money owed to the people. The timing of its repayment, same as oil tax credits, or repayments to the Constitutional Budget Reserve should be considered in relationship to our cash position. I know that the confiscated portion of the PFD is still technically in the Earnings Reserve

of the Permanent Fund, but we have destroyed most of our other liquid assets. If we need to extend the repayment period beyond three years, that is your decision to make, but the people must be repaid.

There is a lot of noise, particularly from the public sector that worries that PFD's increase their chances of losing their jobs. Keep in mind that the Alaskans who are depending on you the most are ones that don't get paid to testify or don't know how to testify, including many who probably don't even know about these bills. These vulnerable Alaskans are the ones who have been harmed the most by the expedient decisions of Bill Walker and the Alaska State Legislature the last three years.

SB23 & SB24 will be a litmus test for Legislators. Look to balance the budget. Look at new revenues, but please protect the PFD. Thank you for your time, attention and support for these vital bills that affect your constituents more than any other legislation this session.

With respect and appreciation,

Mike Swanson


Jake Almeida

From: Cindy Koestler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 8:24 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: PFD

Senators,

Allow me to frame the subject of SB 23 and SB 24 with clarity. Article 1 Section 2 of our State Constitution makes it crystal clear that "We the People" are identified as the sole source of all authority. What is pointedly clear is that all resource of the state will be utilized for the general interest of ALL Alaskans.

There is solely only one resource program instituted by representatives of government in Alaska which provides the resource equally to ALL Alaskans and that is the Permanent Fund Dividend.

Historically, this program was set up as a simple pass through payment from the Permanent Fund board to the Administration for distribution. In this manner it was treated no different than a dividend paid to the shareholder for it's investment profit. It was not considered "A Government Resource."

The moment the legislature began to legislate this appropriation, the nature of the PFD changed from a capitalist payout to a socialist handout.

We all now know that this change was solely to take control of the PFD so it could be utilized as a "government resource" to pay the sin tax of unbridled immature legislative actions of the past and future.

Even though you received substantial push-back from Alaskans with special interests who wish to capture this fund for their own remuneration, I fully expect this legislation to pass swiftly from this committee as the large majority on this committee are publicly committed to protecting the PFD. It is essential for your support not only here, but your support for these bills as they work their way through the halls of our legislature and eventually to the desk of the governor.

Unequivocally, the large majority of Alaskans support this legislation. It is the general interest, not the special interest. Please do the job that all of you were voted to do, by the people for the people should be your agenda. Taking the PFD only hurts the people I use it to get me through the winter, and none of you are supporting your voters if you take it. Cindy Koestler Tok Ak

Jake Almeida

From: Tony Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 12:30 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Defending My PFD

I want My PFD it belongs to Me! Born and raised Alaskan! You cannot STEAL my Permanent Fund Dividend!

Jake Almeida

From: Minnie Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:51 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Senate State Affairs
Subject: Hearing

We Alaskans were promised our PFD payouts, leave my PFD alone, it is Not right to steal from we the people of Alaska!

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Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:31 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD dividends

From Dave Peck
541 Overland Ave #22
Kenai, Ak 99611
907-518-4012

I'd like to comment on the PFD in Alaska & the Governors proposal to reimburse Alaskans for previous lowered PFD amounts.

1. Basically I believe its better to issue PFD's to people rather than use that money to support government. We could initiate a SMALL state sales tax which would help fill state coffers. The sales tax would be boosted from the effect of people buying things using the PFD money. So people could help themselves & their families first yet also support the state with the sales tax as they spend the PFD. This would also help support business. Finally, with a small sales tax tourists would also be helping support state services. Alaska has a unique program with the PFD which gives power to the citizens letting them decide how to spend it rather than big government or special interests.

2. I believe we (the state) need to live within our means. We are a small state by population which means smaller tax base. While we can afford good basic services such as fire/police etc we should not attempt to maintain big city levels of service. We can have good education & a Community College system and maybe even a University system but they need to be brought down to basic levels that our small tax base can afford. I think we got extravagant from big oil. If that is no longer happening we need to pare down. When we think of large Universities we might think of places like Harvard or Yale. States like Wyoming don't have those kinds of schools. Thats where Alaska is at. We can have good schools, efficiently run, maybe not world class, but good. Maybe University professors/administrators will have to take a cut in pay to keep costs down. The people will have to cut costs if our economy is down. So should state service workers.

My wife & I are living on about \$45,000 a year here in Alaska. We get by. Its tight yes. But we choose to live here & make sacrifices. If the oil patch booms again well that will be great. But if not, we accept that we live in a small rural state.

I'd like to comment on law enforcement expenditures. We have a crime problem but how best to address it. I don't think we necessarily need more police. We should fill all the available positions we have. But putting special attention on enforcement against repeat offenders of all kinds violent, sex or property criminals can pay big dividends. Make certain repeat offenders are tracked. Encourage judges to impose high bails on these people or no bail if they are on probation/parole. Then spend money on making sure they go to jail/prison for long periods. Probably spending money on more jail/prison space instead of more police would make sense. We may have enough police already if the people they arrest stay in jail, are convicted & have longer sentences rather than getting back on the street in short order. The existing police forces will be far more efficient if the people they arrest stay in jail when merited. I know repeat offender programs work as I have worked in them myself when I lived in Nevada.

So, in my opinion, the more we can let people keep the money they earn the better. The same with the PFD. The more we let the money go to the people the better.

Sincerely
Dave Peck

Jake Almeida

From: Michael Chambers [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:07 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Senators,

Allow me to frame the subject of SB 23 and SB 24 with clarity. Article 1 Section 2 of our State Constitution makes it crystal clear that "We the People" are identified as the sole source of all authority.

What is pointedly clear is that all resource of the state will be utilized for the general interest of ALL Alaskans.

There is solely only one resource program instituted by representatives of government in Alaska which provides the resource equally to ALL Alaskans and that is the Permanent Fund Dividend.

Historically, this program was set up as a simple pass through payment from the Permanent Fund board to the Administration for distribution. In this manner it was treated no different than a dividend paid to the shareholder for it's investment profit. It was not considered "A Government Resource."

The moment the legislature began to legislate this appropriation, the nature of the PFD changed from a **capitalist payout to a socialist handout.**

We all now know that this change was solely to take control of the PFD so it could be utilized as a "government resource" to pay the sin tax of unbridled immature legislative actions of the past and future.

Even though you received substantial pushback from Alaskans with special interests who wish to capture this fund for their own remuneration, I fully expect this legislation to pass swiftly from this committee as the large majority on this committee are publicly committed to protecting the PFD. It is essential for your support not only here, but your support for these bills as they work their way through the halls of our legislature and eventually to the desk of the governor. Unequivocally, the large majority of Alaskans support this legislation. It is the general interest, not the special interest. Thank you for your support.

Fledgling self employed artist,
Michael Chambers

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Prax [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:42 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Cc: Rep. Tammie Wilson; Sackett, Jim D (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: SBs 23 & 24 PFD Back Payments

Dear Senator Coghill;

Its no surprise that public testimony was 2 to 1 against passing SB 23 & 24. Public meetings are dominated by those whose jobs depend on the legislature to fund government 'services' - it is no objective measure of 'public' demand for those services.

Most of those opposed to the PFD also argue that those who want less government spending must explain how those services would otherwise be provided. That is an unreasonable request. People have an inherent right to NOT want something, but we don't have a right to want anything.

Demanding of someone to explain why what they don't want isn't needed is the economic equivalent of date rape. The Legislature doesn't sanction date rape, it shouldn't sanction economic rape.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mike Prax

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Mike Prax [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 12:28 PM
Subject: SBs 23 & 24 PFD Back Payments
To: <Senator.mike.shower@akleg.gov>, John Coghill <Senator.John.coghill@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>

Dear Chairman Shower and Senate State Affairs Committee Members;

I fully support Senate Bills 23 & 24 and urge the Senate State Affairs Committee to pass these bills out of committee with a 'do pass' recommendation as soon as you are able.

Passing SBs 23 & 24 is imperative to restoring trust in elected officials lost in 2016 when Governor Walker withheld half the dividend amount due to Alaskans by an unlawful exercise of his line item veto authority, the legislature failed to even consider overriding his veto, and the State Supreme Court failed to uphold the complaint filed Senator Wielechowski and former Senators Rick Halford and Clem Tillian filed against Governor Walker's veto .

All three branches of government placed political expediency above their oath and duty to uphold the rule of law. Those actions were far and away the most egregious offenses against the people of Alaska I have witnessed politicians commit in the 52 years I have lived here.

According to AS 43.23.005 – Eligibility: “An individual is eligible to receive one permanent fund dividend each year in an amount to be determined under AS 43.23.025”

These statutes were in force in 2016, '17' and '18 and are still in force today. Former Governor Walker and the 30th Alaska Legislature simply ignored ignored these statutes by appropriating less than the statutorily prescribed amounts to the Dividend Fund which prevented the Department of Revenue from paying the full amount due.

Alaskans have a statutory right to demand payment of the amounts withheld. This 31st legislature must honor this debt before it considers any future expenditure in order to restore the trust of the people it needs to continue to govern.

SBs 23 & 24 enable the legislature to honor this debt. The legislature should pass these bills post haste.

Sincerely,

Mike Prax


PS. I will be happy to show you exactly where the Wielechowski v State Court's misinterpreted prior court decisions which resulted in a conclusion that is inconsistent with Article 9, sections 7 and 15 and prior court opinions.

Jake Almeida

From: brian gaylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 8:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support

Please pass these bill SB23, SB24.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Penpa Tsering [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 8:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support

Please pass these bill SB23, SB24
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: molly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public testimony on PFD

My name is Molly Sloan. I live in Talkeetna, Alaska at [REDACTED] Talkeetna, Alaska 99676 and can be reached at [REDACTED]. One of the primary reasons I voted for Dunleavy is that he promised to restore the entire dividend to the people of Alaska. I appreciate his attempts and the attempts of the senate and house to accomplish this. The cuts in the state budget should not have anything to do with the PFD. The challenges faced by our state because of the budget cuts should be viewed positively in that there is great opportunity to examine and rethink how and why we have done things in the past. I believe we have enough creative and wise people within our state to instigate new ideas in education, the ferry system, health care etc. The whining and bemoaning loss of revenue only smother creative thinking for our future as the state of Alaska.

Jake Almeida

From: chuck kaucic [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:24 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Please:

- 1) restore the PFD & pay back Alaskans what they are owed;
- 2) balance the budget to match available revenues.

Chuck Kaucic

[REDACTED]
Palmer 99645

TX.

CK

Jake Almeida

From: Amy Lantz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:24 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore the PFD

To whom it may concern:

Please restore our PFD's and payback what was already taken. The PFD is not for you to spend as you wish! Focus on balancing the budget and make cuts as needed. Get rid of the extra "fluff" that is built into all these administrations and focus on core government function.

Thank you Mr Dunleavy for your hard work and dedication to keeping Alaska the great state!

Amy Lantz
Concerned citizen, wife, mother and business owner, as well as an active voter

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Sarah Paulus [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: The PFD - Public Testimony

I want the PFD to be reestablished as it was initially intended. What did we do with our PFD? Not your concern but for the sake of this argument I will tell you. My children's PFD went into a savings fund for college. We had saved thanks to the PFD thousands of dollars for our children's education which would not be possible without it. The other always went to pay down bills which helped every year to keep us financially secure. I fail to see investing in our children as money not well spent.

I know Dunleavy is asking for massive cuts across the State of Alaska. We are overspending, things need to be cut I understand that. Please be responsible with our budget and cut what needs to be cut, save what needs to be saved and I pray you wisdom to know the difference.

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Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.
Thomas Edison

Jake Almeida

From: Sarah Hanna [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:08 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore and protect the PFD

I am emailing today to make my voice heard on the topic of our PFD's, past and future. What has been done with our PFD's over the past three years is wrong. It was never meant to become a method of funding government. It wasn't meant to be political or become a weapon for politicians to use.

Restore the PFD and repay what was taken from Alaskan's PFD checks over the past three years. Do the right thing.

Sarah Hanna
Wasilla, Ak
99654

Jake Almeida

From: Wallin, Michael D CIV USARMY USARAK (US) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore PFD (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

I fully support the restoration of the PFD. I also support placing the PFD into the State of Alaska Constitution. I also want a sustainable budget.

Thanks' Michael:

Mr. Michael,D,Wallin
USARAK-G6-IMO\SA
Office [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Jake Almeida

From: Kim Minton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support Mike Dunleavy

I am writing to officially voice my support for Gov. Dunleavy's budget cuts and efforts to restore the PFD. I believe that it is our job as citizens to be fiscally responsible and hold our representatives to the same. With the budget as it currently stands (before the cuts), the state has been wastefully spending. I understand that there are many growing pains that the state will experience but I believe these will ultimately lead to better decision making and more effective programs. We are a single income family and my husband is employed by UAF. As such, I understand this could have a large impact on our future and STILL I support Gov. Dunleavy's plan.

Sincerely,
Kim Minton

Jake Almeida

From: Michael Gillis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: sb 23, 24

I support SB 23 and 24. Thank You

Mike Gillis
Houston Alaska 907-892-1768

"Find out what kind of whiskey he drinks and give it to all my Generals." A. Lincoln

Jake Almeida

From: Matt Finch [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:35 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: pfd restoration and payback

I stand behind gov Dunleavy for the restoration and pay back of the monies taken without a proper vote of the people of Alaska.

RETURN OUR STOLEN PFD'S!

Matthew F. Finch

Kitchen Technician
Alyeska Resort
Girdwood, AK
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Thank You [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support PFD Bills

We need to cut government not the PFD. I tried calling in and could not get through. We as Alaskan need full PFD's and need our government (you) to cut budget to fit income should make sense. The programs being cut in the budget need to reorganize to save money.

Mark
Kenai ,AK

Jake Almeida

From: Kimberly Szczatko [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:45 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Call In PFD

In lieu of the call in I'm electing to email.

The PFD should be protected and restored. Our portion of this should not be used in any form to support or correct budget items. It was wrong then and it is wrong now.

Restore our PFD and reimburse those who should have received this.

Kimberly Szczatko
[REDACTED]
Wrangell, Alaska 99929
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Ben Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Keep the PFD in the peoples pockets.

Dear whomever it may concern,

I am writing you today in testimony to keep the PFD in the pocket of those who live and stay in Alaska; birthed or current resident.

I am a 22 year old male with a son and a wife, which we where all born and resided in Alaska until i took the oath to serve Enlisted in the United States Air Force.

It is saddening that I must write you today to put my foot down and demand that you keep the pfd where it belong; in the hands of the Alaskan Families that depend on it!

It is no secret that many families depend on that sort of extra income that not only boosts the local economies, but fills the bellies of those who receive it.

I am for one, as it is no secret that lower enlisted members of the military make a low wage, approximately 24 thousand a year.

As a single income household, the money that I would have received would have been extremely beneficial to me and my family, where we are forced to ration out our food for a month due to me being the sole provider.

As an Alaskan Resident and a prior person who worked in Prudhoe Bay, Kuparuk Oilfields, Alpine Oilfields etc. for large oil companies before enlisting, there is NO purpose for the government to dip their hand into the honey jar.

As a household if our spending is TOO GREAT, we cut costs, we do not take loans and we do not put our selves further into debt. But for some unknown reason local, state and federal government decides to go into debt. Why? For making others feel good.

UAF, UAA and the whole university system should NOT depend on state spenditure; and the fact that they do attests that the university's system is plagued and requires fixing beyond pumping money into their system.

Therefore I demand the Senate of Alaska that when you vote; you remember the faces of the kids who would benefit from the Divident. Kids like my own. Who's dividends would go to a college fund, or to feeding them when only one person can work, and that one person busts their ass to make ends meet and try to provide for his or her families better life.

Vote to Provide the PFD to THE PEOPLE. Cut your spending, like you would if it was YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

Sincerely;

Ben Allen Edwards, ALASKAN RESIDENT born and forever will be.

Jake Almeida

From: Dan Marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 24

Vote for the bill! The PFD cannot be hijacked to fund education!

- **I have been teaching in Alaska for 27 years , and know first-hand the fiscal waste and the fiscal irresponsibility that occurs in public education.**
- We have teachers that do not teach.
- We have employees that are receiving salary and benefits that do not work.
- We have administrators that are failing to hold accountability.
- Education must become accountable before more funding is procured.
- Education funding is not about the children.
- It is about the union.
- It is about maintaining status quo.
- It is about maintaining a strangle-hold on social and cultural ideologies.

Jake Almeida

From: Nicholai, Lasaundra [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support Dunleavy

I am writing to show my support for Dunleavy and SB 23 & 24

Lasaundra Nicholai, CPO

Ophthalmic Technician

SouthCentral Foundation-VNPCC, Optometry Clinic.

[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Jesse Payne [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Alaska PFD hearings

I am not able to participate in person, but there are some points to be made regarding the PFD. The foundation of the PFD was a TRUST entered into with the people of Alaska. The State was to maintain the mineral rights in the State of Alaska, and use the profits & proceeds for the benefit of ALL Alaskans. Setting up the fund would ensure impartiality & fairness. This was AFTER provision had been made for monies to supply state government! The previous administrations seizure of any part of the PEOPLE'S share, amounts to outright theft, and, to my mind, should be prosecuted as such. It also represents a violation of the very TRUST that was entered into. When such a trust is violated, it relieves the other party of any obligation to live up to the terms of said trust. In other words, the PEOPLE of the State of Alaska should no longer feel any need to concern themselves with paying for things they didn't ask for, don't want, & didn't vote on, by legislators that have FAILED to uphold the Trust. You have removed the validity of representative government, by FAILING to represent the interests of the people. FURTHER, if you are NOT properly administering the the benefit of the minerals extracted, the STATE no longer has valid claim to said minerals. They should be RETURNED to the people, who could then extract them, or lease their land to those that would PAY for it. ALSO, whatever funds remain in the PFD Corporation, need to be distributed to the PEOPLE, and the Corporation dissolved, for violating trust.

OR, we could enshrine the PFD, and how it MUST be managed, in the Constitution of the State of Alaska, RETURN the funds stolen from Alaskans, remind & reprimand every legislator that had anything to do with this debacle, and, investigate whether the former governor willfully committed any crime by violating the terms of the Trust.

Sent from Outlook

Jake Almeida

From: Judah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:14 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Budget and PFD

I live in nenana and i support cutting the budget where ever needed. And i support a full pfd based on the original calculation. I wont be able to call in so i am thankful you are taking email comments aswell. Thank you

Jake Almeida

From: Mark Stormer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:56 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Yes for full PFD and paybacks

cutting the PFD was an unfair tax on the poor and needs to be paid back. Full PFD for the future is what we voted for. Government has to be cut very simple. Thank you

Mark Stormer
Nikiski, Ak
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Annie Bradley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Testimony

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

I am writing to share with you why it is vital you restore the dividend not only to those who were robbed by the previous administration but also to ask you to fix our constitutional laws so that no other politician in this state can ever again override the people on such an important issue without it being placed on a ballot and voted on by Alaskans.

The past three years our dividends were garnished by a greedy politician who turned his back on every person who voted for him. I was one of those people. I have lived in Alaska for over half of my 42 years and 2 of my 3 children were born here. Every year we have received a dividend has been a financial blessing to our family. When we first moved up here we had come up here with nothing but the clothes we wore, a daughter who was a year and a half old, and a baby on the way. We had found ourselves homeless and so my parents flew us up here to help us start over. Over the years we managed to overcome a great deal of adversity and challenges to establish our lives up here and build a future for our children. Like most Alaskans, we use our dividends every year to catch up on bills, purchase much needed items for things like house or car repairs, medical needs and other things most families with three growing children need. Now all but one of our kids are adults, (one is a special needs adult we also continue to care for). We are in a much better place financially but the dividends are still something we need every year to help meet our needs, especially our medical needs. Even with insurance through my husbands job we still struggle to pay for all our medical and especially dental needs because the costs are outrageous. While I dont feel entitled to the pfd's, I know that the pfd's were set up to not only help residents to meet needs in a state that is quite expensive to live in, but to also pour back into our local economy. I know as a family we have always gone out of our way to be patrons of Alaskan owned businesses and we buy local as much as possible.

Our constitution has outlined that a portion of the principle was to be set aside for Alaskans and yet Walker bypassed every Alaskans vote to get his hands on our money. He's not the first politician to try but he is the first to succeed by silencing voters. Our constitution must be changed to prevent this from ever becoming a possibility again and the money stolen from every Alaskan must be repaid. During Walkers reign my daughter was gone to NY for 2.5 months and because she didnt understand how to prove she never stopped being a resident, she went without a dividend for 3 years. I'm sure she's not the only one bullied by that administration and because of it she will only see 1 year of your payback...if it ever passes.

While we didnt lose the roof over our head or go hungry from the smaller dividends, these past few years, many people did. My mom and her husband live off of a very small fixed income. They are poor and the dividends each year are often the difference between food, heat, transportation, and more for them. I help them out as much as possible but I can tell you that a full dividend these last few years would have made a significant impact on their lives. Why is it always the poorest and the working middle class that are hurt by our government? Weather it's by meating out the bare minimum to those like my mom who often cant make ends meet, or by penalizing people for not being poor enough when hard times or circumstances happen. My moms teeth are rotting in her mouth but Medicare doesn't cover what she needs and she couldn't afford the dental plan. There are still copays and costs even though they are on a fixed income...150 may not be much to most but to them it's the difference between gas or heat, they cant afford to pay for things like dental work and even on Medicare they cant afford the cost of prescriptions that are vital to their health because our federal govt keeps messing with benefits and lowering income guidelines. The dividends are a big deal for them and cutting their pfd was cruel and greedy considering every person that supported it lives off a monthly income that they probably dont see in a year.

While I'm not a proponent of stealing from or over taxing the rich to help the poor, I am a proponent of using our resources responsibly. The pfd is a resource for the people. Our govt fails at a macro level, it is inefficient, wasteful, and quick to pay high salaries to higher up executives, quick to pay for frivolous state developments that never go anywhere and yet waste millions of our state dollars, and costly government funded trips to Juneau that wastes millions while elected officials squabble over power and accomplish nothing...All while pinching from needed resources for it's people like caring for the poor, the elderly and people with special needs like my son.

Did you know it took 8 months for my son to qualify for social security? Hes been diagnosed developmentally disabled since he was 3...he was 21 when I applied for SSI and yet it took 8 months to get approved and the paperwork, the calls, the extra trips to Anchorage...and how much money was wasted to figure out the obvious? I realize this is federal funds but my point is the government is wasteful and disorganized. It shoots itself in the foot with over complicated regulations that require 5 people to weigh in on something that should only take one person to do. Our state government is no exception to this problem. There is absolutely no reason we should be stripping the pfd from Alaskans to pay for a failing government system that needs 5 guys to change a lightbulb.

Please restore what belongs to the people and please fix our broken system by cutting wastefulness, wasteful regulations, wasteful and frivolous projects, and wasteful politician and employee salaries that take and take while our poorest and most vulnerable suffer. And please prevent our constitution from being violated by greedy politicians, and prevent greedy politicians from ever again being able to take away Alaskans right to vote on matters like the pfd.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
Antoinette Bradley

Jake Almeida

From: Kerri Mullis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:30 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

The Permanent Fund Dividend program was established in 1980 to allow all Alaskans to benefit directly from Alaska's mineral and investment wealth. For years, the Alaska State Legislature, through a carefully balanced formula, has assured a dividend payment that keeps the Permanent Fund on health financial footing, while benefiting the mineral owners – Alaskans.

The past three years, Alaskans have not received the full value of their mineral wealth share. Instead, either through executive or legislative action, the dividend payments have been less than the formula directs.

Because our government spending far exceeds the revenue we take in. Kicking the can down the road for years, wiping out billions from savings, and then taxing the PFD, all the while just hoping for another oil boom -- it simply doesn't work.

There should be no change to the PFD without a vote of the people.

Please consider what taking away the PFD will do to people who rely on this to pay for heating oil. Consider if you spend everything, where that will leave Alaska.

Kerri Mullis
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Mary Claire [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFDs

Please return the PFD to its full legal value. Government spending must be checked and departments must be held accountable.

Alaska resident Mary Claire Kretzschmar

Jake Almeida

From: barbara dyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 9:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Please consider

The PFD belongs to the people of Alaska.

It was stolen.

At the very least it should be put to a vote by the people.

If the people vote that it be given to the state then it is given and not stolen.

I do not want the PFD to go to the government.

Barbara Dyer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Palmer AK 99645

From: R S [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 9:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23/24

Regarding public testimony in the Senate State Affairs Committee on Governor Dunleavy's proposed supplemental PFD bills.

First, I approve of paying out our stolen PFD payments. The PFD should never have been tampered with.

Second, just who are all these people testifying to take the PFD and add an income tax? Do they work in Government or are they Legislator's flunkies? Ask each person testifying what their line of work is or who they represent.

I am 76 years old, live on a small pension and social security. I count on the PFD to supplement my income and usually pay for a lot of my winter's fuel. I live without electricity or running water just so I don't have to go into debt to continue living in Alaska. I doubt if I am the only person in this situation.

Supposedly the money not paid out was put in a separate account and is still sitting there. If so, immediately pay it out. A lump sum sitting there like that is just too much temptation for Legislators as they evidently can't stick to a budget within their means. Pay it out, put the PFD into the Constitution if necessary to

secure it for the future. Keep the formula set out to start with for it and leave it alone.

Residence:

Rosalyn Stowell

[REDACTED]

Livengood, Alaska

Mailing Address:

Rosalyn Stowell

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Jake Almeida

From: erland day [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

I just wanted to write in and let the senate know of my support for SB 23 and 24.

Thank you,

Chris Bolton

Jake Almeida

From: Kimberly Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:28 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Alaska Permanent fund # 23 & 24

My fellow Alaskans, it has come to my attention that greedy politicians are again trying to get their fingers on the PFD to pay for pet projects or more government.

You all were elected to serve the best interests of the people so explain to me how it is in the best interest of families who depend on that money to buy fuel for the winter, pay property taxes to the cities we live in and feed families. I believe the Alaska Permanent fund must be protected and all monies owed to Alaskans must be payed. Do the job You were elected to do for the people you serve.

Keep your hands off the PFD and find a way to pay the bills without taking the easy approach and tapping into something that was not ever intended to pay for your pet projects and live within a Reasonable budget like every Alaskan has to, we make tough decisions every day . I fail to understand how you can possibly keep spending money on things you can not afford and jeopardize the future of Alaska and it's people. We live by the if you cannot pay for it you can not HAVE it and that should apply to you to. Sure it's tough, sure it hurts but at least there is NO debt to pass on to the future.

We are watching you and expect our elected officials to do the right thing for Alaskans and our families.

Sincerely , Kimberly Edwards

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Daniel Lester [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD testimony

There was a time we the people were asked to give our vote to take a one time payout and let the state have the PFD after that. It was a lot of money dangled in front of our people to buy them off. Obviously that didn't work. I don't believe the people who set this up had any intentions of the money all going to the state. They set a certain formula to process the money and divide it among the people and the state. If this is followed as set forth, the fund will not deplete and the people will always have a share of the oil money taken from our land. Walker and everyone who allowed him to rob this state's people was and/or should be removed from office.

The money received from this fund helps people buy supplies and needed items such as fuel for the winter, warm coats and boots for themselves and their children. House/rent payments, a car to get to work with. Sometimes even Christmas presents their family otherwise would not have. There is many needs for this money to be in the hands of the people and not the state.

This money placed in the hands of our people are a direct stimulation to our economy. When the money goes to the hands of the state it is not felt by the economy but more by the pockets of the rich.

I know there is a group of politicians that prefer the people to be dependent on the government, but the government can't support them even with the PFD. People need to start taking care of themselves again and then maybe this mess of a country can turn around again.

Governor Dunleavy, we put you in office to fix the mess Walker left behind. Please, do everything in your power to follow through. Remove SB91 and all its mess along with returning the PFD to it's rightful amount and formula. We need protection from big government and all thier deceit and lying ways.

I thank you for the time you are taking for comments and I hope you will take into consideration the needs/wants of the Alaskan people.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Jana Walette [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:49 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Protect the PFD it belongs to all Alaskans. Payback what was taken from us by Walker.

Jana Walette
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Candy Norman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:30 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23. SB24

Honorable Representatives,

I fully support SB23 and SB24.

Also our Governor's budget.

Thank you,
Candy Norman
70 year resident

Jake Almeida

From: Dylan Platz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFDs

We need to keep our PFDs, the government took that money from us for 3 years illegally and against our state constitution, it should never have been taken nor spent in the first place, yes it takes a toll on our state but its no better off than if they would never have taken it to begin with. A way of funding may be needed but stealing is not one of those ways. Budget cuts are neccessary especially where not needed. Funding UAFs projects and certain classes that do not benefit the state do not take a priority over the correct actions of giving back the money to the people from Alaska. It was our money and IS our money and we the people want it back despite what some liberal socialist agenda desires. WE BACK YOU 100% DUNLEAVY!

Jake Almeida

From: Carla [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Dunleavy proposal

Dear Senate,

I have been living in Alaska since 1965. I agree with Governor Dunleavy and protecting the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. I support restoring the Alaska Permanent Fund and paying Alaskans back their PFD monies back that was taken the last few years. I suggest instead of taking Alaskans PFD's, to give Alaska a State Tax to help with other budgets. Or a Lottery to help raise money instead of taking Permanent Fund monies from Alaskans.

Sincerely,
Carla Kusmider

Jake Almeida

From: guy whitney [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Keep your hands out of the permanent fund. Cut all social programs if you need to. Downsize government. QUIT HIRING NEW PEOPLE. Tired of you idiots miss managing my money and taxes. Would you run your personal expenses like this?

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: jeremy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:26 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support the full pfd and back pay

I support sb23 and sb24 because it belongs to the people of alaska and it should not be taken.

Jake Almeida

From: Dorris Stevenson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:26 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore PFD. SAVE PFD

Because our Alaska government spending far exceeds the income, they should balance their budget like we have to do. The PFD Was not intended for the State Government to pay their debts of overspending. We enjoyed the oil money benefits for years. Now we must learn to pay our own way.

We must protect the Permanent Fund dividend. Alaskans' PFDs should be paid in full using the law that has worked for decades, and the PFD should be protected in the Constitution, now and for the future.

There should be no change to the PFD without a vote of the people.

I pray you are a man of integrity. Stay true.

Prayers and Gratitude to you, Governor.

Jake Almeida

From: kenneth mcLeod [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:21 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Protection of the PFD

To the members of the State Legislature,

I am writing to ask you to support the restoration of the full PFD to the people and the return of the PFD funds stolen from the Alaskan people by your governing body. The people of this state made their wishes known in regard to the PFD by electing Governor Dunleavy and honestly, if we could have voted out every member of the legislature who voted to steal that money, we would have. We understand that budget cuts are difficult. We know they are unpleasant. We also know they are necessary. We support our Governor and his budget proposal. We also support using the state constitution to protect the PFD from further misuse. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Kenneth McLeod
North Pole

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: V Brennan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore PFD

To whom it may concern:

I am still speechless over the actions by the Government officials involved with stealing the PFD from the people of Alaska. Most of all, I am sick of hearing the lame excuses justifying those actions. This state has functioned just fine on the system that had been in place for decades.

Cut the budget like our Governor, Mr. Mike Dunleavy has proposed, learn to live without like the rest of us were FORCED to when our money was taken without our vote and start living within your means like the rest of us.

Education has plenty of funding, learn to budget!

I am sick of the waste and I am sick of the politicians who are in it for their own agenda. YOU WORK FOR THE PEOPLE!
It's 5 simple words that every politician should live by.

Please work for the people and restore the money that should have never been taken in the first place. Remember that no household can work without a budget, the state is no different. There is plenty of funds to support it

Regards,

Vander D Brennan
Republican and proud voter of Governor Mike Dunleavy

Jake Almeida

From: Tiare Hansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:51 PM
To: Senate State Affairs

I SUPPORT THE PFD PAYBACK, IT SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

We don't need more taxes, we don't need an income tax, we don't need to create hardship for Alaskans everywhere. We need accountability and to cut the fat!

Because our government spending far exceeds the revenue we take in. Kicking the can down the road for years, wiping out billions from savings, and then taxing the PFD, all the while just hoping for another oil boom -- it simply doesn't work.

We must protect the Permanent Fund dividend for generations to come. Alaskans' PFDs should be paid in full using the law that has worked for decades, and the PFD should be protected in the Constitution, now and for the future.

There should be no change to the PFD without a vote of the people.

Blessings and Gratitude to Governor Dunleavy!

Tiare Chai

[REDACTED]
Kenai, Alaska 99611
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Carolina Vidal [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Hello lawmakers,

I am writing to express my support for repaying the PFDs to Alaskans. We should not continue to live off an inflated budget, and the PFD has no place in paying for state programs. It should be paid directly to each Alaskan. Give us Alaskans our back-pay PFDs that were **STOLEN** from us!

Scott Tolladay

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I am 100% in support of restoring the FULL PFD to the people & putting it into the Alaska State constitution.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: John Whitford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

Yes to senate bills 23 & 24

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: John Whitford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

Yes to senate bills 23 & 24

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Maria Hass [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD public testimony

I am asking that you listen to your constituents and restore the PFD to its full, original formula as well as protect it constitutionally so it can never be interfered with for political gain again.

The PFD is our portion of mineral rights. We should have never been stripped of it in the first place. This is why Walker lost and Dunleavy won, this is what Alaska wants.

Those who feel these funds should be diverted to cover the state budget should then receive their PFD in full and forward it to the organization/public service of their choice.

However you have consistently shown a failure of budgeting below your means, eliminating pork, and being conscientious of your spending. I refuse to have my mineral rights and my kid's mineral rights be sacrificed to cover your short comings. I can't budget my household spending more than what I earn and expect to spend someone else's money, and neither should you.

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- 🌸 Maria Hass 🌸

Blogger at <http://MariaHass.blog>

H2O Independent Advisor

<Http://myh2oathome.com/Hassfamily>

Jake Almeida

From: Pat Virden [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:24 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Re: Budget

We support a state income tax to cover education & essential services.

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 3, 2019, at 2:41 PM, Pat Virden <pat7.pv@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Please back the governor's plan to reduce the budget & pay the full PFD. Look at the number of school superintendents for tiny populations, for one example of the excess. Thanks for your work.

> Gene and Pat Virden, Eagle River, AK

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> Sent from my iPad

> Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Lee Darbous [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 3:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: "Yes on SB#23, and #24."

Please vote to pass Senate Bill 23 and 24 in favor of funding the PFD in full, and in reimbursing us for what was taken over the last 3 years.

Thank you.

Lee Darbous

Jake Almeida

From: Heath H [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Alert Response

Dunleavy is correct!

The PFD was given to Alaskans for our local economy since the petroleum jobs hemorrhaged money out of Alaska. Alaskans we always told they didn't have the qualifications for those jobs and all the education promised to Alaskans never happened. L48ers came to Alaska received seniority while our own Alaskans were lucky to get jobs cleaning up after them, the government and the tourists.

In writing, we were promised when the PFD was created.

Please add my email to public testimony.

Thank you,
Heather Herndon

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY PFD SB23 & 24

Send this to: senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov
There is another deadline tomorrow. Be sure to enter your name and address below.

I SUPPORT THE PFD PAYBACK, IT SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

Because our government spending far exceeds the revenue we take in. Kicking the can down the road for years, wiping out billions from savings, and then taxing the PFD, all the while just hoping for another oil boom -- it simply doesn't work.

We must protect the Permanent Fund dividend for generations to come. Alaskans' PFDs should be paid in full using the law that has worked for decades, and the PFD should be protected in the Constitution, now and for the future.

There should be no change to the PFD without a vote of the people.

Mason C.K.K. Lloyd

[REDACTED]
Sterling, AK 99672
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: no-reply@alaskasenate.org
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:25 PM
To: Peter Torkelson; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Email Your Senator Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Email Your Senator through your website.

Your Senator
Mike Shower

Your Name
Charles Lester

Your Email or Phone
[REDACTED]

Question or Concern

Senator Shower- Please align yourself with the Governor's budget and I am 100% for SB 23 and SB 24. Cuts to funding will always hurt but it is going to hurt worse down the road for our kids and grandkids if we dont get a handle on this situation now! And THANK YOU for your service to this great country!

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Jake Almeida

From: karl andres [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs

I support the pay back for the dividend! Thank you!.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: nhel bonifacio [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:01 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Hello

You need to pay back for the 3years cut in our dividend..Please help us to gave what is right.. thank you so much..

Jake Almeida

From: Christine Heller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Testimony

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this email today to express my opinion on the PFD. This subject should not even be open for discussion. The simple fact that it belongs to the People of the State of Alaska not the government is why it shouldn't be a discussion. The former Govenor and legislatures had no right to touch it to start with.

We are hard working middle class citizens in my home that look forward to our PFD every year. We use it to help fill our heating oil in the fall for winter as well as pay down bills. Very rarely is it used for anything other than to improve our finances before the winter weather kicks in which is expensive for cost of living.

This money is not supposed to be tied to the State budget in anyway. The payback of the last 3 years PFD does not come from the state's budget but from the separate accounts for the PFD alone. So to me the solution is pretty simple. Please payback the monies taken from the People of Alaska.

Thank you
Christine Heller
[REDACTED]
Glennallen, AK 99588

Jake Almeida

From: Kay Ballentine [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: We support SB23 and SB24

Hello,

My husband and I are residents of Anchorage. We support this PFD payback legislation, SB23 and SB24. Please remember that Alaskans elected Governor Dunleavy because he has a plan to reduce government spending instead of kicking the can down the road by eating away at the Permanent Fund. Please do not give in to all of the well-organized unions and special interest groups. Please recognize that the PFD belongs to the PEOPLE of Alaska, not the government; there is a difference.

Many people are decrying the reduction in education spending. We have two school aged children and we DO care about their education. However, we also know that there is a lot of restructuring that can be done in order to make public education in Alaska both effective and less expensive! For example, we cannot believe that educators get free healthcare when other hard working people have to pay for it! Making educators pay premiums and co-insurance just like EVERY other middle-class family is a great start to reducing the State's education costs. Also, my husband works hard and does not get a raise every year; why do teachers expect one every year? And what about the State paying for education in de facto towns that haven't incorporated, such as Prince of Wales Island? These are just a few of the many ways we can reduce spending for education.

Raiding the PFDs of Alaskans is not a sustainable way to support an ever-ballooning, ever-expanding government spending habit. The answer is reduction of spending. Thank you for taking our input into consideration.

Sincerely,

Kay Ballentine

Jake Almeida

From: Meldonna Cody [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: Support SB23 & SB 24

Senators:

As a resident of Alaska since 1983, with my extended family resident much longer - since 1963, I ask that you support SB 23 as well as SB 24.

The PFD is at minimum an annual reminder to the people of Alaska that WE THE PEOPLE are responsible for both our resources as well as for monitoring those elected officials who we chose to work to represent us. Deplete the PFD, and the control and voice the people of Alaska have over it, and we will forfeit the essence of the spirit of Alaska and the people who endure and thrive here. It is a positive element of the PFD that keeps resources, revenue, expenditures, and government in the minds of Alaskans.

Please do not be swayed by the teacher's union and their "save the children" false mantra. I listened with increasing disgust at the selfish failing educators claim nonsense about the PFD and education. I worked for nearly 20 years in the KPBSD and KIBSD, as well as stints in Bethel, Dillingham, and Nuiqsuit. Over the years our schools lowered the bar and shifted parenting to the schools. Teachers have glorified themselves while they have created a tremendous problem in our state. If they cared about our children and their future they would take a hard look at the failing Alaska educational system, and be working to revamp it from the ground up. Instead, they want more money to floorboard ahead with the trainwreck. About 48 states do a much better job than Alaska for far less money. The best thing I ever did for my child was to pull him out of Alaska's public schools and put him in a private school. His and my PFD's went a long way toward that end, and he is now a very successful professional.

People can always donate their PFD's if they feel the need.

We voted for Governor Dunleavy knowing we each would be impacted by the budget cuts we supported. We also expect the PFD to be restored, and any changes to ONLY be done by a vote of the people.

We also expect you as our legislators to listen to our voices.

Support SB23 & SB24.

Sincerely,

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*Meldonna Cody
Clam Gulch*

Jake Almeida

From: Carl Norman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: State budget

Dear legislators,

Please support Governor Dunleavy's budget, along with the cuts that he has to make. Alaska survived rather handsomely for many decades on a budget that worked. When the liberals came into power, the budget and spending ballooned, at the expense of Alaskan citizens. To support the liberal budgets, over half of Alaskan's PFD was stolen, the reserves were depleted and the public workforce surged to unheard of numbers.

I read/watched the "town hall" meeting in Homer a few days ago. The liberals were out in force, insulting, belittling, screaming and generally disrespecting our elected officials, similar to what they have done and are still doing to our President Trump. These same liberals made it very clear where they stood in Alaskan politics. They want MORE. They don't care if the standard of living for all real Alaskans is lowered to a base level that is absurd. All they care about is MORE for themselves, no matter what hardships are foisted upon others. This is not the Alaskan way. Traditionally, Alaskans have cared for each other. No more is that a reality, for liberals. The Homer display by liberals embarrassed me for the methods employed in trying to intimidate State Rep. Vance. To her great credit, she stood up to them politely and informatively.

I believe that Alaska is/has been, in the process of being hijacked by outside liberal interests. There seems to be no other explanation. Conservative Alaskans must take our State back from them. Support Governor Dunleavy and his much needed budget cuts. Do it for Alaska and Alaskans. If the liberals don't like it, maybe they should go back where they came from.

Why should the "president" of UAA have a much larger salary than the President of the United States? Ridiculous. That's only one example of the outrageous spending by liberals. There are more. Lots more.

Thank you,

Carl Norman
67 year Alaskan

Jake Almeida

From: Kayleen Justesen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:21 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd testimony

Hello,

My name is Kayleen Justesen and I'd like to give my testimony on the pfd. 3 years ago the amount was reduced when at the time governor walker signed documents allowing this. This has made the winter months hard for our family of 6. My husband works in the oil field and that is the time of year when work is slow and having the dividends helps our family (like so many others) get through the slow and hard winter months. Having reduced pfds though have made it harder to budget for those months as you can only stretch a \$ so far... please reinstate the full pfd and payback what was STOLEN from all Alaskans for the last 3 years! With doing this more families will be able to self sustain and get the things they need (bills paid, groceries, winter gear for their children, etc.).

Sincerely
Kayleen Justesen

Jake Almeida

From: Suzanne Schweinsberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent Fund Dividend

Sirs / Madams:

The Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend is permanent by definition. I voted for Gov. Dunleavy partly because he promised to restore our Permanent Fund Dividend to the full amount that is due to us. And I want what has been stolen from us restored.

There should be NO change to the Permanent Fund without a vote of the people!!

Restore our Permanent Fund Dividend so that we can continue to contribute to the Alaskan economy. I worked for 50 years of my life and recently finally retired; now I am on a fixed income and at no time in my life have I needed the Permanent Fund Dividend more.

Will be watching to see who votes for the Permanent Fund Dividend and will be voting accordingly.

Suzanne V. Hall

Jake Almeida

From: Chad Omar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony March 5th, 2019

Hello Senators,

I strongly support Gov. Dunleavy's plan to back-pay the 3 years of PFD's that were withheld during the previous administration. I also support protecting the PFD formula and distribution method through a constitutional amendment that will limit legislature from using these funds without a vote from the people. Thank you for your time!

Chad Samskar
Nikiski, AK

Jake Almeida

From: garrett carson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Hello,

My name is Garrett Carson, ive lived in Alaska off and on since 1994. My wife Holly Carson has been an AK resident since 1980. We have two children who were born at AK regional hospital 2011 and 2014.

Weve been saving as much of our PFDs as possible for our childrens college fund. Taking chunks of our PFDs affects our finances and our childrens future education. Weve owned our homes, and pay our property taxes annually. We actually downsized homes because of our excessive property taxes.

I would love to see our PFDS re-paid and left alone in the future. I realize that the state needed some of the money to make ends meet. I feel that there should be spending cuts/ we spend tons of loot re-doing roads and making new roads.. its nice but if were broke stop spending money.

There should be homeschool in villages and tiny towns where having a staffed school is expensive and ridiculous. I choose to live in a city and pay taxes so my kids can be educated. If i moved to a small remote town i wouldnt expect top notch education.

Finally i fully support a sales tax, even a huge sales tax to help bridge our gap in funds. I dont support an income tax, it just effects people with jobs.

A sales tax effects everyone who buys stuff!

Its amazing. If your a drug dealer, and you do not have a job or own your home you do not contribute tax money. If we had a sales tax.. drug dealers are ..boom ☒ - paying taxes!!

If your a tourist boom ☒ -paying taxes!!

Low income families spend less money therefore payless taxes. High income families spend more money therefore pay more taxes.

Thats all i got. Dont take our PFDs... help tons of ak kids go to college.

Side note: people spend tons of money locally when PFDs roll in as well. Lots of jobs ive ever had got super busy at PFD time.

Tire shops/ pizza joints/ movie theatres.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Chelsea McDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Right for the PFD

PFD's are for the people and should not be controlled by the government. I believe we should get one large pay out and he done with it.

Your Kenai Peninsula Scentsy consultant! Chelsea McDonald. 

Jake Almeida

From: Trisha Wyrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

It was in poor taste that the PFD was taken from the Alaska people by the stroke of a pen. We, the Alaska people, voted Mike Dunleavy in to restore our PFDs. I would like to see our Permanent Fund Dividends fully paid back, this way we can contribute to the Alaska economy and get our great state back to prosperous times!

Thank you,

Trisha Wyrick

Jake Almeida

From: Kevin Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:55 PM
To: senate.state.affairs@aleg.gov
Subject: PFD

you already get a portion of the PFD.....stop lieing to your constituents.....the PFD is not now, nor was it ever intended to be, part of the budget.....I support the governor's efforts to cut the budget and as my employee, I expect you to do the same, period.....SB 23 and 24.....now do your job.....sincerely, Kevin Hall, box 684, Sterling, AK 99672.....since 1956.....

Jake Almeida

From: Michael Gillis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I'm writing on behalf of the PFD.

There is a reason there aren't any oil millionaires in Alaska, like there are in Texas. It's because the state kept the subsurface mineral rights.

As a property owner, I would just as soon the state gave me back my subsurface mineral rights in exchange for anything I may have coming in the form of the PFD.

What say you? Let's make a deal; you keep the cash, give me back my subsurface mineral rights. We can both feel good.

Thanks Mike Gillis
Houston Alaska

"Find out what kind of whiskey he drinks and give it to all my Generals." A. Lincoln

Jake Almeida

From: nick danger [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

No PFD stealing No new taxes ever , live in your budget support the governor Or we will vote you out

Nicholas Danger RSP DD DRS

Jake Almeida

From: Jonathan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: ALASKANS want our stolen money back!

The permanent fund dividend was created to be permanent – you can tell by its name. It was automatic. We have elected Governor Dunlevy because we believe he represents the voices of Alaskans. I would like to see my permanent fund dividend returned in full to my family so that we can continue contributing to a prosperous Alaskan economy and support prosperous families in Alaska —thank you very much.

Jonathan Hursh

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Stephen Varnadoe [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

The permanent fund dividend wasn't created to be a band-aid to fix poorly run government. We should have made cuts necessary to the budget long before the deficit became a problem. You can't spend money you don't have and expect someone else to bail you out. Please restore the full PFD and all back payments to the rightful owners! Let's do what hasn't been done and support a balanced budget and live within our means.

Stephen Varnadoe

Jake Almeida

From: Joni Cody [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: I support SB 23 and SB 24

Quit spending so much money on SILLY stuff!

G'day,
Joni

Jake Almeida

From: Jessie Kitamura [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Public Testimony

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a lifelong Alaskan resident. I support the PFD proposed by Governor Mike Dunleavy, in that the PFD should be restored completely, under the pre-Walker calculations, and paying back what was reduced by Walker's vetoes. The PFD is extremely important to the financial stability of Alaskan families. The PFD is personally important to my family, in that being a mother of 5, the PFD is the sole source of child support for my children. Their father does not pay child support otherwise, and works under the table. The PFD is the only source of his income in which can be seized by the Child Support Services Division. When the PFD is reduced, so is the source of income used to help support my children. I work full time, and have a decent career, but having the only other source of income available taken from my children is just wrong. The PFD helps to buy their school supplies, clothes, pay for their field trips, school lunches, and other necessities that my income alone cannot cover.

I urge the senate to approve Governor Dunleavy's budget for the full restoration of PFD's, past, present and future.

Sincerely,

Jessie Kitamura
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99507

Jake Almeida

From: Aldean Kilbourn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:21 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Governor Dunleavy's budget and PFD

I support Governor Dunleavy's budget that includes sending me PFD monies previously withheld. Why - because I don't think you do a better job spending that money than can I and every individual Alaskans.

All I hear and read about are whiners who think government solves problems. It doesn't. It creates messes that if left alone, wouldn't even exist. IF a municipality decides it has a real need, it should fund it, not the Legislature. IF a community sees a problem, it should figure out a fix itself. Not rely on the Legislature to fork over more money.

The Legislature seems to think all those budget line items are needs; they are not, they are mostly wants.

The state has almost two billion in deficit spending - ridiculous that you've allowed it to reach such a level. Don't tax me to fix a problem you created. Without the money, cut away until you have needs, not wants in the state budget. And stay within the revenues that the state is currently receiving.

Aldean Kilbourn
Fairbanks, AK
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Linda Wood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:37 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Need to Pass 23 & 24

Dear Senate

Please Pass 23 & 24 for the Permit Fund

Linda Timothy-Wood/Palmer

Jake Almeida

From: Traci Donahue [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 11:33 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: TESTIMONY ON SB23 & 24

I, Traci Donahue am a registered voter and citizen of Alaska. I believe that the theft of the people PFD in 2016, 2017, and 2018 should be paid back to them in the full amount. I also believe that the PFD should be protected from the greedy hands of politicians and the from now on the PFD should be paid out in full to the citizens of Alaska as it was intended to be.

Many Alaskan such as myself rely on our PFD money to get us through the long harsh winters here in our great state. With the rising costs of living and less jobs available once tourist season is over this money that has been promised to the people of Alaska makes to possible to survive in the off season.

As a voter I will be paying close attention to how each elected official votes on these important matters and when election time comes around I will not be voting for anyone that does not stand up for the Alaska people by correcting the past 3 years PFD theft and protecting the future full payment of the PFD's

Thank you for your time
Traci Donahue

Jake Almeida

From: dkfenterprise [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 11:12 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Sb 23, sb 24

My name is David Finch and I live at [REDACTED] Willow Alaska. Ph.# [REDACTED] Please vote yes on sb 23 and sb 24

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: Sydney Wetzel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 10:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

To Whom It May Concern,

As a fellow Alaskan, I whole-heartedly encourage you to support Governor Dunleavy's SB23 & SB24. I am in full support of getting my family's dividend returned as well as trimming our state budget.

My children's dividends are saved in a college fund, which will help them with their future educational goals. The amount that was stolen from them is significant-- I don't want to apply for any more student loans that we have to! Taking their savings without consent is wrong, plain and simple.

Alaska is not a poor state. Our resources are abundant. Government has simply overspent in the past & it must stop! It's a simple matter of mathematics. Yes, we will all be affected by cuts; however, we will be affected even more if this out of control spending is allowed to continue. As my 12 year old says, "It's like Alaska is a college student: we're all going to have to eat Ramen for a while."

Please support our Governor. Do what is right. Get down to earth, not worrying about power, greed, or peer pressure. Life is too short for this Legislation to be bickering & playing games.

Sydney Wetzel
[REDACTED]

Chugiak, AK
99567



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Jake Almeida

From: John Goulet [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 9:48 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: For SB 23 and 24

John Goulet, Chugiak

Resident of Alaska since 1981. I waited to be heard on my phone for an hour and forty minutes. My wife and I support Governor Dunleavy and he is doing exactly what we elected him to do. Balance the budget. We are for SB 23 and 24. We the people of Alaska want to spend the PFD not government! People can pick click give if they want to give to government ! We are against oil tax credits! Two other alternatives to raise funds. 1 - state income tax but only if it includes all outsiders who come to alaska to make money then leave. Grrrr it upsets me people coming up here using our natural resources, oil, mining, tourism, commercial fisherman. ALL must pay income tax and not just Alaskan s. 2- state wide sales tax on everything from tire change or times. May 1 thru October 1.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Angela Berke [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 7:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Yes on SB #23, and #24!!!

----- Forwarded message -----

There are a lot of people and businesses that count on getting the full PSD to help boost businesses and financial stability especially for some of the Millennials and those coming out of high school. Getting that PFD makes a world of difference of being able to get out on their own, having enough to put down payment on your first last month's rent, a house, a car, or just to get ahead.

Those who opposed getting the full PFD they have the right to not apply if they don't want theirs, but don't keep hundreds of thousands of Alaskans from getting it just because a few handful of loud people make the most noise and keep the rest of us from being able to.

Thank you,

Angela Darbous

Jake Almeida

From: Chuck Bickley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 7:12 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Self
Subject: Senate State Affairs Committee

Dear Senator Showers;

I was not able to participate in the public hearing and testimony on the PFD pay back plan so wanted to send you my thoughts.

The Permanent Fund was created as an amendment to the Alaska Constitution to invest a portion of oil money in a dedicated fund for future generations. It is the property of all Alaska citizens and not of the government, in power at any particular time.. It is our portion of the value of the resources from below ground property rights and was set aside for all citizens of the state during establishment of the Permanent Fund since we did not retain below ground mineral rights after statehood.

History has proven that many politicians believe that they are smarter than the normal Alaskan citizen and can better determine how PFD funds should be used to provide the needs of people of the state. Our current financial dilemma is a result of how wrong they have been in their ability to manage the money of the state.

I believe the Governor is correct in his current plan for bringing our financial house into line with our projected income. Permanent Fund Dividends should be paid out as his plan provides and how past legislatures had done until Governor Walker's wrong headed thinking fouled things up.

There are parts of his proposal that I don't like because it gores my ox. One such is the school bond funding reimbursement. That program let school districts build Taj Mahal's because they sold property owners on the idea the state would always pick up the tab. However, it needs to be done away with and I will deal with my higher property taxes if that helps kill that misuse of state funds. I could use the withheld PFD dollars provided by his plan to pay higher property taxes. I have voted against school bonds because, again, that program led to grandiose design and spending.

School funds need to be cut and it will be a travesty to all Alaskans if the legislature bows to the teachers union and does not cut it. I came here in 1973 and students rankings have been going downhill since before them, even as more and more dollars were thrown at the problem. Ask Rick Rydell(Green) about his kids graduating sum cum laude from high school and having to take bonehead classes in college. If schools were widget factories and the amount of widgets produced for sale kept going down the workers, in this case school administrators and teachers, would be replaced to improve production.

The management at the University of Alaska should all be chastised for their poor planning, lack of stewardship(bloated salaries), and not putting student needs and welfare above other things. It seems school administrators at all levels have forgotten if it were not for the students they would not have a job.

I believe those of us on fixed incomes and many in the bush communities are more effected by the PFD cuts than many others. For instance the state workers and many school employees just continue to get pay raises even if cost of living has not gone up. I could go on but am sure you are getting a lot of feedback from both sides and will have to sort the facts out and then deal with the reality of what you can do within the legislature and the mess the House of Representatives is in. As cuts are made to bring the State budget we will see more local governments raising property taxes to make up the difference and the PFD will help those on fixed incomes to adjust to those higher expenses.

I do support the Governor's plans 100% and could fill pages with thoughts on each of the cuts he has made. The State has a requirement to do what is required by the State Constitution and no requirement to bow to the many special interests currently being funded.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and comments. I appreciate the job you are doing down there.

Sincerely, Chuck Bickley, Wasilla, 99623

Jake Almeida

From: Gordon Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 5:40 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD

Greetings,

I am not able to attend the Union-Overrun Town Hall Meetings about the PFD pay back.

I want the PFD that was taken from me returned, please.

I believe the intention of the PFD was to benefit the economy every year. I know I purchased winter gear, educational materials for my children, and paid up bills.

I do not think the government needs any more money. I believe government should be limited. I am not happy with how the money the government is spending what they currently have.

Please vote to return the PFD to the individual citizens.

Gordon R. Hill



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Jake Almeida

From: Jeff Myers [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Fwd: Senate bill 23 and 24

Thanks
Jeff Myers

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Myers [REDACTED]
Date: March 2, 2019 at 10:07:24 AM AKST
To: senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Senate bill 23 and 24

Please pass these bills..... and let Alaskans have there full PFD.
Don't be like the last administration and take away this valuable resource for so many Alaskans.
Many families need this desperately.

Thank you
Jeff Myers
Co-chair
Chickaloon community council

Thanks
Jeff Myers

Jake Almeida

From: Abby [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: <No Subject>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Abigail and I have lived in Alaska most of my life. I have witnessed several leaders in government positions and have experienced multiple perspectives. As a loyal Alaskan, I support bills SB 23 and 24 because they have an enormous effect on hard-working residents. We used the money to provide necessities for our family such as winter gear, school supplies, and groceries. Coming from a lower class family, cuts in the PFD's have drastically affected the financial stability in my house.

PFD's keep Alaska's local economy strong. People are most likely spending the money within the state generating more revenue for big and small businesses which means people are paying more taxes on goods and services. Although the tradeoff may not sound good in the short run, it is beneficial in the long run.

Governor Jay Hammond successfully started the Permanent Fund Dividend in 1980 because of the abundant amount of natural resources our land has. The PFD's are a way to give back to Alaskans for digging up our land. It was also clearly stated on the bill that there should be no government intervention. The purpose of that statement was to avoid the unlawful use of our funds due to government overspending. The working class is expected to budget correctly so why are our leaders not setting an example? I believe that through hard work and examination we can come to an agreement on how to spend our money wisely.

Do the right thing and support bills SB 23 and 24.

Thank you for your time,
Abby

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Betsy Germain [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 8:43 AM
To: Senate State Affairs

I support Gov Michael Dunleavy and Bills SB23 and SB24.
Betty J Germain
Ketchikan

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Bob Meyers [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 1:15 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Yes vote on SB 23 and 24

Senate bills 23 and 24 need to be passed. This is my belief for fair system that has help grow our state. Listening to limited people, with their own agenda, will not clear the smell test. If you're that unsure of what direction the people of state want you to go. You can always ask them ALL again. Ballot box stuffing of opinions will only reflect bad on those involved. If you don't get it right, then you will be removed next election and we will correct your error. I know your job is not easy, but, you wanted it and I wish you the best. Thank you.

Robert Meyers Chugiak Alaska