

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Community Budget Hearing

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Testimony: Hello, my name is Lois Repnow. I live in Palmer. I have been an Alaskan resident for 19 years now. I voted for Gov. Dunleavy and I fully support his budget plan. I also think that the capitol should be moved closer to the people.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our thoughts. I know that making cuts isn't easy... nobody wants their program cut. But... it is HIGH TIME we live within our budget!!! As a homemaker, I have my personal budget I have to live by. Yes, there are a lot of things I'd like to have or do, but I always have to consider what I can pay for and live within my means!

I think it is high time that we become responsible and handle our budget responsibly! There is too much waste in all areas! It is not Free Money that the state gets to spend any which way it wants... it is our money!

~~I support the PFD~~ Don't touch our PFD's... I support Dunleavy returning us what was taken out of the PFD fund. Like another lady said before me:

It is time to clean house. Hold people responsible for monies received. ~~and~~ I am the mother of 10 children, 15 - newborns and we have to practice restraint in our spending. For those grieving the cuts: a reminder... we are NOT a socialist/communist country! Stick to your guns Dunleavy! We're behind you all the way!

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Testimony:

I Support Governor Dunleavy and his fiscal Strategy!!! It's like there's too many layers of old paint to just put another new coat of paint over the top. It's time to stripe down to the bare wood and get rid of fiscal irresponsibility! I want to leave the PED alone because I sincerely think that the current legislator will only squander it away.

Education cost per student in the lower Forty Eight is about \$8,000/student but here in Alaska it's \$17,000/student. yet, our test scores are pathetic. We have 10 children and we home school and we don't see anything close to \$8,000/student yet \$17,000/student.

It costs the Legislature \$57,000/day when in session and I think any Legistor who unexcusably misses 5% of a 90 Day session should be replaced!!

Thank you!



Good Afternoon,

My name is Martin Spargo. Thanks for taking the time to connect with Alaskans directly. I have lived in Alaska since 1975. I own a business, a home and have raised four children, all who live in Alaska. I have seven grandchildren.

I will address my main points first.

I am adamantly opposed to the governor's budget proposal. Spending within our means is one thing, how we get there is another. We need you to work cooperatively as representatives of the people and I hope Alaskans can put partisanship aside and be amenable to crafting solutions that benefit all.

These are things I believe we should do as a State, that combined will get us out of our deficit spending, or put another way, balance spending with revenue:

- (1) Institute an income tax based on a percentage of Federal taxes.
- (2) Modify the royalty payments from oil to reflect either the State's original language and agreements, or base the payments on other world and States royalty averages. We are underpaid.
- (3) Use the(a) portion of PFD earnings designated to appropriations for State spending needs. I am fine with the POMV plan.
- (4) Do not back pay PFD. When you find yourself in a hole stop digging.
- (5) I am not sure where we are with incentives to encourage participation from the oil industry. If we have past obligations to pay we of course have to honor that. Moving forward we should not continue to subsidize exploration and development.

These are proactive and positive things we can do. You have expert input and analysis to these specific things that I will not try to belabor or emulate.

Regarding an editorial about the PFD I recently read (wish I recalled who wrote the piece): I also believe the Permanent Fund was created so as to have a legacy fund to draw from when oil revenue would eventually decline. And I also recollect the narrative that the Fund was created so as to not allow the legislature unfettered access to the royalty pool of money, that it allowed the "people's" oversight as a braking mechanism to spending. That there was a time when some of the profits could be given directly to the people was a blessing for sure, but was not the original intent. This has become a twisted and convoluted story, one that I believe is a false narrative. It is also a plot that, to become an elected official one has to subscribe to. I suppose my question is, "who will put the bell on the cat"? If I am mistaken in my understanding I can accept that, as long as the misunderstanding is succinctly spelled out by facts and timelines.

I would like to share an anecdote regarding education and the Governor's proposed budget cuts. My daughter recently went as a volunteer with a program that sends people to Western Alaska to teach children outdoor skills and recreation, in this case cross-country skiing. She is with a group that will

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work with kids for I think a week. My daughter sent a text that she has given me permission to use, which will follow. The point I will be trying to make is how the impact of the proposed cuts will have on schools and programs, and the safety net those institutions provide. This is my daughter's text to me:

"This place is amazing, but I have so many conflicting feelings about it. There's this incredible joy and pride to living a traditional lifestyle out here. An overwhelming number of the kids don't live with their parents, though, because the parents are dead (lung cancer, boating accidents, suicide) or they were taken from them at a young age. So they stay at school from breakfast through (if no one sends them home) open gym in the evenings. And Sikuku (Cross Country Skiing) is a great activity that lets them stay at the school longer. I think the majority of students eat only two meals a day, both of which the school provides. But everybody acts like family because it's the family they have. There are so many little girls here that have asked me to be their mom, and if they can come stay with us."

I am from Wasilla, and had planned to speak at the LIO today (Saturday), but the crowd was quite large. From what I can gather the messaging is pretty much the same, 'don't touch my dividend'. I do not ascribe to that notion, and am hopeful for a problem solving push from our legislature as you move forward.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Martin Spargo

Martin Spargo

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin Spargo".

The testimony of Mark Fish 3/23/2019

John Locke said,

“Truth certainly would do well enough, if she were once left to shift for herself.”

The simple truth is, this body desires to take property from the many, to give to the few, to take property from people of little means, and give to those that have.

This is how empires have crumbled and civilizations have fallen.

Yet you insist on following the same short sighted course that has failed us in the past.

There is a better way.

Alaska can fulfill it's motto “north to the future” setting an example for the nation, and the world to follow.

There are two property rights that every individual has, common property rights and earned property rights.

We must honor and defend both.

The PF and PFD honors our right to benefit for commonly held property.

No income tax honors our earned property.

The world is changing socialism, communism, fascism have all failed, and due to advances in technology and efficiencies in production, our most successful model capitalism, is not far behind.

Think of the future.

We can honor all our individual rights and have a functioning, flourishing society, if we just embrace the concept of geo- libertarianism that your predecessor's did when they created the permanent fund and the dividend program.

A model so profound, the rest of the world would be wise to emulate.

Avoid your shortsighted urges to raid the PFD or impose an income tax to prop up failing socialist schemes.

Honor our common and earned property rights.

As Thomas Paine said.

“In advocating the case of the persons thus dispossessed, it is a right, and not a charity, that I am pleading for.”

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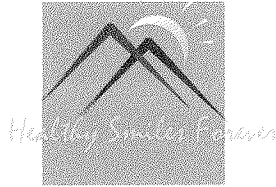
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Testimony: Support keeping Adult Medicaid - specifically Adult dental Medicaid preventive services. There is a lack of awareness of how important dental/oral health is to overall health. As a dental hygienist of 30+ years I have seen the benefit of these services. I have been in private practice, public health and education.

Currently I am Director of Healthy Smiles Forever - a non-profit that ~~seeks~~ has a chair at Postle long-term care & rehabilitative center. Please see the attached letter that is addressed to Senator Nicholas van Imschoot.



March 22, 2019

Dear Senator Natasha von Imhof,

I am writing to oppose the removal of Dental Medicaid in the budget. I am a veteran dental hygienist and Director of Healthy Smiles Forever. The Healthy Smiles Forever clinic is in the Prestige Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Facility in Anchorage. This is the first full service dental clinic located in a long-term care center in Alaska. I started this project 3 years ago with a dedicated team of dental professionals who have made a significant impact on the resident's oral health within this facility. Oral health is important for all age groups. For the elderly population living at Prestige Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Facility, maintaining oral health is particularly important for many reasons. Recent research has shown poor oral health is linked to many systemic diseases. In the elderly population, risk of pneumonia is significantly increased when oral bacteria is aspirated into the lungs. Beyond systemic diseases, poor oral health can lead to gingival diseases, periodontal diseases, carious lesions, and abscessed teeth causing pain and decreased social interactions which can contribute to poor nutrition and worsening overall health and wellness in this already fragile population.

As a dental hygienist practicing over 30 years, I believed I had seen most aspects of dental disease and oral problems. Over the last 3 years providing dental care at Prestige Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Facility through Healthy Smiles Forever, I have been shocked to see the severity of oral health "issues" in residents of this facility. Every day that I am there it seems there is a new problem I have never seen before. It has been surprising but very rewarding to have the opportunity to treat these residents and resolve issues to improve their oral health which improves their overall health and wellness.

Over the past 3 years, at least 95% of our patients have been covered by the Medicaid dental program. If these residents were to lose this benefit, most would not be able to afford any dental treatment. The improvements seen in residents social and mental outlook as well as their overall health and wellness due to the dental treatment they receive, would no longer occur if Dental Medicaid is removed from the budget. I have many "stories" from residents and family members of the impact Healthy Smiles Forever has made that I would be happy to share with you. Healthy Smiles Forever is looking to expand to the Pioneer Home in the next couple of months. However, if Dental Medicaid is removed from the budget, expansion to improve the oral health outreach and lives of our elderly is in jeopardy. Please do not let this population be left without access to dental care.

I would love to discuss the consequences of losing this benefit with you on the phone or in person and share some of the stories of the lives that have been impacted these past 3 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Royann Royer" followed by the text "CDA RDH MPH" in a smaller, less stylized font.

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Testimony: Call me old fashioned but I like to pay for what I get. As a true conservative this is what adults do. I feel an income tax is a reasonable necessity for the State of Alaska. Anyone who tells me different is not a true Citizen of the United States of America. Oneable Citizenship is not a matter of what you can take from the government but what one contributed to society.

As far as the back pay of Permanent fund checks is concerned, this will lead to the biggest brain drain Alaska will ever see. Why would a reasonable family currently renting and struggling not take this tidy sum and use it to move out of state. These families will not be losers who are not tough enough to be Alaskans. Instead they will be the brighter ones with ambition who would like to improve their family situation, and go where the jobs are. "Thank you Alaska" will be their parting words for a nice going away present.

I paid a reasonable income tax through my teens and twentys. This was not a burden, instead this was something a proud Alaskan does.

If this State is going to avoid one big Car Wreck created by the Governor the state legislature must stand up to Dunlevy and say "Alaska first" and pour the no tax Grover Norcross' coolaid down the drain.

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Testimony: To always use the revenue of education to solve money problems is like saying that education is not important. I am a retired teacher and I think that message is disgusting.
This is a fabulous state with a fabulous education system. I saw the difference when we were educating children from the "outside". It will not remain that way if we have upwards of 30 students in the classroom.
Respect and honor teachers.

Margaret Johnson

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Testimony:

1. Pass the Dunley Budget
 2. Repeal SB 91
 3. Full PFD to the people
 4. Listen to the People
 5. Tureen is the employee not the employer.
 6. How spends must be cut
 7. Cut the # of state employees
 8. End the state employer union
 9. Reorganize the school districts
 10. Cut the salaries of the University staff
 11. Move the capital to Anchorage.
 12. Audit OCS + allow private citizens to be included in the audit
 13. Audit each program + consolidate
 14. Sales tax no state income tax
 15. promote jobs (telecommute opportunities)
 16. Restore Family Values
 17. Support HB 85 (50/50 shared Parenting)
- cut the budget first then cut the PFD then tax

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Testimony: I don't agree with the current Budget Bill. The Best way ~~to~~ too Raise a States GDP is to invest in itself. Education is the most important way to stay Revelant in a global economy. I'm sick of Being a Resource colony for oil corporations.
Thanks

Miles Gibson

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Testimony: we can do better by our people.

Governments are created to serve and represent people. Gutting education, healthcare and social services will leave our most vulnerable in even more vulnerable positions.

I support progressive taxes. I have no children but want them housed, fed, with healthcare and education. I want healthy neighbors.

I am sick of crime and drug issues =

I believe if people ALL had basic human rights – health, nutrition, housing, education, community – these ills would be less prevalent.

Stop catering to the corporations + special interests. Tax the rich. We can do better.

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Testimony:

See attached sheet

MARY ANN HOLMQUIST PAGE 1

My name is Mary Ann Holmquist. I am commenting as a mother and a grandmother whose children have consciously decided to return and stay in Alaska to raise their families. I cannot tell you what it means to have my grandchildren living nearby and be an active part of their life.

Which is why we were horrified to review Governor Dunleavy budget proposal for the State of Alaska. His vision for Alaska does not, in any way, match the state I want for my grandchildren.

His budget makes devastating cuts to education. I want good strong schools for my babies. I want basic funding for social services, state parks, infrastructure, and public safety.

The Governor tells us that he wants to bring state spending in line with revenue. But when Alaskan families are hit hard during economic times they don't deprive their children...they go out and find more revenue, bring in more money.

I want you to take this message back to ~~the legislature and the~~ Governor.

Our days of balancing the budget by depleting our reserves must end.

Tax me. Tax the oil companies. Use my PFD. I'm ready to step up and start paying for our state government.

Make Alaska a state where my grandchildren can get a good education. Where they can chose to stay in state to get a good ~~university education.~~ college degree.

I'm asking you to make Alaska a state where my children and grandchildren will stay.

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Testimony: I support Gov. Dunleavy's original plan. The state budget needs to be cut drastically for long term viability. The peoples' dividends are theirs to spend as they want or need.

Many groups are coming forth with open hands with a desire to put their wants or needs above those of the general public. This is wrong. If you live on an island that depends on ferry service, don't expect someone on the road system to pay for it. If your schools need repair but you live in an area with no local taxing authority, form one. You can improve your schools and infrastructure just as others do in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

Please, keep your hands off of our dividends. No new taxes! Cut spending, we all need to feel it.

My future and my children's future depends on the dividends. Life is expensive here, so is college. Please don't make it worse by taxing us or taking our dividends and giving it to special interests.

Thanks,

Chad Lewis

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Testimony:

We want our permanent fund restored to its historical standing.

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Testimony:

reduce the size of SH,
pay alaskans back their FD's
all of it at once
not over 3 years.
THX

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Testimony: Cuts must be made across The board no sacred cows. Veterans, education, seniors, agriculture, everything must be cut. When the Federal Government shut down I didnt notice. I bet we could cut state spending by 75 and I also wouldnt notice. The ~~amount~~ amount we spend vs. the Results we get is embarrassing.

Education and Healthcare are subsidised by Government and the Prices are sky Rocketing well past the Rest of the market. Its OBvious we need a spending cap as no one is ever willing to cut anything.

I Know Im in the minority when I say I dont need Government in my Life. Legalize Cocaine, stop taxing Alcohol. Why do we ever have a human Rights commission? How has The EPA made my Life better? Departments, committees, Administrators? It seems to me we have lost sight of the actual Purpose of Government.

IF you cut the budget we will Figure out what is actually Important

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Testimony:

I agree with Gov. Dunleavy's budget plan 100%. We need to cut the "fat". If "the fat" is prevalent in Education, DOT, in State administration, If the budget is not approved and the State continues in the manner it has in last few years, we will be ~~in~~ a bankrupt state which helps no one. In pipeline years Alaska's spending was out of control but we had the money so no one paid any attention. Education didn't improve with additional funds, in fact, it got worse. Now, we have some of the poorest student results & yet ^{school} administration continues to grow & demand more while threatening to cut teachers. Too many chiefs and not enough Indians. This is true in all aspects of the State not just education.

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Testimony: WE MUST CUT State spending. Imagine an experiment: take the amount spent on a per capita basis for the people receiving each specific State service, simply transfer the money to those receiving each State service. Then ask those people if they would keep the money or pay the money back to the State in exchange for the service. I think what you would find for most state services is that even those receiving the service would not think the true cost of the service is worth the expenditure. If a program is a bad deal for those receiving a service if they have to pay for the service, then it's still a bad deal when you force other people to pay for the service. If you remove the dividend then you will eliminate the constituency it creates which protects the permanent fund, the legislature will never be able to constrain spending if we remove the dividend one day not to fall off there will be a constitutional amendment allowing the permanent fund itself to be spent.

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Testimony: The price is too high to return to a full PFD when Alaska trades the promise of its children for the outrageous and austere measures listed in Gov Dunleavy's 2020 budget. The price is too high! When \$309M is cut from education. Cutting teachers that go out of their way for my child's discreet needs is not a solution. Mrs Teresa Johnson is under threat of lay off to support this budget because she is not tenured. This negatively affects my child! When cutting education will affect the number of aids my son and his peers need at Palmer Jr Middle School under Mrs Christiansen, that negatively affects my child! Two of my children benefited from the early education that is on the chopping block. All three of my children have had successful school life from the excellent teachers in the Mat-Su School District. We cannot trade the promise of all our children just to get more money in October. It is unconscionable to propose such drastic cuts. The price is too high.

John Paapel

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Testimony: The Governor proposes cutting the GF budget for Medicaid by \$225 million, but there is little to no detail for how the cuts will be implemented. The Department's plan accounts for \$100 million in GF cuts, but its details are either flawed or missing completely. The plan calls for cuts to providers of health care services. We have seen how this plays out through Medicare. Medicare regularly cuts provider rates and the result is that people looking for a doctor simply cannot ^{find one} because physicians will not take Medicare. With these cuts, the exact same thing will happen for Medicaid patients. Do not cut to cut; cut because it makes sense. These cuts do not make sense because there is no meaningful plan to implement the cuts. We urge you to take time to work with providers, hospitals, nursing homes, and other stakeholders to develop smart cuts that will not impede access to care and destroy the economy. \$70 million in private investment hangs on this. We want to invest in our hospital infrastructure, but if the proposed cuts go forward, we cannot ~~do so~~. Please work with us and other health care providers.

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Testimony: We elected Mike governor for
a reason cut the budget

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Testimony: Thank you for traveling to this location [Wasilla 410] to hear public testimony. I completely support using PFD monies to support state government. I also support imposition of an ~~ice~~ income tax and - as a last resort - a statewide sales tax. State of Alaska needs additional revenue streams and cannot be solely reliable on oil taxes/revenues. For that note, it is RIDICULOUS to give the oil companies a tax break AND to borrow money to do so. Unbelievably poor management.] I disagree with the Governor's proposal for ~~the~~ the budget cuts. He is correct that SOA no longer has the same revenue stream and something needs to be done. However, cutting the budget in the manner proposed is counter-productive, and particularly damaging to education + health services. Children + disabled adults are the ones punished most of all. Shameful.

Bottom line - I support a cap on the PFD dividends as well as an income tax, in order to support government Services (education, health, court system, child welfare services, etc.)

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Testimony:

Please do not pass Gov Dunleavy's budget as he has proposed. The cuts will be detrimental to the voters/families throughout the state.

We need to reinstate a statewide income tax to help balance our budget. The PFD will not support the families/individuals that will be effected by cuts \$3,000 doesn't help a senior living at the Pioneer home, make ends meet or stay living there.

A cut to medicare will hurt many recovering addicts move forward in their daily struggles to be clean. Also, many low income families rely on medicare to stay healthy for work.

Cutting the budget for the University system will mean less Alaskans will attend higher education and will make less money over the course of their careers.

The AK Marine Highway system is important to Southeast. Do not cut funding for this.

Yes, cuts need to be made, but we don't need a larger PFD. We need a balance between the budget, revenue, state income tax, and the PFD.

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Testimony: Please repeal SB 21 - It hasn't worked. It has not only failed to encourage increased production to offset the loss of revenue, it has driven our solvency as a state into the ground.

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Testimony:

The Dunlevy budget is without merit

The government should be unified in providing needed funding.

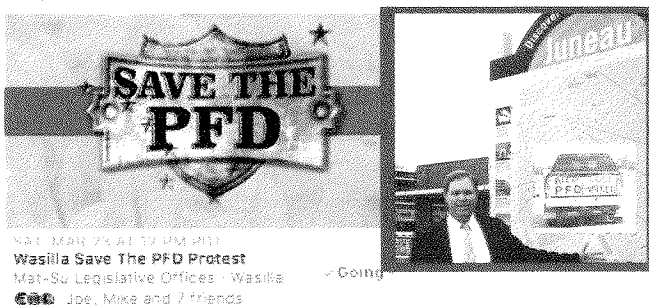
The Dividend is not necessary and should be eliminated

The state needs to impose an income tax to have funds for the services needed

(for example health care medicare, medicaid, infrastructure maintenance and amplification, senior/elderly services, restoration of the port of anchorage)



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Our Dividend is not a Blank Check for your Government!!

Our Dividend is not Your Blank Check
Disburse the full Dividend and its earnings to the people. The transfer of the funds into a Reserve Savings Account shows that the legislature waits to find a way to turn our funds into a general fund to promote government spending. We as a state spend 3X(times) the national average on general any purpose expenditures.

Disburse the full dividend and its earnings to the people for their purposeful use as determined by the individual for his mineral right. This earnings is for the people as a common indicator of a shared investment in states shared mineral rights development Form a Maximum benefit of the people not state programs.

The Dividend our half of the earnings is our mineral rights and shall be transferred...Any changes should require a vote of the people as our governor has asked. We the people have a vote. As you can see we vote and Juneau changes our vote. We sent a 23 majority Republican group to the House and you changed it into a 15 majority-minority democrat led majority.

This must not happen to our Dividends.

The people have to vote on the spending of our Dividend the fifty percent we trusted to them. Designated by us not for GF transfers.

We don't want our dividend to be used for any purpose as the General fund is designed to do.

**We
The People
Have
Spoken.
We
Approve
The
Big
Red Pen**



Used For any changes to the Governors budget of which you do not have 30 votes to override the peoples will....

**STANDING TALL WITH
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Stephen Wright

My name is Mike Coons and I'm speaking as the President of the Greater Alaska Chapter of AMAC.

I fully support Governor Dunleavy in his budget attempt to finally balance the State budget. I fully support his bills, as well as his Constitutional Amendments that will hold your feet to the fire.

The only bill, SB 58 which I oppose, is a tough call. This is a program that by in large is a good bang for the buck for the truly senior needy. As the Governor has said, if you oppose one aspect come up with a cost savings from other area. I don't know the total numbers, but full repeal of the Commission on Human Rights would be a great first step, since under State and Federal law, this commission is not needed. In addition, most recently the Executive Director has shown a bias against the 1st Amendment rights of others. This has caused grave concern in the effectiveness of this commission in protecting our rights in a cost effective and Constitutional manner.

How this House Finance committee is working this budget is anything but transparent. This idea of sending out for "hearings" to push this budget over the present Governor Dunleavy's budget is a slap in the face to the voters who elected the Governor and the majority in the House, in spite of Rep Knopp, Stutes, LeDoux, Koop and Johnston siding with the Democrat-Socialists to steal that election! While the Senate is giving all bills from the Governor a fair hearing, you Speaker Edgmond have assigned several to 3 committees. I fully expect when the Senate passes the Constitutional Amendments, you will block those as well!

We demand a balanced budget, the full re institution of the PFD with the back payment per the Governors bills to do so in three year increments! Balanced budgets are not done by stealing from the Permanent Fund earning but by living within the States means! Speaker Edgmond, END the RESISTANCE against Governor Dunleavy! If not, you look the fool like those in D.C and resistance of the President!

March 23, 2019

Testimony Community Mtg. on Alaska's Budget

The research has been done by ISER, the state's Dept. of Revenue, back in 2016. These are non-partisan research bodies. We cannot continue the status quo, we cannot cut our way to balancing the budget, we cannot rely on 90% of our revenue coming from oil, we cannot expect a rosy future in fossil fuel development. That era is passing us by while we twiddle our thumbs.

We have to decide whether half the population should leave so we can live within our means and expectations AND keep our PFD's. Or we can grow up and pay our way with graduated state income tax, increased gas tax, a redux on SB21we've all cut but the oil industry...and we need to understand how fast that PFD will disappear if we do nothing. A fat payback will end the PFD in short order. You cannot argue with the figures.

Centrists in Palmer are considering income taxes. We don't agree with the governor's vision of the future. We do not want to jettison 60 yrs of statehood progress.

Note that cuts have been made since this study was produced:

<http://www.akfuture.org/wp-content/pdfs/alaskas-future-deck-1026-16.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1koWqlO9T4yOy7vPsslGpnkMzfhw3zmuThQMOLq0wfuQuVT8Gvq9tHO7s>

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The testimony of Mark Fish 3/23/2019

John Locke said,

“Truth certainly would do well enough, if she were once left to shift for herself.”

The simple truth is, this body desires to take property from the many, to give to the few, to take property from people of little means, and give to those that have.

This is how empires have crumbled and civilizations have fallen.

Yet you insist on following the same short sighted course that has failed us in the past.

There is a better way.

Alaska can fulfill it's motto “north to the future” setting an example for the nation, and the world to follow.

There are two property rights that every individual has, common property rights and earned property rights.

We must honor and defend both.

The PF and PFD honors our right to benefit for commonly held property.

No income tax honors our earned property.

The world is changing socialism, communism, fascism have all failed, and due to advances in technology and efficiencies in production, our most successful model capitalism, is not far behind.

Think of the future.

We can honor all our individual rights and have a functioning, flourishing society, if we just embrace the concept of geo- libertarianism that your predecessor's did when they created the permanent fund and the dividend program.

A model so profound, the rest of the world would be wise to emulate.

Avoid your shortsighted urges to raid the PFD or impose an income tax to prop up failing socialist schemes.

Honor our common and earned property rights.

As Thomas Paine said.

“In advocating the case of the persons thus dispossessed, it is a right, and not a charity, that I am pleading for.”

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Please be advised that this is your public testimony and it will become part of the public record – Should you wish to email this information-please use:

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Testimony: I always vote, but I have never before submitted testimony. I live in Willow and represent myself and my husband.

I have grave concerns about the negative effect the Governor's budget proposal will have on the state. The cost of cutting infrastructure like the Marine Highway and the University system will be far greater than the dollars saved.

I want my grandchildren to attend Fully Funded schools. I want Alaska to have a vibrant University system. I want my neighbors to have access to healthcare.

I want to keep the Marine Highway.

And I am willing to pay taxes! Please initiate an income tax, sales tax, or both.

Please make your budget decisions based on reality and not on ideology.