

Jake Almeida

From: Kelsie Carlson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Senate State Affairs

The PFD's and the budget don't belong in the same conversation! I want my oil and mineral rights back if your going to keep stealing my money for the rights to oil and minerals! We support Sb23 and sb24!!!

Andrew and Kelsie Carlson

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

I am writing in as an Alaskan, born and raised here, a registered voter. I want to show my support for SB23, and SB24. We the people are paying attention. Elected people who refuse to do as the PEOPLE want will be removed when the time comes. Again, I support SB 23,24. We the people are watching.

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

Jake Almeida

From: Paul Kalmen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:31 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24

Honorable Senators:

I am strongly in favor of SB 23 and SB 24. The purpose of these bills is to restore money that was stolen from the people of Alaska by the previous administration. The excuse given for this theft was that the State Government needs the money. This is blatantly false since the Alaska Government spends more per capita than any other state in the Union and well over twice the national average. <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/per-capita-state-spending/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>

Governor Dunleavy ran on a platform to restore the PFD and was elected by an overwhelming majority. While restoring the PFD may not mean much to the very wealthy, to the average Alaskan it is a tremendous benefit. It is a great boon to the economy and makes a big difference to many merchants. I believe it is the single best thing the Legislature can do for the Alaska economy.

Sincerely,

Paul Kalmen
Valdez

Jake Almeida

From: Linda Morrison Goss [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:31 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SUPPORT!! Senate bills 23 and 24

As a 65 year resident of the State of Alaska I am supporting Senate Bills 23 and 24

Linda Morrison Goss

Jake Almeida

From: Mike [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback Comment for Public Record

Senators,

Please do the right thing and restore the PFD to it's intended purpose. The people spoke in the last election. A majority of the residents of Alaska want the PFD Payback along with some serious cutbacks on the outrageously bloated state government. If the spending cuts don't take place along with the PFD payback there will be a strong backlash by the residents. Please don't let the SWAMP determine our State's course. Juneau and the other special interests have controlled the state long enough. Be our voice and take our state back. Full PFD and cut government. Thank you.

Michael S Mercier

[REDACTED]

Chugiak, AK 99567

Jake Almeida

From: Joseph Riley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Sen. Click Bishop
Cc: rep.david.telerico@akleg.gov
Subject: PFD

Leave the PFD alone and pay back all of it you have taken from us! It was never meant to be a safety fund for the legislature to appropriate when they can't balance the budget.

Joseph G Riley
[REDACTED]

Slana, AK
99586

Jake Almeida

From: Kathy Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SUPPORT THE PFD!

To the current Alaska legislature:

I am sending this AGAIN so you DO NOT MISS it...

STOP PLAYING GAMES. I speak especially to the Democrats, but also to any Republicans siding with the Dems:

Remember Trump's victory? Remember Walker's humiliating defeat?
YOU ARE NEXT.

Restore the full PFD and remit the funds illegally stolen from the people of Alaska or pack your bags; your political careers are over. OVER.

Support the governor.
Stop whining over the budget YOU have created BY GIVING IN TO LOBBYISTS (!) and overspending & using money you didn't have.

Stop stealing from the people to pay the bills.
Build jobs. Build roads. Make this state friendly to business.
Let Alaskans get to work and have integrity in their homes!
Drill oil and gas.
Shut up and sit down and stop playing games with the people you say you are representing.
You are LIARS and should be removed from office until you act accordingly.
NO EXCUSES.

I am so embarrassed by you all!! Support the governor and restore the PFD, make the cuts, begin LONG-TERM solutions or get out. Your day is over, your WAY is OVER.
You will not enjoy a re-election.

Kathleen Martin
Registered voter and long time resident of Alaska who is sick of the nonsense going on the legislature. Sick sick sick.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD PAYBACK SB23, 24 Testimony

Dear Legislature,

I am a law abiding citizen and member of the Alaska Air National Guard and even with my current income combined with my significant others income, we still struggle yearly to cover our bills, feed ourselves, and feed all of our animals. The PFD really makes a difference every year in supporting us and our fellow Alaskans. To take that away from us little by little is against state law and is unethical toward the people of Alaska. You are supposed to be representing all Alaskans, not be in charge of us. I 100% am FOR the Alaska PFD Payback! MAKE ALASKA GREAT AGAIN

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S®6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: April Prichard [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback

My name is April Prichard. I have lived in Valdez, AK for almost 8 years. I completely support the Governors proposal to payback Alaskans for the PFD that was robbed from us. The PFD was never intended to be for the "state" and was set aside to pay residents for the disruption and depletion of the environmental resources. The AK government took that money because the price of oil was down and it is a crime. That is the oil companies problem, not ours. The AK government was supposed to manage the money, not decide on the allocation of payment. The state has been poor stewards and failed in their MANAGEMENT ROLE. Make it right!

Thank you,
April Prichard

Jake Almeida

From: Charles Elliott [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Sb23 @ sb24

As a life resident and voting member of our community I strongly encourage our political body to support Dunleavy's PFD protection and payback plan. It is well past time for financial accountability without stealing from our neighbors and children. You would not and can not run your own personal finances this way and should not consider it for the public.

Support our Governor

Respectfully; Charles Elliott
Sterling Ak.

Jake Almeida

From: Cindy Reed [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23, 24

Please pay back our PFDs. We as Senior Alaskans, need this to survive. It's not a free money pit for government overspending. We demand this stays for the people, by the people.

Signed,
Michael and Cindy Reed
Big Lake ,AK.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:22 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Save my PFD

Madam or Sirs:

I am writing to you in support of SB23 and SB24. I understand there was public testimony last week in which a majority of testifiers were teachers who spoke in opposition to SB23 and SB24. Teachers make up about 1% of Alaska's population. As a member of the other 99%, I am here to say the amounts of the PFD from 2016, 2017 and 2018 that was taken from the people MUST to be returned as quickly as possible. In addition to returning the amount that has been taken, future PFD's need to be the full amount. This would help ALL Alaskans and be a great boost to our economy. If it appears the budget of the state is too great to allow these two things to happen, expenses MUST be cut! We must live within our means. And a tax of any sort cannot be part of the discussion! We cannot tax ourselves into prosperity.

Again I support SB23 and SB24!

To sum up:

- 1) Return 2016, 2017, 2018 unpaid portion of PFD to people
- 2) Fully pay future PFD's
- 3) NO new taxes

Thank you,
Lenn Davis
Eagle River, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Courtney Ricks [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:17 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB24

I work...all day....sometimes 6 not 5 days a week. Truly, it must be nice, like some recent testifiers, to get paid to take the day off and testify in person recently in favor of an income tax, curtailing the PFD, and not paying back what morally belongs to the citizens of Alaska.

I on the other hand...expect my PFD to be paid back in full, no income tax, a fully funded PFD and paid PFD going forward, and the PFD taken out of the legislature's control. Unfortunately, with a 90 to 120 day session, a citizen legislature, the remote accessibility of Juneau, an uninformed voting populous, Democrats who run as Republicans, and apothetic voting this is the only way to curtail unsustained growth of the budget and government.

Thank you,

Courtney Ricks

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:11 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD SB 23/SB 24

Madam or Sirs:

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Thank you,
Abel Davis

Jake Almeida

From: Amber Shumper [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD payback

As a resident of Alaska, I would like my opinion on the PFD payback to be put forth. I speak for my family of 6 people and we all support a full PFD payback.

That being said, we also support a state sales tax to ensure that the state government continues to operate at full capacity.

Respectfully,

Amber Shumpert and family

Jake Almeida

From: S. Valdrow [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Your THEFT of OUR PFD Money

YOU WILL RETURN TO US THE MONEY YOU UNLAWFULLY APPROPRIATED FROM OUR PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND.

YOU COMMITTED A CRIME APPROPRIATING THAT MONEY.

IT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU.

YOU ARE THIEVES.

You greedy grasping sons of bitches make Agamemnon look downright charitable. You tax us to hell then take even more, all so you can waste it. ENOUGH. Return to us what is ours. We are really pissed about this.

Take our rage seriously.

Sean Valdrow

Ubi Libertas Ibi Patria

The society that separates its scholars from its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and its fighting done by fools.--Thucydides

Inspiration is for amateurs; the rest of us just show up and get to work.--Chuck Close, painter

The foolish man thinks he will live forever if he keeps away from fighting; but old age won't grant him a truce, even if the spears do.--viking proverb

Jake Almeida

From: Kay Silverton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Fwd: Governor Dunleavy's SB23 and SB24

This is my vote in support of Governor Dunleavy's SB 23 and SB 24 Payback Bills

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sen. Chris Birch <Sen.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 7:34 AM
Subject: Re: Governor Dunleavy's SB23 and SB24
To: Kay Silverton [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message and concerns Phyllis.

Unfortunately the state budget has grown significantly over the years - to the point where the dividend payment would dwarf all other state services mandated in our constitution. The Supreme Court has affirmed that the dividend is a line item in the budget with no special standing. It must compete with public safety, education, transportation and health care.

Budget reductions are needed but it will require a compromise on your part and that of every other Alaskan to chart a sustainable path forward.

To preserve the permanent fund the legislature passed SB 26 last year which limits the draw to 5% per year or around \$3B. The Governor's proposal for a dividend this year and the past dividends approaches \$4B - well in excess of our limited annual draw.

In my view, we don't need additional taxes as we have roughly \$2.4B in general fund revenue and approximately \$3B (5% of \$65B) in sustainable annual revenue from the permanent fund. With \$5.4B in revenue, we can largely fund the current \$4.4B program budget, with a modest capital project program (\$100-200M), inflation proofing and some debt retirement - the balance could provide for up to a \$500 dividend - without any new taxes. The dividend payment should be the last dollar "out the door" after state constitutional obligations are fulfilled.

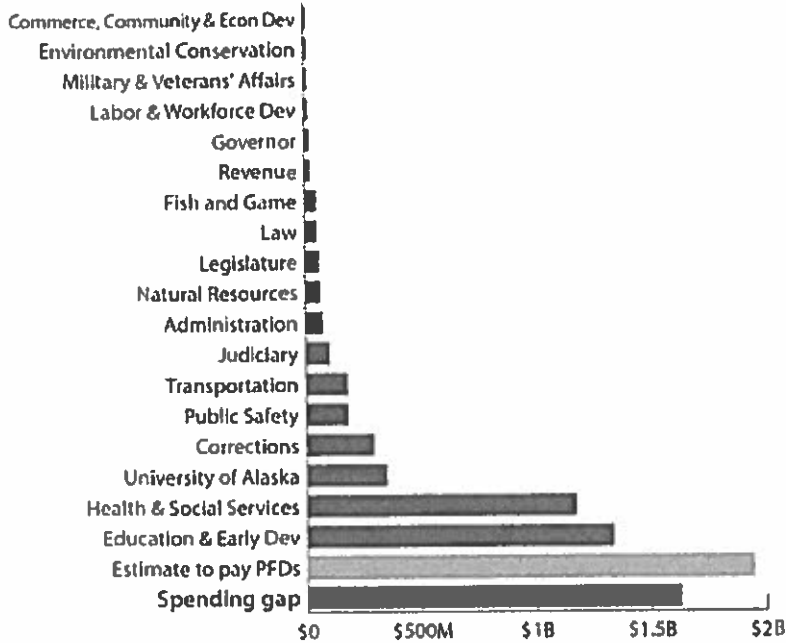
The discussion should center on what kind of a community and state do we want to live in - not how large a check do we send to every Alaskan.

Thanks, Chris

Senator Chris Birch, P.E.
South Anchorage - District M
State Capitol, Room 125

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<https://www.alaskasenate.org/2020/member/chris-birch/>

Comparing the spending gap to spending on state agencies



On Mar 7, 2019, at 7:14 AM, Kay Silverton [REDACTED] wrote:

I am going to make this very short. I support both of the Governor's proposals and wish to be placed on record. The reasons are numerous. The money was stolen from the people and placed in an area and not used to fund government. It still sits there and many of us are in need. The payback will help our economy over the next three years. Many people will be able to pay their housing costs including their Mortgages and Rents. The folks will also be paying for their heating and electricity costs and it should take many off the lists for State Aid. Many others will purchase groceries to see them through our winters and clothing. Others will use this money to pay for health care and hopefully will get off the Expanded Medicaid rolls. Others who are currently homeless, may be able to secure housing and/or transportation again so that they can go to work and maintain themselves.

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Phylis K. Silverton

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

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[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:50 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24

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Thank you for your time,
Alana Davis
Eagle River

Jake Almeida

From: Alan Marasigan
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:51 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: FW: SB23&SB24

From: Michael G Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2019 9:22 AM
To: LIO Anchorage <Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB23&SB24

I strongly support these bills!

Jake Almeida

From: loren means [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 8:02 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Let me simply say that I support and encourage legislators concerning SB 23 and 24. I believe that the state government will never have all the money it needs or wants, and if the funds are passed to the public, they will use the money in the economy as they see fit. It is about time for the Alaska government to be sized according to what it actually has for income, not just look for more income.

Loren Means
Wasilla, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:49 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23&24

I support these bills. I feel that the PFD has been stolen from us for the last three years. I am on disability and I can't afford to live. I run out of fuel and food. It is very hard. We should get a full repayment of our money. Thank you.

Amanda Ludwig

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Jake Almeida

From: Dean Kasischke [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:22 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Alaskan's PFD

The PFD belongs to the people of Alaska. I support SB23 & 24. As a state we need to revisit SB 21 the oil taxes. Oil companies in the state are make record profits off our backs while the Alaskan people suffer.

Dean Kasischke

[REDACTED]
Seward, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Kay Silverton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:20 AM
To: Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. David Wilson; Senator.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Tom Begich; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky
Subject: Governor Dunleavy's SB23 and SB24

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Phylis K. Silverton

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

Jake Almeida

From: Jana Walleter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:56 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore PFD

Protect the PFD and payback what is owed to all Alaskans.

Jake Almeida

From: Ross Harrington [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:06 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

To whom it may concern,

The pfd never should have been taken in the first place. That is the money of the ak people and is our mineral rights. The pfd should be given back to the Alaskan people.

I think it is funny this was never put to a vote of the people as I don't think government would have ever gotten the money.

Restore the Pfd to the people.

Regards,
Ross Harrington

Jake Almeida

From: Cameron Cowles [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:53 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I would like to see the PFD secured in an amendment to the state constitution. spending it on state budgets sounds like a good idea but let's be honest, there is no plan once it runs out and we will only be worse off at that point. Better to face the music and adapt now than lose the PFD program forever first then adapt.

-Cameron Cowles

Alaskans Against the PFD Theft

Jake Almeida

From: Homer Hotspots [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 1:18 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback

Please VOTE YES.

In my opinion, you are only hurting the Alaskan economy IF you vote NO.

According to Senator Bill Wielechowski's [online PFD calculator](#), the loss per individual Alaskan is a staggering \$3,733.00 over the last three years. If every eligible Alaskan spent their PFD locally that means an estimated loss of **\$2,354,315,958.00** in revenue for businesses in our State!

| Dividend Year | Applicants Paid | Dividend Amount | Amount Disbursed | PFD Losses per Alaskan | PFD Losses In State Revenue |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2018 | 639,000* | \$2,982.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$1,382.00 | \$883,098,000.00 |
| 2017 | 615,590 | \$2,390.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,290.00 | \$794,111,100.00 |
| 2016 | 638,178 | \$2,083.00 | \$1,022.00 | \$1,061.00 | \$677,106,858.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$3,733.00 | \$2,354,315,958.00 |

* ESTIMATE OF APPLICANTS PAID

I took Senator Bill Wielechowski's chart (<https://www.aksenatedems.com/ak-permanent-fund-dividend-payouts-losses/>) and did my own calculations to see what that meant for businesses in Alaska, and is it any wonder why so many are struggling to stay afloat or keep employees working?

I am a cashier at a local grocery store in Homer and I am astounded by the absurd number of people on Unemployment and Food Stamps this year. I feel extremely fortunate to have a job, however, I could really have used that additional \$1,382.00 to take my car in for maintenance, and buy some new tires.

So yes, I believe what Governor Walker did was unethical (he could have at least warned people a year in advance, so we could have been prepared and budgeted for it), but to continue to attempt to balance a budget, by stealing from ours, is just downright WRONG.

I believe that if everyone *had* done the next right thing you would not be hearing from me.

We want better public safety, we want better education and we want access to good quality health care, but we pay taxes for the first two, and most of us pay out of pocket for

the latter, so I ask you, why are all of you arguing over the PFD, and not looking for other renewable resources in Alaska that could benefit everyone.

Colleen Prevost



Jake Almeida

From: Kenneth Blaylock [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:13 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback

Please pay back all monies taken from past PFD's.

The money will help many families pay for their children's School supplies, sport uniforms, PE outfits, indoor and outdoor exercise shoes for PE and Sporting events, Yearbooks, School Jackets, Nutritious Food to help students learn, After school Projects, maintenance and upkeep for vehicles High School students need to develop proper driving skills; and many other expenses related to education as well as those that aren't. When given to the citizens and families, instead of special interest groups, the money will directly support local economies; including small businesses where students learn proper work ethics.

Thank you,
Ken Blaylock
Palmer, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Sean & Gail Valdrow Louviere [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:04 AM
To: Senate State Affairs; Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24

This is directed at the those who want to play highwayman with our PFD payouts. The payouts are not yours to spend. Legally, there really is nothing to discuss and you all KNOW it. Helping yourselves to our payouts is evidence of a kleptocracy. I don't give a rip what you intend to spend it on. It's not yours. If you take it, you are the worst kind of thieves. The kind of embezzlers <https://www.justice.gov/im/criminal-resource-manual-1005-embezzlement> who betray their constituents by stealing obscene amounts of money from them. I guess some animals really do think themselves more equal than others. Alaskans have not even been given a chance to vote on surrendering their PFDs. IT'S NOT YOURS TO SPEND, in case you didn't hear me the first and second time. The state has a budget for a reason, so learn to live within the parameters of what you have to spend like we peasants have to. Consider it an exercise in character building. It's irrelevant whether any of us "need" the PFD or not. We don't need to justify to any of you why we want what is ours by law. It's OURS. Period. This all may sound disrespectful, but at this point, I truly don't care if it does. When you have already robbed me of thousands of dollars and are demanding more, you get ZERO respect. Yes, I am a property owner who pays my portion of the taxes you all are so profligate in spending. As far as the education system is concerned, maybe they can have more money when their performance justifies it. As of now it does not (by any stretch of the imagination) even justify the current funding that is thrown at it with gleeful abandon, especially when 50% of said funding goes to school administrators who are so bad at their jobs that AK has one of the worst performing school systems in the country. So, choose wisely. Touch our PFDs or attempt to institute a tax and I and many others will make every effort to see that you are all jobless as soon as possible. I see plentiful recalls in your not too distant future. People are furious about your lawless grab at their wallets. Most of them can't be bothered to write an email right now, but they will very happily take 5 seconds to sign a recall petition after you steal their PFDs. You may want to keep that in mind.

Gail Louviere

Jake Almeida

From: Scott & Elizabeth Yahr [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Hello,

I was unable to testify at the Tuesday or Thursday meetings. I would like to add my voice to those who are interested in complete payback of the PFDs that were capped over the past 3 years. This was done in violation of the PFD rules. This is the people's money and it is needed by many. It also is a boost to every village, town, and city where people receive it.

Our Government is too big and spends too much money. Cut spending and return the PFD to it's original formula.

Thank you for your time.

Scott Yahr

[REDACTED]

Glennallen, AK 99588

Jake Almeida

From: Carol Gordon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:11 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Keep the original formula for the PFD.
Reduce government spending.
Thank you,

Carolyn Gordon

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: sylvia pedersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

To whom it may concern: I want to go on record as being in support of our PFD being refunded. I was born&raised in Southeast Alaska. Now that I have reached Senior Citizen status,I am on a very tight income. I'm no longer able to work, and have had to count on my annual PFD to help with living expenses. Having my checks reduced has been very hard.I live in a town with very high heating fuel costs, and have to buy firewood to supplement.PLEASE help me be able to continue to live in my beloved home. Thank you! Sylvia

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Nick Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:22 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

I am asking for your support to restore full PFD payments and return the money that has been taken from Alaska's residents. The PFD is not revenue for the state, it belongs to it's residents.

Thank you

Nick Morgan

Jake Almeida

From: Roxanne Rockhill [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:18 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I am against the theft of the Alaska PFD.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: William Brock [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd theft

To all those that THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA ELECTED.....

LEAVE THE PFD ALONE!! That is ALASKANS money!!! You taking this, or parts thereof, is at best a forced tax and at worst, THEFT!!! You will affect the lowest income folks the worst and cause detriment to all!! CUT YOUR BLOATED BUDGET!!!!

SINCERELY,

William Brock
[REDACTED]
Anchor Point, AK 99556

Jake Almeida

From: Rob Porter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 8:29 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore my PFD

Hello, I am a long time Alaskan, Not only have I been born and raised here, My mother was also born and raised here.

I am writing in support of restoring not only my PFD but my wife's PFD and my children's PFD, to its full amount as laid out by Alaska law. I know how to spend my own money better than the state knows how to spend my money.

Thank you
-Robert Porter

[REDACTED]
AK 99603

Jake Almeida

From: The Hunter Gatherer Society [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 8:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore the PFD

As an Alaskan resident I urge you to restore the PFD and pay back what Alaskans are owed. PFD money is not part of the government revenue for the general fund.

Richard Polipnick
[REDACTED]

Homer Ak 99603

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Jake Almeida

From: Tammi Linn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 8:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate bill 23 and 24

I wish to send in my support for Senate Bill 23 and 24. Please pay us the dividends that the former governor took from us Alaskan's.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

With all due respect to those elected to office... I have to say, the PFD was never, and is not now, the government's to "use"! Respect the fund as it was established and leave it alone!

Your jobs, if you have the backbone, is to reign in the wasteful spending that's rampant throughout our state.

Sincerely;

Kelvin J. Smith. Homer. Lifelong Alaskan.

Jake Almeida

From: Thomas Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:37 PM
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) March 7, 2019

My name is Thomas Williams from Peters Creek, and I am speaking on behalf my wife Iris and my 5 children: Tobias, Aubrieta, Trygg, Trevor, & Tyndale. I fully 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
District 12 chairman
Retired Army
Home Educator

Iris Williams
Tobias Williams
Aubrieta Williams
Trygg Williams
Trevor Williams
Tyndale Williams

Peters Creek, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Iris Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:34 PM
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) March 7, 2019

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Iris Williams
Thomas Williams
Tobias Williams
Aubrieta Williams
Trygg Williams
Trevor Williams
Tyndale Williams

Peters Creek, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Zack Moody [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support sb23 and sb24

I support sb23 and sb24.

Jake Almeida

From: Alvera Stickwan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 7:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support the pfd

I support the refunding of the PFD.

Thank you !!

Jake Almeida

From: Andrew Navarro [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:16 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Refund

Hello My name is Andrew Scott Navarro. I've lived in Alaska for almost 20 years. I am writing to protect our PFD and support repayment of those funds confiscated by our former governor (Walker) also those funds confiscated by this legislative body. It seems strange to me that as soon as these funds started to swell that Government suddenly could not live without them. Alaska did not seem to be suffering from a lack of vital services to me before this event. It just reminds me of the way politicians claim that if they dont get their way its going to hurt soc. sec. the elderly and children.

Please look at it this way. If you lived in a house and in your back yard was fruit. A property manager made a deal with you that he would gather the fruit and sell it and give you a specified cut of the profit. (Because it is your fruit) Thing go good for awhile until profit margins start to grow. Then the property manager decides he wants a bigger cut.. This is whats been done here! The PFD started to dwindle and government decided that they needed a larger cut. NO! The PFD is fair. Its our State! People are moving out of the state! How dose that make government need more now than before? Leave whats ours alone and we will vote for you. Do it not and we wont!

Thank you for your time and for serving our state. Please do a good job in serving the people of the State of Alaska
Andrew Scott Navarro

Jake Almeida

From: Mikaela Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and 24

To whom it may concern;

I am in support of the governor and SB23 and 24 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.

Sincerely,
Mikaela hill

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: unclebilwee Shuart [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pass the Governors bill 23 and 24

I am William Shuart of anchorage and I am sending this email in support of Governor Dunleavy bill 23 and 24 for the return of our dividends for 2016 2017 and 2018 and put the dividend in the constitution where as you have to have the full vote of the people to even touch the dividend.

Shuart

Thank you William

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:52 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and 24

Please support these two bills, these are very crucial for our family. My family moved to Alaska from Florida 10 years ago to better our lives. We are working taxpayers of the state.

Brandon

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: Huey Farrell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD payback

Dear Legislators,

I had prepared a statement for phone testimony but was cut off and passed over on Tuesday, so I suppose I will send the statement via email...

Each year, our government receives a percentage of the permanent fund earnings to spend on government projects and services. That amount is pre-determined by a formula.

The private citizens of Alaska also have a percentage predetermined each year by a formula.

We have never asked for an increase in our percentage, only to be paid according to the long-standing formula that has always been adhered to, save for the last three years.

You, on the other hand, have overspent and then taken out of our percentage so that you can spend even more.

Here you are seeking to dip into our pockets again - this time in opposition to the majority of Alaskans who just elected a Governor who ran his campaign heavily on full PFDs and paybacks.

Cuts will have to be made, but the PFD and the state budget are completely separate discussions.

I have listened to the testimonies and I can assure you that the 60 to 70% of those allowed to testify - being from Southeast Alaska and largely educators facing cuts - are in no way representative of the majority of Alaskans and how we feel about this issue.

I'm not going to try to justify to you how I will spend my PFD because that's irrelevant and none of your business. Your business is to represent the citizens of the state of Alaska and we made ourselves heard loud and clear last November.

Support SB23 and 24.

Thank you,

Huey Farrell, Wasilla

Ps - I wonder how you can even verify that those testifying are citizens of Alaska in the first place. May be worth looking at.

Jake Almeida

From: Alyssa Maxwell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In support of Sb 23 and 24

I would like to add my and my families voice to be in support of Sb 23 and 24!

Jake Almeida

From: Joe Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 4:49 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Payback pfd

Refund the stolen pdf money, or reap the consequences.

Jake Almeida

From: Brent Chandler Jr [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 4:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Pay back

All PFD money that was taken for the people must be given back and the original formula needs to be put into the state constitution!

Brent L Chandler Jr
[REDACTED]
Ketchikan AK 99901

Jake Almeida

From: Jennifer Duffin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 4:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support SB23 and SB24

The permanent fund dividend was created to be permanent you can tell by its name. It was automatic. Governor Walker decided WITHOUT a vote of the people, to take a portion away from us. We have elected Governor Dunleavy because we believe he represents the voice of Alaskans. We elected him to restore the PFD, reduce crime and balance the budget.

I would like to see my PFD returned in full to my family so that we can continue contributing to a prosperous Alaskan economy.

Thank you, Jennifer Duffin

Jake Almeida

From: Sunsation AK [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 4:04 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and 24

To whom it may concern;

I am in support of the governor and SB23 and 24 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.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Eunice

Jake Almeida

From: Joel Bailey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 4:01 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD payback

Please support the governor's balanced budget and PFD payback. Alaska should live off its income and not continue to burn through its savings. Even as a University employee I understand that budget cuts are necessary to stop the deficit spending.

Thanks,

Joel Bailey
[REDACTED]
North Pole, AK 99705
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: deborah holland [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 3:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Stolen PFD funds

It is your duty to be responsive to your constituents. The majority of Alaskans voted for Mike Dunleavy, because we want our PFD monies returned. We want the original formula for the PFD returned.

Each of you have lots of eyes on you. I hope you noticed the changes that occurred after the last election. If you do not return our monies it will incite conservatives even more. The results will not be positive for NO votes.

Pass SB 23 & SB 24

Repeal SB 91

Deborah

Jake Almeida

From: JJ Schoenwetter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and 24

Please vote yes on SB 23 and 24. Thank you.

A proud voter,

Jon Schoenwetter Jr. (JJ)

Jake Almeida

From: Elizabeth Dooley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:57 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24 Testimony

Greetings Senators,

I support Governor Dunleavy and his SB23 & SB24 Bills. Spending is out of control and the demands for more budgetary increases with fewer results is insane. I am including a well thought out commentary (that covers everything I want to say) that addresses many of these issues point by point. See below.

Rodney Dial stated:

"Friends I know a lot of you are concerned with the State Budget, but I thought I would give you a different take on what is going on. Something you will not hear from the media.

First, we knew this day was approaching for the last five years. Eventually, the State would deplete savings leading to massive cuts and/or taxes.

Governor Walker and prior legislatures said they cut the budget, but all they really did was defer spending and cut the rate of increase. If anyone tries to tell you otherwise ask them how Walker vetoing 1 Billion in oil tax credits (that must be paid) is cutting the budget. State spending has continued to rise.

Regardless if you feel State spending is too high or not, here is the reality (for all who are able to think logically):

The size of State Government is so large, that just the yearly, inflationary and programmed increases to maintain the services we have now, would require the State to pass a major tax, like an income tax, each year to keep up. This is just to pay the INCREASE.

Here is a perfect example:

Last year the legislature increased spending by over \$400 million from the prior year. They also under funded government (a tactic they use to make the budget look smaller) which requires a supplement budget the following year. The prior year supplemental was \$114 million as an example. My point is that State spending increased by about ½ billion last year alone.

Now for all the "I don't mind paying more taxes crowd" here is what you should consider:

First, you are paying more taxes ALREADY. Far more. Over the last three years you have lost \$3678 from your PFDs. This is money you would have received, so it is in essence the same as a tax and cost a 4 person family \$14,712 in lost revenue.

Second, you ALSO pay 100% of your Borough property tax, as a mandatory State Tax, called a required local contribution. THIS IS A STATE TAX, and costs the average homeowner about \$2000 a year.

Third, for those wanting an income tax. Governor Walker and Rep. Ortiz pushed an income tax for the last several years. The last version of the income tax (actually a payroll tax) that they tried to pass before Walker left office would have brought in (best case) after expenses \$350 million per year. As mentioned above State spending is increasing by far more each year. An income tax wouldn't have even covered the Increase to last years budget, not to mention doing nothing to address the current \$1.6 Billion deficit.

Fourth, if someone tells you oil taxes could be raised to cover the deficit they are simply ignorant. It is not the oil tax rate that is the problem. It's the price of oil. Consider for a moment that if you were on the North Slope right now and mailed a pair of shoes to Valdez via UPS or FedEx, it would cost you more than a barrel of oil currently sells for. Its pretty easy to do the math on this one yourself, but suffice it to say, that an Oil Company in Alaska already pays hundreds of million in State property taxes, State and Federal production Taxes, State Royalty Oil, part is used to power the pump houses on the pipeline, transportation costs, oil cleanup response taxes, etc. It is estimated to cost \$52.50 to produce a barrel of oil (varies).

Fifth, our current \$1.6 Billion deficit is WITH State Government pulling money from the PFD. Last year Senate Bill 26 was passed and now draws 5.25 percent or about \$2.7 Billion yearly from the PFD.

Sixth, to maintain this years services with no cuts would require the State to take most of your PFD, dropping your PFD

to \$400. If the legislature took this route, within two years of just planned inflationary increases you would no longer get a PFD. After that, the only other place to get the money would be from the corpus (principle) of the PFD.

My point is we have few options. An income tax wouldn't even cover the increase in one year let alone the deficit, the oil companies can't fix this for us at current prices, the PFD is already being used to support government, and Alaskans are already contributing thousands per person in local taxes and PFD taxes.

So, if it helps to hate Gov. Dunleavy... hate on. Whoever would have been the Governor now would be in the same situation. If cuts are not made this year the State runs out of money next year, the cuts only get worse and all that is left is stealing from the PF.

So, how do we fix it?

First, we are the only State in the Country where ½ of the land mass gets all services for free and pays no property taxes. A close example would be most of Prince of Wales Island. The State must mandate borough formation like they did for Ketchikan. Everyone needs to contribute because ½ the State can't pay all the bills.

Second, The State needs to stop paying communities to administer the free services they receive. Not only does the State provide free services, they then pay millions more, called an indirect rate, to the local communities to administer. This would be like the state paying the entire cost of KPD, to include training, equipment, supervision, dispatching, etc, and then paying millions more to the city to administer.

Third, the State needs to drastically cut back entitlement programs. Have you heard of the "Universal Income" program some socialist countries use to pay a monthly check to each person who breathes oxygen? Did you know that Alaska has its own version of universal income? The State currently pays residents in over 150 Alaskan communities a welfare (TANF) check FOR LIFE from the time they reach 18 to the day they die. This needs to end. The state has many programs like this.

Fourth, Medicaid spending must be reduced. Ask yourself two questions. After Gov. Walker expanded Medicaid and added nearly 50 thousand Alaskans to this program, did your health care costs go down or up... did State spending on health care go down or up? The answer to both is health care costs went up dramatically, and wait times went up dramatically. Here is why... Medicaid doesn't pay the full cost of the health care service, so the remaining is transferred to everyone else with insurance (a stealth tax you received). As the costs to people who pay go up, their usage declines and the program quickly becomes unsustainable. Since those on Medicaid have no incentive to use medical resources sparingly, the program has also become full of fraud and abuse.

Trends in Medicaid fraud started to become apparent when large increases in reported health issues occurred around the time the PFD checks came out each year. Essentially, people in Rural Alaska figured out that they could claim an illness, unable to be diagnosed at a local clinic, and obtain transport to a "hub" like Anchorage. The individual, and in many cases a family escort, would then be put up in local hotels, provided payment for incidental expenses and get a free trip to town. Our Medicaid system conducts daily transports of individuals from across the state for treatment for things as simple as a toothache.

The Medicaid budget has grown so far out of control it now requires roughly \$1000 per every man, woman and child in the state to support (just state expenses). The State health care services provided need to be reduced to essential needs only and the fraud needs to be stopped immediately.

Fifth, education spending needs to be reformed. The best way to make education dollars go farther is to consolidate school districts and to increase the student count required for a State funded local school. Currently, if a community has just 10 school aged kids they qualify for a state paid school (everything, school build for free, funded for free, etc.).

As a great example, Prince of Wales Island has 5 School Districts while Ketchikan has one.

There are a ton of other programs that need to be cut or reduced so that the essential services we rely on, like the Marine Highway System, can be funded. If cuts are not made, and the PFD not protected, spending will continue to grow and the PFD will become history.

Food for thought. ~ Rodney"

Well stated, Rodney. This is what the MAJORITY of Alaskans voted for in the last State election. Decrease unnecessary spending. Restore the PFD. Protect and defend the PFD in the State Constitution. Quit being obstructionist to the will of the majority of Alaskans. We have spoken. Will you listen? Thank you for your time.

~ Elizabeth Dooley
Trapper Creek, AK

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Jake Almeida

From: Betty James [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: the two bills that give our money back

It is distressing the the current legislature thinks this money in any way is for the government to use. My husband and myself are for the two bills before that will return the money stolen and enshrine the original pfd formula for calculating the amount to be paid out into the constitution. If the cuts made seem to expensive maybe you should start by eliminating the millions wasted on special sessions. Better yet eliminate the waste in the per diems paid to legislators that refuse to listen to their constituents. I thought by our electing a governor that had run on the promise to give back what was stolen we would have made ourselves clear!

So yes the two of us are for Senate Bills 23 and 24.

Thank you

Betty and Dennis James

Jake Almeida

From: Glennon James [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

The full PFD and all previous taken PFD moneys should be returned to the people. If it is to be used for Government spending then let the people decide that by a vote. Gov. Dunleavy won his election based on this subject. That should be all the proof you need to act like the public servants you should be. Restore that trust in Government.

Glenn Gillette
Super voter

Jake Almeida

From: Carol Carman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & 24

Dear Senators,

I am strongly in favor of both bills.

Looking at the history of the PF illustrates the intention of the PFD. It was never intended to be used by legislators, so there was an amendment to the constitution to keep it away from you. Look here:

<https://apfc.org/who-we-are/history-of-the-alaska-permanent-fund>

Additionally, both former Governor Walker and legislators said you were taking it to use for government for the last 3 years. It was never used for government during those years at all. You passed a law last year to use the half not used for the PFD, but you never used the part intended for the PFD. It is still in the Earning Reserve. All of it, and lots more.

We have the largest state government per capita in the nation. We also have the smallest population. Our current government is obviously not sustainable. Walker blew through the CBR in his reign. Are you going to blow through our PFD in yours?

It appears to me some of you want all of it and (along with government workers) are trying to manipulate the public into thinking you must have it. Unless you back our governor's budget, our state government will eat up all reserves and then go after the Permanent Fund itself, bankrupting the state. The longer you kick that can down the road the larger our operating budget will become, and the larger the cliff will be that we tumble over. Enough is enough. Our governor's budget needs supporting, and so do both of these bills.

Did you know that there is a democrat in the House who introduced a bill to return \$5.5 billion from the Earning Reserve back into the corpus? Obviously, everyone knows good-and-well that you cannot touch that money without changing the law significantly, and public opinion won't let that happen (after blowing through the CBR, it is easy to predict what would happen to the ER as well). It is shameful that any legislator would send that money to the corpus rather than give it back to the people it was stolen from. It is especially hard on the poor and elderly right now. These bills will help alleviate difficulties and restore faith in our legislature.

I hope you will ignore the grinchers and big-government pinchers, and return our money.

Carol Carman
Chair, ARP District 9E
[REDACTED] [facebook](#)

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Jake Almeida

From: creedseden [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I am for the pay back the state took funds from us with out our permission is this not why there is a pick click give program why do we not allow people to choose instead of taking there choice from them

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

Jake Almeida

From: yukon Mail [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: YES for supersize PFD back to the people

The Gov was never supposed to access the PFD. Try balancing the budget instead. The more you steel the more you want. The less Gov the better. None of the PFD should go to UAA or the schools. We have the worst rated schools in the nation. Not from lack of funding but from lack of teaching. Let we the people get our FULL PFD and decide how we spend the money, be it on education or necessities.

Best Regards, Randal and Carole Barnhart

Jake Almeida

From: melissa-beth McGinnity [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 1:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate PFD discussion

To the Alaska Senate,

I, as a proud 15 year resident of Alaska, like Governor Dunleavy's budget proposal and I am 100% in favor of his proposals for the PFD. Both the full PFD check and the back pay. So far as I can recall, there is nothing written about the PFD ever being available so it can factor into our state government's budget. According to the Alaska constitution and the writers of said constitution, the PFD was intended as a benefit to the residents only, not a financial back-up plan when the state government overspent.

As a house wife, it is my responsibility to make sure my budget lines up with my husband's paycheck, including money to set aside for savings. If I should overspend, I wouldn't get to use my neighbor's credit card and I refuse to dip into our childrens' savings accounts. When there is less money, I have to adjust my spending accordingly and spend less money. For years I have been hearing and reading about the decreasing revenue in our state both at city and state level, yet I struggle to see cut backs in projects and spending.

This story hits a personal chord with me because our family recently went through a major cut in income. My husband was a 22 year employee of Walmart, he was a co-manager for the company. On January 26, 2018 his boss received an email stating the company had re-organized and the co-manager position had been eliminated company wide. My husband, and our family of 10, went from an \$80,000 salary to no income that day. Thankfully we had been diligent about paying off debt and building savings. We were able to pay our bills for a couple months while my husband figured out what to do next. Today, he has a new job with a different company and his income is just above half what he made with Walmart. It's been a good change, but now there's less money so I have to re-adjust my budget. I would expect nothing less of those who are supposed to represent myself and my fellow Alaskans in the Senate.

The PFD is not and never was a back-up plan for government overspending and needs to go to the people so we can save it or spend it locally to build our own economy from the bottom up. My family use the PFD to buy fuel oil for the year, pay doctor/dentist bills, stock up on dry goods for the winter, and to maintain our home. All of that spending is done locally and any PFD money not needed for those expenses goes into savings.

As far as the budget, nobody likes to spend less, but as I've stated above, when there is less money, there needs to be less money spent and we don't get to take money from other people when we have been fiscally irresponsible!!

Thank-you,
Melissa-Beth McGinnity
Fairbanks, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Paula Toms [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I am writing this to cast my vote for a balanced budget, Governor Dunleavy is trying to help our state. I am in favor of both SB 23 and SB 24. Please start listening to the people who live here, not special interest groups, and help us live within our means as a state.

Thank you,
Paula Toms

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Jared Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 1:41 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 , SB24 Bills

Hello Public Servant,

On the night of November 6, 2018 me and over 51% of voting Alaskans sent you a message. We did this by voting Mike Dunleavy as governor. You seem like you have forgotten what the message said. Cut the budget!!!! Restore the PFD! Stop spending money you don't have. At over \$15,000.00 dollars per person in Alaska we can no longer afford the amount of government largesse. The government's job was never meant to be someone's mother. Stop taxing my children, my wife and me for someone else's wants. The PFD was never meant for you to spend so if you are going to do it then I want my share of mineral rights returned to me. Get the message before you get voted out next term!!

Sincerely,

Pissed off Alaskan Voter who is sick of not being listened to!!

Jake Almeida

From: John Henry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 1:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I support the governor's plan to repay the withheld PFD from the past 3 years. Also, I believe that if needed, a flat tax is better than taking money from the PFD.

Thank you,

John Henry
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK. 99709
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Claudine Seegers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 1:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB23 and SB24

To whom it may concern;

I am in support of the governor and SB23 and 24 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.

Sincerely,

Stacy Seegers

Jake Almeida

From: Bill Iverson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:59 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I fully support SB 23 and SB 24

My name is Bill Iverson and am speaking for myself.
I was born and raised in the Territory of Alaska in 1951.

I fully support SB 23 and SB 24.

I have operated many small businesses over the years and have a degree in accounting.

How can we possibly continue to spend at the current levels??

The economy of Alaska should not be sacrificed to pay for the past overspending by our legislature, who cannot seem to grasp that fact that we must cut our budget.

A strong economy will fix all ails.

Every business and non-profit in the state has suffered because of the cuts made to the PFD. The economy of Alaska cannot be sacrificed any longer.

If we don't return the PFD to Alaskans and make it so the legislators can never try this again, the necessary cuts will never happen.

I used to have a computer business that sold to the State and one thing I was always told toward the end of each fiscal year was that each department needs to spend everything that is left in their budget or they wouldn't get the same allotment or increase the

next year. This attitude continues to this day. We have recently heard it from new hires in government.

There was an unfair allocation of the union school people from Sitka testifying last Thursday, who all were opposed to SB 23 & SB 24.

Thank you,
Bill Iverson

[REDACTED]
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

[REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]
Cell [REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: RedBear Alaska [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD!!!

Hello my name is Michelle Sanchez
[REDACTED]

Ketchikan Alaska 99901
[REDACTED]

and line.

Im contacting u today to say to Senate that our PFD needs to be paid in full. Its the ppls pfd not government the taxes and paying for jails to schools are already heavy dents in it so no more STEALING THE PFD.

If u want real change here are cuts and taxes u need to look at..

Anchorage pays no tax but they have one of the larger cities we pay for on roads, schools and city workers. Enough tax them the highest like ketchikan. Also city employees and city managers need to cut there salaries by 20% yes 20%.

Alaska is a tourist town we need our ferry's the high revenue on pot sales and alcohol is indeed a savior but the money must be used wisely. PFD is already hit and living in Alaska especially the islands everything is barged in our flown in with costs very high.

Ppl use the pfd for food in the freezer for winter along with paying up oil and electric bills and very high property taxes due in October.

Purchase of firewood and medications for 6 months it is used and needed by Alaskans.

I believe that PFD NEEDS BETTER RULES ON PPL WORKING A SUMMER THEN GOING DOWN SOUTH BUT COLLECTING PFDs and snowbirds living here for 6 months but every year they go down south and illegal citizens and green card citizens getting pfd's and going down south to live.. Medical is different but snow birds to illegal and green cards u need to become a citizen of the USA AND PUT IN UR MONEY BEFORE TAKING.....

These items are ideas not just me but several ppl who sat around the table and drank coffee and tea and talked about how to make Alaska strong again.

I hope you will stand by us the PPL WHO VOTED U IN TO DO JUST THAT PROTECT AND SPEAK FOR US ON THIS VITAL LIVING GIFT.. PFD IS ALASKANS MONEY..

FIGHT FOR US TO KEEP ALL OF IT.....

thk u

Michelle Sanchez aka REDBEAR ALASKA

Sent by: Redbear 

Jake Almeida

From: Jennifer Weed [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: State budget

I support PFD payback.

Please vote YES!!!

Jennifer Weed

Jake Almeida

From: Laretia [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Takings vs. PFD

Take away oil and mineral rights, then give us the PFD.

Properly give us the oil and mineral rights to the land we own, or give us the PFD--you are not allowed to take all, have all and spend all.

Anything else is the "T" word.

Laretia Ballance
Homer, AK

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24 Comments

Senators;

As a 63 year old employed person which has resided on the Kenai Peninsula since 1987, I appreciate the efforts of the current administration to return prior years PFD payments that were stripped from the public (without the vote of the public) by both the previous Governor and Legislative bodies. I believe that action truly damaged the public trust related to our state government. Additionally, I agree that these monies should be returned to the share holders (i.e. residents) of Alaska, as they are "Dividends" generated by investments in our names.

I would also suggest that a method be designed to give recipients the additional option to either decline or re-direct these owed payments back to the state in order to assist in resolving our current situation. While the previous legislative body didn't believe Alaskan's could do more than "think with their pocket books", I believe many Alaskans are willing to step up and help get us back to financial health, if given the opportunity. It boils down to trust...

Respectfully,

Larry Pannell

[REDACTED]
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

p.s. After watching close to 80% of the Senate Finance Committee's meetings on 360North.org, I can honestly say I'm thankful to NOT be in your shoes at this moment in time! Keep up the good effort, it will payoff in time.

Jake Almeida

From: Kenneth Marsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:39 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate Bills 23 and 24 PFD Payback

Please support and Pass Senate Bills 23 and 24 dealing with the PFD Payback. If these funds are not paid back to the citizens as they should be, they will be lost in the great government spending spree that has been going on for some years. The governor has the right idea to finally stop this. These funds should be returned to the citizens for their use directly and not spent by the government and the legislature without our vote. Give us a chance to vote if you wish to keep using these funds for projects and government expense! Let us vote on a tax if need be to get us out of the mess the legislature has made by spending all of our savings already. Thank you.

Ken and Peggy Marsh
[REDACTED]

Wasilla, Alaska
99687

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony SB 23 and 24

Dear Senators,

Subject: Please restore the PFD.

I am acutely aware of the budget crisis.

I also know that Alaska spends a lot, a very lot of money, per capita.

This spending has been well-intentioned and very welcome.

However, that level of spending is clearly unsustainable. Even with a draconian personal income tax, the State is poised to spend well beyond its means unless more is done.

Please do the following:

1. Restore the PFDs. In my opinion, the legislature and Governor Walker erred when they withheld the money without voter approval.
2. Resume the traditional PFDs going forward.
3. Cut spending to the bone. Don't immediately go after cops, teachers, and firemen. We can see through that strategy. Cut where the biggest money is spent. Judging by the multimillion dollar schools built to teach ten kids, I see a lot that can be cut.
4. Continue to cut spending until 50 percent plus one of the taxpayers demand revenue enhancement in the form of a personal income and/or a sales tax. You won't know the acceptable level of spending until the taxpayers react.
5. Get behind the Governor. If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully yours,

Tamara L McCoy
[REDACTED]
Kasilof, AK 99610

Jake Almeida

From: Bao Xiong [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:34 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Please restore our PFD

To Whom It May Concern,

Please restore our PFD's and please don't take away our PFD's in the future. As you know well, cost of living is very high here in Alaska. My family and I, along with all Alaskan Residents greatly needs this PFD to help us pay off bills, medical needs, putting foods on the table. We are a low to middle income family, with special needs child, and a family of 7. We are already suffering enough with health issues and financial issues, struggling to make ends meet, and put food on the table. This PFD is a life saving fund for our family.

Again, please restore our PFD from the past and don't take it anymore in the future. Please save Medicaid for the poor, and under privileged, support our school systems and it's value employees. If you need to take, increase higher taxes on cigarettes, liquor, or even put sales taxes out there so that it's fair for everyone, including all the tourists who brings income to our beautiful state. Don't just take it all from the loyal residents whom lives and supports this state.

Thank you,
Bao Xiong
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Richard Arnold [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 12:33 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: pfd

the pfd belongs to the people , of which i'm one, as per jay hamond..i want my money

Jake Almeida

From: Steve Virg-In [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

The PFD was never developed to fund the State government.

Without it maybe the state would have acted much wiser in budgeting without it.

Based on the fact that the State budget has grown and grown and grown without restraint it is obvious something major has to be done and spending the people's PFD money changes nothing with the original problem of foolish expansion and overspending.

Two solutions:

1. Put the PFD funds out of reach and off limits to all of all those who want to spend it and then you have to live within a budget like every other state.
2. Drop everyone out of the PFD who opposes it and use their PFD for state use as they want you to.

It would be very interesting to see what would happen if all the "spend the PFD" people were asked to voluntarily give their PFD to the State, especially those in education.

Why not give it a try?

What do you have to lose?

Respectfully,

Steve Virg-In
[REDACTED]

Soldotna, AK 99669

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Jason Agre [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I want my full PFD!!!

Stop messing around with our PFD's these are for the people and not for bloated state government and overpaid bureaucrats!!!

Give us our full PFD's please..

Jason Agre

Jake Almeida

From: Bob Mueller [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: The PF was established to provide every qualifying Alaskan a share of the proceeds generated by the sale of the Owner state resources . Private property owners are denied subsurface mineral rights . Alaskans are shareholders and the PFD is their share ...

Give the FULL PFD to the Shareholders . Stop subsidies , and incentives now.

Mar 8, 2019

State Senator Mike Shower
State Capitol, Room 510
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1102

Dear State Senator Shower,

As your constituent, I'd like to share my thoughts with you about the governor's proposed budget. The governor's budget would bring State spending in line with the State income.

- FFD should be left alone. The State has a lot of work to do trimming bloated budgets and departments before it can be trusted with FFD money.

- Educational Institutes and their employees should not be rewarded for holding kids hostage. There needs to be accountability for educational results.

- A graduated income tax should be considered.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Mr. KELVIN GURNEY

TALKEETNA, AK 99676

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: James Weiss
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 23 & SB 24
COMMITTEE: Senate State Affairs DATE: 3-5-19

NOTE: This testimony is considered part of the official record and will be posted online with the hearing documents

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

Ninilchik, Ak. 99639

Jake Almeida

From: Damien [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Give back the pfd , make the cuts!

Hello my belief is that the full pfd and the last 3 yrs it was stolen from me needs to be repaid to me. What walker did was robbery. I vote yes on 43 and 44 ballots. Support Governor Dunleavy. I do not believe in a bigger government and not cutting jobs , people need to be held accountable in that statement ASD needs reductions they've wasted so much and there's a fact pattern.

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Thank you

Jake Almeida

From: Harold Borbridge [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:17 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I Support SB23 & SB24

Senators: Thank you for your service to Alaskans.

THE REASON WHY THE PERMANENT FUND AND PFD MUST BE PROTECTED

(1) The basis of the PFD and the Permanent Fund originates from the development of the mineral rights held in common from All Alaskans. Alaska is the only State where property owners do not have custody of benefits of their mineral rights of their property and these mineral rights are held in common by the State. Based on this fact alone: The PFD is clearly not an entitlement and is in fact the financial returns on the development of the State's natural resources held in common by the State.

(2). There are a variety of campaigns and efforts to justify denying Alaskan's their PFD in favor of continued high levels of government spending, a major example being forwarded is: K-12 education will be decimated, this is one false narrative:

Having completed SB36 calculations for the State in 1998 — The idea the educational system will be devastated by a 25% reduction is false. The State funds school districts across the state — however ONLY 54% percent of the education funds — to the school districts - support student instruction. This has been a fact since the inception, development and passage of SB36. This dismal percentage for instruction spending needs to improve for the schools!; if you don't pay your light bill, then the lights go off. If you don't Fund educational instruction, then you have failing schools. The funding for for education through SB36 is seriously hampered because the same funds for non instruction are calculated through the formula: maintenance and administrative services. In reality classroom and classroom support is competing directly for the same funds.

a. Funding from the State needs to be focused on the education of the students — and not supporting the many special interests being funded outside of the classroom; lucrative maintenance and huge administrations. The overhead cost for supporting 53 school districts for 115,000 students is too large!
b. 46% of State education funds are \$690m annually outside the classrooms

i. The top 7 school districts support 90,677 students

ii. 48 school districts support only 24,364 students

(3) ISER also indicates: for every \$100m dollars in the economy supports 1,000 jobs. With this analysis a full PFD and payback will support well over 18,000 private sector jobs!!! Private sector jobs develop and diversify the economy.

(4) Taking The PFD effects the least able in the State — it is the most regressive and cruel form of taxation.

For these reasons I support SB23 and SB24.

Best Regards,

Harold Borbridge
Manager: [REDACTED]

Accounting:

Jake Almeida

From: Athena LaMarche-Wehling [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PRO- PFD

My testimony is in support of full PFD and a payback, my family and I live in rural Alaska and we often depend on the PFD for winter survival, ie: food, fuel, or money to offset cost of our summer subsistence fishing trips to the peninsula. We would and do spend most of our PFD's in Alaska so our money goes back into the state we love and call home. My husband was injured OTJ almost three years ago and still is unable to return to work, and with limited jobs for me in our rural community its been much harder to make it through the winters without financial assistance, from the state or family! We have felt the pinch of the money thats already been taken and we ask that you restore and protect our full PFD and a payback! And if you wish to offset the budget then let the legislatures take a pay cut, not our schools, elders or healthcare or any cuts that affect our tourism industry ie: Alaska marine highway system!

Thank You, for your time and kind attention to this matter! Sincerely Athena LaMarche-Wehling

Jake Almeida

From: Alex McDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support sb23& 24

Hello members of the committee,

I just wanted to take a moment to write a and ask that you support SB23 and SB24 and protect the PFD as historically calculated. The PFD should never be on the table in budget discussions, the state gets their cut and needs to live within their means like the rest of the state does, not by taxing children and retired people on fixed incomes by taking from their PFD.

Please protect the PFD as historically calculated so it will grow and be around for future generations.

Thank you,

Alex McDonald
Fairbanks, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Ron Hauck [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:25 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent Fund

Thank you for all your work for the state of Alaska. Please give us our Permanent Fund money back! We support SB 23 & 24. It was not yours to take without the vote of the people.

Thank you,

Ron and Marilyn Hauck

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Randall Brandt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Defending the PFD for Alaskans

To me, what the legislators who want to kill the PFD to feed their insatiable appetite for over-spending is nothing more than pure greed and lust for power! I think completely transparency by the legislature needs to be evident to show the people just where the 'short-fall' is and how it happened. Then the legislature needs to show the budget areas that could survive cuts without embellishment. And then, they need to show the state's incoming revenue along with predictions for future income flow so it is clear how the inflow can help erase the 'short-fall'.

Nobody wants to have budget problems but, unfortunately, the politization of running the state seems to be a nagging irritation to the point of where the normal frustrations become egregious as we're experiencing now. The PFD is a great incentive, you don't have to look any farther than the growth Alaska has experienced since it's inception. We don't need to have any bitterness over political differences because of greed & lust for power. I believe there's a way to work things out to make the budget process amenable for us all. There is no real reason the Permanent Fund shouldn't share the wealth of the state's bounty with it's citizens according to the original Permanent Fund Program while paying for state needs according to our constitution. There are a myriad of budget desires that have been promoted lately and I believe there are ways to trim the fat from a lot if not all of them. It's not that the cuts are just preferential but necessary until revenue streams rise to allow for more of those desires to be met. I'd also like to know why those legislators who are in favor of sacrificing their PFD justify it to themselves. Seriously, be transparent yourself and lay out for all to see the pros & cons of your deciding that you can do without the PFD. What is it that's so alluring to you that it makes the PFD look like 'crumbs'?

We cannot forget how our system is designed and has successfully worked since it was implemented. We also cannot allow any corruption to change it. I respectfully implore the legislature to enshrine the PFD in the Constitution because, after all, the PFD is the PEOPLE'S MONEY!

Randall Brandt
31 Year Alaska Resident

Carpe Diem!

Jake Almeida

From: Eric Weinfurter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:24 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Dear senators,
Please keep the alaska PFD alive for the people, the families, and individuals. There are many Many families and individuals who depend on the PFD to help get through the winters.
We Want The PFD!

~Eric Weinfurter

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In support of SB 23 and SB24

Hello,

I am writing this e-mail in support of SB 23 and SB24.
Governor Dunleavy is following through on his promises and doing his duty as directed by the vote of the people and I ask that you do the same by passing these bills.

Thank you,
Tony Flanders

Jake Almeida

From: Sherrilyn Ihde [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:13 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: A Full PFD

Good evening,

I am writing to insist that you follow the law and restore a full pfd to all Alaskans. Our government budget is bloated with overages. Please do not use the budget as an excuse to raid the peoples' money.

Do the right thing; restore the PFD now!

Regards,
Sherrilyn Means
Alaskan Since 1961

[REDACTED]
Wasilla,
Alaska 99654

Jake Almeida

From: Shelly Shupe [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 6:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: State budget and the PFD

To all who will be voting soon on whether or not to support Governor Dunleavy's budget proposal:

Schools, Universities, Medicaid and the Ferry system are the largest cut's. Got it.

I have recently spent a lot of time researching our K-12 since the Governors proposal and what I have found is discouraging and frustrating when talking about cutting our PFD AGAIN to fund broken systems.

For instance the 2017 PEAK scores for 4th and 8th graders in Alaska for reading and math levels. I'm sure you've seen them yes? Just from 2015 to 2017 the drops were huge. Something is amiss ladies and gentleman. I have seen many of our schools and they are beautiful. I have met many, many staff members from front offices to teachers due to my line of work and I can say honestly that we have wonderful staffing at the actual schools. I believe the task ahead is identifying where the breakdown is – not to throw more money at it. Fix it ladies and gentlemen.

Now the Universities. I am still trying to verify the amount the state pays to UAF for resident students per year but I have heard it is upwards of \$30,000. This is absurd ladies and gentleman. Are you withholding my PFD to pay this? I have no children at UA or UAF. I never have and I never will. I cannot speak much more about this topic as I don't know more. You can bet I am digging in and the next time I come at you I will know a lot more.

Our Medicaid system is broken and I beg the state to audit our public assistance programs. Why does this state grant Medicaid pretty much indefinitely to fully functioning single adults with no children while my son who is working but could not afford health insurance until he and his wife were married last year was ineligible? I am referring to adults that I knew personally. Able bodied adults that chose not to work – probably because it would interfere with Medicaid and other assistance. I am not hard hearted, I myself relied on Public assistance and Medicaid for two brief periods when my children were little, but it was always with the intent of getting back on our feet which we always did. Now the government thinks that everyone should have Medicaid whether they can work or not. It's JUST WRONG. It was never what it was intended for. Use it while you get back on your feet, help you get medical care for your small children while you are low income etc. NOT HEALTH CARE FOR ALL.

I cannot speak knowledgeably about our Ferry system other than the two times I travelled by it but, I intend to learn as much as I can so I can intelligently form an opinion and perhaps have input.

Lastly, I just want to say that my property taxes over the last two years are approximately \$80 more per month and I am still trying to figure out exactly what I am getting for my extra dollars. Multiply my increases by the number of home owners in the borough and that is a lot of money ladies and gentlemen. More money for government is not the solution here.

Give the people our PFD. Let us spend it in our local communities, supporting our local businesses. Let the people try this "economy thing" with a full Permanent Fund payout while you figure out what needs fixing because it's not the PFD.

Cheryl Shupe
[REDACTED]
Moose Creek, AK 99705
[REDACTED]

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Jake Almeida

From: Helen Behan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:30 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: support for the full PFD and the PFD payback (SB23,24)

We are submitting our PRO-PFD TESTIMONY with this email now so we do not LOSE THE PFD! We continue to submit support for the full PFD and the PFD payback (SB23,24) and know that you are accepting testimony through this Tuesday, 3/12.

We want to tell all the lawmakers we demand they look at ALL options for a sustainable budget NOT looting the PFD.

Helen Behan and Tom Behan
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Jake Almeida

From: Frank Bodiker Jr [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support Full PFD and Budget Cuts

Greetings,

Just voicing my support for full PFD and for cuts to big government spending.
What's left after PFD account is gone, taxes. And taxes never go down once they have started. Look at California and New York and many other States.

Keep government spending accountable, its time to reduced spending.

Thanks,
Frank Bodiker Jr
North Pole, AK.

Jake Almeida

From: olds.nw [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:37 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: ALASKA PFD

My perspective. Make the PFD program while again for the people alot of kids use it for college and families use it for energy payments for household. Return back.payments. State can a.ke up revenue by taxi g.outnof state workers and tax tourism. Many many different ways to do this.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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. Silvertown

Wasilla, AK 99654

Jake Almeida

From: Miriam Mezzetti [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:56 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Super Sized PFD - We Need It!

Dear State Affairs Committee,

I understand that you are hearing from a lot of powerful people on this subject. I, as a recent college grad working a low-paying job, can't hope to have as much sway. And yet, I vote, and have friends who think like me and vote, so I do hope you'll still consider hearing my arguments in favor of the "super sized PFD".

My first argument is that poorer Alaskans who may not qualify for food stamps or unemployment use the PFD in order to make ends meet. I was unemployed most of last year, and unable to claim unemployment. The PFD helped me greatly, and if I had received the full amount I was owed, it would have been even better!

My second argument is that we Alaskans are owed this money in exchange for our mineral rights. It was unlawfully taken from us, and belongs to us. It's not "super-sized", it's just paying back stolen funds.

My third and final argument is that every government project seems to take far more money than it should/would if private sector company was performing the work. I used my PFD to pay for my college, directly. I would NOT want that money going to administrative bloat or over-staffing at my university. I used it to pay for books and other school-related expenses - including eating at restaurants on campus. If you give students our money, we will spend it on education much more efficiently than a giant bureaucracy will!

Thank you and please vote with the interests of all Alaskans, not just the wealthy teacher's unions, in mind!

Miriam

Jake Almeida

From: Fawn Sourdough Girls [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:01 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24

I support the full PFD and the PFD payback of (SB23,24)

I am a registered voter in Fairbanks, Ak.

Please do not take the PFD from us. Please do your job and balance the budget. We all know in tough financial times it is time to cut back and do without the extras for a time. We can do it!

Thank you!

Fawn Dixon

Jake Almeida

From: Zach Moser [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 9:58 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Hello,

This is not the states money. It never was intended for filling the gap that overspending would eventually create. Please treat the fund the way it was intended. And make the cuts where the cuts need to be made.

Zachary J Moser

Sand lake area
Anchorage AK 99502

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Glenn Helkenn [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 7:18 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Glenn Helkenn
Subject: Support for PFD, cutting the budget, eliminating oil company tax credits, and creating a state income tax.

I'm a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised, and politically active. I'm writing in support of **protecting full PFD payouts** (no need to pay past dividends back however, at least not until the government is solvent and stable again), **cutting the budget** (not to the immediate and excessive degree Dunleavy proposes, but significantly over the next 5 years nonetheless), **eliminating oil company tax credits** and returning to the ACES north slope tax system (I noticed all these budget issues began shortly after Parnell scrapped ACES), and **instituting a small state income tax on all income above the (yearly adjusted for inflation) poverty line.**

Make no mistake about it, taking the PFD is taxation, plain and simple. And taking PFD money to fund government is the most regressive form of taxation the state could possibly institute, hitting Alaskans hardest while giving visitors and visiting workers a free pass...AND hitting the poor and rural communities the hardest while giving wealthier individuals a free pass.

Leaving the PFD alone and instituting a flat tax on any income over the (annually adjusted for inflation) state poverty line would make much more sense as a strategy for dealing with budget shortfalls, imo.

If individuals want to give up their PFD's to pay for state services, fine, that's up to them. I also suggest **adding various state agencies and/or the general fund to PickClickGive so that people who want to donate their PFDs to the state government can do so.**

But overall, the voters have spoken in our recent gubernatorial election and voted in someone whose platform was explicitly to PROTECT the PFD, and to do so by cutting government spending.

And while I didn't personally vote for Dunleavy, this makes perfect sense.

The PFD injects money into the economy of every community in the state, no matter how rural or how underserved by government services. In contrast to trickle down economics, this is trickle up economics. And it's one of the reasons Alaska has the lowest income inequality coefficient of any state in the union.

The PFD was created as it was for the explicit purpose of preventing political insiders (like upper level government administrators) from taking for themselves a disproportionate share of Alaska's natural resources wealth.

The same cannot be said for any particular governmental institution, most of which in Alaska are located in the urban areas and are full of a disproportionate number of high paid and (often fairly useless, frankly) upper level administrators, owing to decades of political largesse created by high oil revenue streams.

So I want to say it again, taking the PFD is taxation. And, taking the PFD would literally be the most regressive way possible to tax the population of Alaska.

Taking the PFD would be hitting Alaskans the hardest while giving outside visitors to our state a pass from funding the state (whether they are seasonal tourists, military, or north slope oil workers). And it would also be hitting the poorest Alaskans, and those in remote rural Alaska where government services are the most spartan, the hardest, while giving those who benefit more from the system (i.e. wealthier folks, urban folks, etc) disproportionately less responsibility for funding our state.

As I mentioned before, leaving the PFD alone and instituting a flat tax on any income above the (annually adjusted for inflation) state poverty line would make much more sense as a strategy for dealing with budget shortfalls, imo.

But before asking Alaskans to start paying individual taxes, we need to make sure governments budgets are reasonable. And by that I don't mean necessarily "reasonable" to the bureaucrats who have grown used to how generous they have been in the past, but reasonable to those who are going to have to continue paying for them as oil revenues wane into the future.

Given the level of economic activity our state generates outside of the oil industry, taxes on individuals simply can't displace that revenue stream. That's why we have to start by cutting budgets.

Thank you for reading,

Glenn Helkenn

Nenana



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Jake Almeida

From: Luke Nott [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 7:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Full pfd and payback

To whom it may concern.

The pfd belongs to Alaskans. We back budget cuts 100%, balancing the budget 100%, and full pfd to Alaskans, plus payback. Thank you.

John and Dora Nott

Jake Almeida

From: Pattrice I [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 7:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: It's my PFD

Hello, I am emailing you in regards of the pfd. I am a mom of five and building a house out of pocket. The pfds are a great shot in the arm to help my family.
My husband and i feel the same way. If you take the pfd away from the people of Alaska you will hurt the economy and families that don't want to take on debts to live up here.

Thank you for your time.
Pattrice Illguth

Sent from my Huawei phone

Jake Almeida

From: Stephen Holmstock [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 6:20 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Hands off our PFD's

To whom it may concern,

Its time to stop bilking the people of Alaska out of our money (PFD) so you can feed your fat faces, or in Lisa Murkowski's anorexic situation.. her bony face. We the people demand that you cut the budget and that you do what you have to to unravel Gov Walkers liberal leftwing porkbarreling of our State. Hands off our PFD and keep give the money back retroactively that was taken from the last several years of PFD's.

Sincerely,

Stephen P Holmstock

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 5:22 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pass SB23,24

I support the PFD payback. Please restore the PFD, it belongs to the People. Also need to payback the PFD to the people.
and I Tim Baughman agree with this also. Pass SB 23 and SB 24
Thank You

Loretta Brookman
Tim Baughman

Jake Almeida

From: Jon Curtis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 5:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 24

I would strongly urge you to pass legislation enshrining the original formula for PFD payout into the Alaska constitution. Government gets it's half of the earnings and will have to learn to live within that dollar constraint just as the rest of us must live within our wage constraints. Anything else is pure unadulterated theft in my opinion and is an unconscionable overreach of power. I support Govenor Dunleavys budget as the state must reign in it's overspending. Cuts must be made across the board, it just has to happen.

Signed, Jon Curtis

[REDACTED]
Soldotna, AK 99669

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

Please vote to return the pfd's they swiped the last 3 years.

Jake Almeida

From: James Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 3:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: If Alaska needs the PFD. Then all politicians should be fire.

The state literally needs to take a step back and look at what a budget is...
Cut, cut, and cut everything that can be cut... The state doesn't need the PFD, if the politicians demand it.. Then we should take a real hard look at them! And what pet projects they have....NO TAXES! And KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF PFD!!

Jim Clark
Fairbanks Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Valerie [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23/24

Dear Senators,

I would to voice my support for balanced budget and provide all Alaskans their full PFD & payback the remaining PFD's from prior years.

I have resided in Alaska for over 26 years and I am so tired of the legislature continuing to waffle to all these special programs.

Our legislature has continually ignored the people's voice and have heeded the voice of the educators, social workers etc.

I speak as a former state employee of this great state. I have seen how the priorities continue to funnel money into programs that do not benefit most Alaskans.

Alaskans are spoiled and complain..they just are not realistic. More money in education in my humble opinion will not address the poor test scores, dropout rates and endless social ills. Schools have too much overhead. Example, they now feed children breakfast, lunch and dinner. Parents are being made dependent. Kids do not care...everything is given to them. Academics takes second place to sports all across this state.

Computer programs now are used in most classrooms. It is a crisis when power goes out..

I respectfully ask you to be reasonable and do what must be done..cut the pork.

Sincerely,

Valerie Nelson
Michael Nelson

PS.
You need to remember that you can be voted out just like Walker was.

Jake Almeida

From: Tanya Stugart [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: KEEP OUR PFD!!

I'm pleading with you all to keep fighting for our PFD. The cost of living here is so high, working 2-3 jobs just to have a home and vehicle, food for myself and two children. The PFD was written in our constitution and should not even be a consideration during budget crisis.

The PFD allows me to heat my home, provide adequate winter clothing for growing kids every year, activities so that we stay sane during our long winters and summer camp that I would not be able to afford without their PFD. I am willing to pay an income tax!! I will vote and support this!! Put it on the ballot.

Jake Almeida

From: Linda Morrison Goss [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 1:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Stop using pfd to fix budget!!!!!!!

Stop oil credits and stop paying extra on what we owe. The PFD has always been a transfer, stop appropriating and comparing it to education spending. When our family budgets for the year we budget within our means; we don't budget using other people's money. Cut the fat, that's what our family has done for years. Guess what it works, sure we do without the fluff and it stings for a bit but we survive and WE DON'T GO INTO DEBT.

Alaska needs to cut the fat. Bite the bullet take the stings like adults. The stings will pass.

The PFD should be left alone and transferred once a year in the full amount just as the law states.

Stop be cry babies!!

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Everything I know I learned
from my dogs:
Live simply, love generously,
care deeply and speak kindly

Jake Almeida

From: Andrew Moschell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 1:39 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

If you truly cared about Alaska and the people of Alaska you would give the people back their full dividends which are rightfully ours and not for you to take away from us to spend on what you see fit because you won't work with in the budget you have for government.

We can spend our own money just fine and everyone that doesn't want their dividends are welcome to donate it however they want so there's no excuse for what you are doing. I don't think you would like it if someone took control of your money and told you they were gonna spend it for you because they need it more then you, so why are you doing it to Alaskans? Is it because your lying greedy Alaska hating politicians who think your in charge because you got voted in on lies, so you think you have the power to do whatever you want. And really just want power to tell us how to live while you live like hypocrites because we're told to live within our means but government shouldn't have to? You should start representing the people of Alaska instead of your own greed. Stop giving in to peer pressure and do what's right for Alaskans which is represent us and the law which your supposed to uphold.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Craig Deeds [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Restore PFD and make it constitutional.

Jake Almeida

From: Joanne Robitaille [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 1:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I am totally AGAINST using the PFD money FOR Government Budget!

We had a budget BEFORE the PFD!! It appears that the Legislature want to keep using it until it is GONE!

Then, there will be a forced budget!! Trying to scare the citizens by threatening schools is not a good move.

Government has expanded TOO MUCH! It is time to go back to earlier days size Government

I worked in the Legislature when Jay Hammond spoke on the PFD. It was NOT to be used up by Government. It was FOR the citizens and NOT to be touched.

Please give back what was stolen and abide by the rules that the PFD had set up!!!

Jake Almeida

From: KENNETH FEDERICO [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 1:07 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Concerning the PFD

Dear Folks,

Taking the permanent fund or dropping it in size because the legislature can't say no to everybody is evading fiscal responsibility. The PFD is spent by many lower income families for necessary things. It hurts them more so than more well off households. So by taking a portion you are taxing lower income families way more so than higher income families. Do you think that is right? Cut government!!!! The population has roughly remained steady but government growth has ballooned in the past 20 years. Its about time to get this fiscal house in order. I applaud the Governor in throwing the Legislature a hand grenade of a budget, it got every body's attention.

As in any negotiation there are positions staked and common ground is sought. No one has ever walked onto a car lot and paid full price for a car sitting on the lot, unless of course you are in government. That is because it's certainly easy to spend others people's money.

There is no excuse for our state government to be this big, with the amount of population we have. Like the Legislatures spending, it has come down to the wire to bring this ship around. We cannot continue to spend our savings, and take from the people that have received a dividend for close to 30 years.

Governor Hammond and people like Clem Tillion created this PFD so Alaskans would have a stake in its spending. The PFD to each Alaskan guaranteed that Alaskans would have a vested interest for theirs and their children's benefit.

You may not agree with the proposed budget but going along with the status quo is just plain nuts. When I hear the president of the University saying his budget does not have to be cut, we can just do away with the PFD payouts, I want to be sick. This guy is making over \$300,000 a year plus benefits , which is a crime onto itself, and he can't be bothered to trim his budget? That is the kind of state employee thinking that has helped create this financial mess.

Do the right thing and leave the PFD as it was before 2015, before the last guy just took half and you all went right along with it.

Ken Federico, [REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: GCI [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Senate bill 23 and 24

I was born in the territory of Alaska. I live in Alaska. I have had it with the theft of my PFD. Last winter I had to borrow money to fill my oil tank because this government refuses to honor the truth that the permanent fund is for the residents of Alaska, not for the government to use as their piggy bank. I am sure there are plenty of people who can sign up for every social program to help me. However, as a lifelong alaskan, I refuse to surrender my pride to partake of "other people's money". I was not raised that way and for the state to deny me my dignity is unconscionable. It is a sad day when you even consider the reality that this was instituted for the people. The schools, the rest of Alaska need to cut their own spending. The last PEAKS scores were a disaster and not something to be throwing money at...that will not fix anyone's problem. I heard all the teachers and unions weaponizing their flock to enlist our money to benefit only them. Stop now, enshrine the PFD AND THE FORMULA into the constitution!!! You're poor planning does not constitute my emergency. The state is loosing people and you expect us to carry a bloated government cost on our backs. No longer will we be carrying the "dead bloated whale" of government spending.

Sarahann Melody Jackson

[REDACTED]
Juneau Alaska. 99801

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Walter Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB-23 & SB-24

We're writing to all of our State Legislators regarding SB-23 & SB-24.

The two bills listed above must be passed immediately without changes. The PFD was illegally stolen from Alaskan's from the previous administration.

And if you and the other elected officials in Juneau do not correct this terrible wrong done by Walker, then you are supporting Walker's thievery.

THE PFD MUST BE OFF LIMITS TO ALL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, IT IS THE PEOPLE'S MONEY AND NOT YOURS TO USE!

WE DEMAND YOU RETURN ALL OF THE MONEY THAT WAS STOLEN FROM THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA BY WALKER!

AND WE DEMAND THAT ALL PFD'S ARE PAID IN FULL EVERY YEAR WITH NO CHANGES TO THE CALCULATION!

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Leave our PFD alone. Make the cuts that are necessary to stop the bleeding of our savings account and everyother account Alaska has. Pay back what you have taken in the last 2 years. Ginger Self

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: Eric Knowlton [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:32 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Protect the PFD, pay the full PFD, Alaskans desperately need it

I am grateful we have elected a governor and MatSu legislators that understand the importance of protecting the PFD, paying the full PFD and repaying the past three PFD's that were unjustly held back from Alaskans.

You hurt those that are underprivileged by choosing to fund a massive state government and it really hurts seeing the legislators waste so much time and money with special sessions in an attempt to upend what we the people of Alaska want and voted for.

I think the click pick give organizations have also greatly suffered as fewer feel willing to donate from their PFD's as you shrink them or outright try to steal them from us. Organizations that help disadvantaged and disabled Alaskans are suffering from less funds thanks to your aggression and PFD theft. Please stop.

Many families are suffering. A full PFD always helps raise the Alaskan economy overall. Small Alaskan businesses have suffered as well. The wealthy minority that feel they don't need their full PFD's should have the option to choose how their PFD is donated - wether to the state, charities or personal donation. By taking our PFD's, you send a message that Alaskans aren't smart enough or caring enough to make these choices.

Alaskans have to live within our income budgets.
The state of Alaska should be no different.
No more crony deals and multi million dollar 'advisors' for politicians pet projects and pals.

Alaskans FIRST.

Eric Knowlton
Wasilla, Alaska

And yes, I ALWAYS vote. Even after a stroke left me relying on a power wheelchair. God bless all the folks that volunteer the polls and making areas wheelchair accessible.
Thank you to Gov Dunleavy and Senator Wilson - I hope the rest follow your lead.

Jake Almeida

From: Nancy Crowden [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:22 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Hello,

Ex-Gov Walker's swipe of the pen started the state government's theft of the PFD which was created to share oil revenues with the Alaskan people. The the legislature refused to do anything to restore the full pfd, and ignored Bill Wielechowski's attempts challenging those decisions. Coghill wouldn't even listen and shut things down. Total BULL.

The Gov shouldn't be the one telling us how much our PFD is going to be each year, USE THE FORMULA. It used to be fun to wait for the announcement in Sept telling how much we would get. Now ha.

STOP giving the oil companies all the tax breaks they get. It's wrong to pay them to drill oil in our state.

All the people of Alaska want is the FULL PFD we are supposed to receive NOT whatever the legislature decides they want to give us. IF you cannot do that, let us vote on it. If the people vote to let the state use the Permanent Fund money SO BE IT. That is the only way I will accept NOT getting the full PFD.

Thank you,

Nancy Crowden
[REDACTED]

Willow, Alaska 99688
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Donna Hannaman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Give us back our money and keep grubby hands off OUR PFD!

We are all watching. If you people dip your dirty hands into our PFD and refuse to give us back what Walker and you bunch of morons stole from us, we WILL get rid of you in short order. HOW DARE YOU PEOPLE. Republicans and conservatives, wake up or bend over and kiss your rear ends goodbye. Remember, Begisch only lasted a partial term and Murkowski had to run a write-in vote. We will take a stand!

Jake Almeida

From: Alex Mahoy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & 24

I support SB 23 & 24 as proposed by our governor. If anyone wishes to do something else with their share of the dividend they have the freedom of choice to do so but they have no freedom to take mine or anyone else's.

Jake Almeida

From: Amy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23& SB 24

Hello,

I have already submitted my testimony. However, I am extremely concerned.

I just got out of the North Pole Townhall, put on by Senator Coghill and Rep Tammie Wilson. It was close to 50% support of the PFD being the People's.

Representative Wilson said, "I'm just going to say it, you're not going to get a \$3000 PFD. We cannot afford it."

I (Amy Hall) am in strong support of SB 23 & SB 24, as well as the Governor's budget.

I have testified, emailed and gone to town hall meetings. If they've already made up their minds before the vote is made or the people have been heard from, what's the point?

Amy Hall
North Pole, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Delaney Guimont [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 2:24 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support PFD Backpay

Myself and my family depend on the PFD. It's the extra money to go into our saving or the money used to buy new tires or fix the leaky fridge. It's what helps us live comfortably, without falling into massive debt. The state of Alaska took from us, to cover their overspending. I do believe the people of Alaska NEED this money and I do not think that the PFD should ever be used for state spending unless 100% voted on by the people of Alaska.

Thank you,
Delaney Myers

Jake Almeida

From: Sheila Patterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 12:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: Stop the raid on the PFD

The PFD belongs to Alaskans. It is not and never was meant for covering governmental expenses.

I came to Alaska in 1955. I stayed. I helped build this glorious State. Yes. I remember the bonfire on the Park Strip. The PFD belongs to me and my grandchildren and their heirs. Permanently.

Sheila Abbott Patterson
[REDACTED]
Anchorage Ak 99503

Jake Almeida

From: Freddie Perez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 12:20 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd payback

Plz pay back all the PFD funds! My kids and my family can use it to improve our future!!!!

Ty

Fred Perez

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: kent smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 SB 24

Please let the new governor get our states affairs in order there needs to huge cuts to balance the budget. There are over 80 UAA employees making in excess of 200K a year yet if you attended school there you cannot even become a teacher.

Let the people who are not so lucky as to have one of these jobs receive all of their dividends as promised as I am sorry but reality in Alaska is the annual PFD is counted on by the less fortunate as family income.

Do the right thing and vote to give PFD back.

Kent Smith
[REDACTED]

Wasilla, AK 99654
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Ina Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

As a 37 year resident of Alaska I have depended of the PFD to help me thru the winter months with expenses and at times a trip to visit my family in the lower 48. I have lived in the Kenai Peninsula, Fairbanks Borough, Mat-Su Borough and Anchorage mostly as an average grade government employee and working a second job.

I was 1 of 10 children, my father was a sawmill worker and my mother was a stay at home mom. We lived out in the country and attended a 2 room school. 1-3 and 4-8 grade. Then attended high school in town. Had 2 teachers and 1 of them was also the principal. My parents lived and taught how to live on a budget. I have learn can't spend what you don't have. The PFD helps and it's reinvest here in Alaska economy. Whereas the state government wastes it on their bloated budget.

I agree with the Governor approach to the payback of the PFD's and for the budget cuts. This money belongs to Alaskans and not the state government budget. Please pass these 2 bills and repay me my PFD's. It's time to rebuild and reinvest in Alaska's economy. Last 4 years have been hell.

Thanks

Ina Smith
Wasilla, Ak

Jake Almeida

From: Linda Morrison Goss [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 7:49 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Stop thinking PFD is part of budget

Stop thinking the PFD is part of the budget. It is not. Work within a smaller budget, just like we all have to do. You can't spend what doesn't belong to you. You will keep taking the money until its all gone. Then what are you going to do????????

Linda Morrison Goss, 64 year resident of the Fairbanks

Jake Almeida

From: kjusa [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 9:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: RE: PFD Repayment

My wife and I have 8 children and we live on one income. The hit on our income over the last three years has been significant. We already pay nearly 10,000 per year in property taxes, and a large portion of that goes towards funding education. A payback of the PFD over three years would be an enormous help so we can better cover our regular expenses like food and water. Walker singlehandedly picked nearly \$37,000 out of my pocket (approximately 15% of my annual income). Please return it so we can put it to good use and strengthen the local economy.

Kyle and Julie Holt

Jake Almeida

From: patricia cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB23 and SB24

I support SB23 and SB24
Thanks.
Tim Cox

Jake Almeida

From: Louie Crandall III [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore the PFD or you will be looking for a new job.

That simple really. If you quit wasting money on dumb shit like getting together to vote on using gender neutral verbiage, wasting money on over priced catering, etc. we wouldn't have a mess as we do now. Get your shit together or get out.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: barbara dyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Re: SB 23 and 24

Did you receive my previous email?
The PFD belongs to the people.
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On Mon, Mar 4, 2019, 21:50 barbara dyer [REDACTED] wrote:

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

Jake Almeida

From: David A. Arieno [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 3:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In support of full PFD Payback

I support full restoration of the PFD, and payback of the amounts withheld by Governor Walker in the last few years!

David A. Arieno, LUTCF
Straight Shooter Financial
Insurance, Annuities, & Investments
[REDACTED] Chugiak, AK, 99567
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"Success isn't just about what you accomplish in your life. It's about what you inspire others to do with theirs."

David A. Arieno, Securities offered through HD Vest Investment ServicesSM, Member SIPC [REDACTED]

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Jake Almeida

From: Peggy Talerico
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Jake Almeida
Subject: FW: Public Testimony on SB 23 & 24

They just keep coming!

-----Original Message-----

From: Donald Jones <glacierbear2@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:26 PM
To: Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>
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: Peggy Talerico
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:40 PM
To: Jake Almeida
Subject: FW: Public Testimony on Senate Bills 23 and 24

Jake,

Since this mentioned it was Public Testimony, I wanted to make sure that you had received it as well.

Peggy 😊 It's Friday!

-----Original Message-----

From: Donald Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>
Subject: Public Testimony on Senate Bills 23 and 24

To Senator Coghill'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 4003 Resurrection Dr, Anchorage, 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: Angela Berke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:13 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Yes on SB # 23 - 24

Jake Almeida

From: Adam Hykes [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 8:49 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restitution of the Permanent Fund

Dear Senator(s),

My desire is for the PFD to be restored to its full payout, and also to have restitution for the previous 2 years of half-payouts.

We're short on cash, this doesn't have to all take place this fiscal year. But my trust in government was broken when Governor Walker made the unilateral decision to cut our PFD's. I feel that this was done in such a manner because he would not have been able to do so by a vote of the people as defined by the constitution. If it was the will of the people, as some have testified on Monday, then why was it not put to a vote as mandated by the Alaskan Constitution.

It feels like theft. And the honorable thing to do when money has been stolen, is to return what was taken. Only then can we work on restoring trust between us. You (all) in the Senate have the opportunity to do something Great. You have the chance to be a part of something Honorable, and right the wrongs of the previous administration.

I'm not outraged, or offended, or protesting. But I am saying that there is something wrong between us, and it needs to be acknowledged and amended. I'm willing to work with you (all) when restoration of trust has taken place, but that won't be complete until restitution has taken place.

Peace and Shalom,
Adam Levi Hykes
Homer, Ak

Jake Almeida

From: KELLEY [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24

I went to the Mat-Su LIO to testify last night only to find the meeting cancelled.

The following is my 1 minute testimony:

I am Kelley Griffin, 56 year Alaskan.

Alaska is unique in that all Alaskans own our resources, and by extension, resource revenue. Most revenue is entrusted to our elected representatives to fund our government. However, the Permanent Fund is our investment account and a small portion are paid to us directly - not funneled through government.

Historically, the amount disbursed was determined by an objective formula - untainted by politics - and the one thing we could count on being untouched by politics. This was true even through our darkest hours of rampant corruption in Juneau.

Even in 1986 with oil at \$9.00 per barrel (\$20 today,) the dividend remained untouched, and the state survived to spend with unaccountable abandon for the next 3 decades!

Any monies spent by the state actually belong to all Alaskans, therefore, are derived from tax revenue whether state or federal. The dividend is not yours to spend. We have been overcharged and it is time to return our dividend.

By the way, regular Alaskans are not represented by lobbyists or unions and therefore have a much quieter voice.

Listen to us.

PS Anyone who wants to spend their dividend on state government, they should send theirs back to the Department of Revenue, and leave my dividend alone as I don't want to spend mine on state government. I spend mine on local property taxes.

Kelley Griffin
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Myron Severson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:38 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Since I was unable to call in, I am sending this email in SUPPORT of having the FULL PFD reinstated and receiving my FULL back portion that was withheld.

Regards,

Myron Severson

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Stoltz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:24 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support Full Payback

A quick note to inform the Senate I support FULL payback of the PFD.

Mike Stoltz
Talkeetna, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: John Kagerer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:12 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I support the passage of bills SB23 and SB24. It is my belief that the PFD belongs with individuals and not the government.

Thank you
John Kagerer

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Rhonda Jeanne [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 3:51 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony on SB23 and SB24

My name is Rhonda Jeanne from Anchorage.

In spite of the State budget shortfall, it is still wrong to take anyone's PFD. It belongs to the people as our portion of the wealth collectively earned. In fact it was income earned at least five years ago. It was wrong of Gov. Walker to withhold any of it. It should have been an untouchable pass through appropriation.

While I understand we are not guaranteed a dividend, that should only apply if there were losses on investments.

It's my opinion that the recession on the ground is mostly due to the reduced PFD's of the last few years (in conjunction with the large budget cuts). A good test would be to give us some of the back money owed and see what happens.

Even if a third or half the population of the State really rely heavily on the dividend income to help with their basic needs, that should be reason enough to see that they get it.

Many people who testified on Tuesday seemed to feel that we had a choice between having our PFD or having adequate funding for education, the University System or the Ferry System, for example, but that is a false equivalency. Very unfortunately, the Governor's insistence on a balanced budget is 'shock doctrine' and an entirely different problem.

If there isn't enough in the earnings reserve account for paying out the PFD's owed and funding government, a special dividend appropriation must come from the corpus of the permanent fund, just this time only, to correct the mistakes made. Consider it a hard lesson learned.

I must support SB23 and SB24. Thank you.

Rhonda Jeanne
Anchorage, AK
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: spenardgirl [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 3:36 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD payback

Please pay my family back that was stolen from us.
I am aware that you wish to spend it on really important stuff, but we must ALL live within our means.
There is the individual option for the people who testified to put their money toward anything they choose.

Sincerely.
Mrs. Dana Smith
[REDACTED]
Eagle River, AK 99577
[REDACTED]

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: jim gilmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:11 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

To the Honorable Represent
Please support Gov. Dunleavy and return the People's Full PFD..
Thankyou
Jim Gilmore/ Seward

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Jason crain [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:24 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd pay back!

I support governor Dunleavys budget cuts and pfd pay back Bill's. I have been a resident since 1990 in the state of Alaska.

Jake Almeida

From: Rudolph Howard [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Restoration

Dear Senators,

I support Governor Dunleavy proposal to restore the amount of the PFD that was denied to the citizens of Alaska the past three years. I also would like SB 26 repealed and a restoration of the formula traditionally used to determine our PFD.

Rudolph Howard
[REDACTED]

Anchorage , Ak 99517
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Crystal Hite [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & 24

I am a lifelong Alaskan, as is my husband. We have 3 children together and have been greatly impacted by the Alaskan Legislatures abuse of our PFD. We are absolutely opposed to any future interference of the PFD, and wish for what has been taken during the Walker administration to be fully restored!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Alicia Kerr [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:09 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support for restoring the PFD and paying back what Alaskans are owed

Hello,

I am writing to express my desire that the PFD funds that were taken over the past 3 years be restored entirely to the people on the next PFD check.

I also ask that nothing change with the PFD program unless the citizens of the State of Alaska be given a vote on a yes/no question on any and every attempt to make any changes to the PFD program.

Sincerely,
Alicia Kerr
Anchorage, Alaska Resident

Jake Almeida

From: David Godfrey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:08 PM
To: State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Give the PFD back to the people where it belongs. Give it back to the residents of Alaska!

Dave Godfrey
Wasilla AK.

Jake Almeida

From: Ruth Abbott [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Government must learn to live within its means.

Restore the PFD and pay back what is owed to us.

Charles and Ruth Abbot
Delta Junction, AK
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Damien [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: 23,24 bill

I want the pfd restored and I don't want the pfd to be messed with in the future. I support governor Dunleavy and he is doing what he promised you Dan politicians are exploding the government and not cutting back. I'm freaking pissed off.

Don ismael

Jake Almeida

From: John Lamborn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

I support Governor Dunleavy pfd plan to give back Alaskans their pfd. Cut government spending.

Sincerely,

John C. Lamborn
Wasilla, Alaska
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Bernadette Gali [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restoring PFD

Sent from my iPhone

Being an Alaskan resident, we need to save the pfd and restore it . For the future and another generation . We want our money for those years been stolen from us. Wants some payback check. Keep the pfd not using it for the gov . Purposes bec it's for the Alaskan resident for how many decade. We should keep it that way . Thank you. Sincerely , Bernadette Gali

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:25 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

I SUPPORT SB 23 and SB 24. I speak for my family of 4 in Kenai Alaska. We r a hard working family and believe that pfd's should be protected for future generations. Pfd money will pay for my kids post secondary education. Please protect the one thing Alaska state govt has done right and protect the pfd.

Kyle Felt
Kenai

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Jake Almeida

From: Kathy Steadman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Hello. I wasn't able to call in tonight for the public testimony so I wanted to take a moment to email you.

I believe we need to restore and protect the PFD. It is the peoples. Government needs to address their out of control spending and and balance the budget before even talking of taking more from the people (pfd, or otherwise). The PFD is not a back up plan for poor government planning and spending.

Thank you so much,

Kathy Steadman

Jake Almeida

From: Lobdell_Cecilia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:13 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD ALERT

Importance: High

Restore what was taken from the PFD and never allow that part which belongs to the people to be tapped into again. Those that propose to 'rob from Peter to pay Paul' are spoiled, selfish, and irresponsible. It's shameful!

Unfortunately your wakeup call became necessary – yet, still they bark: 'we want more, more, more'. Should they continue to refuse to assist the state in getting the budget deficit under control, I'd say, "Implement your proposed budget reductions, Governor and staff."

~Cecilia Lobdell

Sorry, I didn't get on Facebook at the time you were 'live'. I hope this counts as another person AGAINST those that are begging that the state steal from the publics' PFD. NO, NO, NO don't let that happen again.

Jake Almeida

From: Barbara Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:11 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

Senators of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

Thank you for your service to the state. My name is Barbara Adams and I live in Nenana. I've been an Alaskan for 24 years. I chose to live here for my adult life and career because of the amazing beauty and the good life it offers.

I am in favor of SB23 & SB24. I believe the PFD should use the historical calculation as it provides longevity of the fund. I believe it was unfairly reduced under the Walker administration. Those in rural Alaska were certainly impacted much more than those in urban areas or those with higher incomes. Changes to the payout process should be put to a vote of Alaskans.

I appreciate the suggestions that many people shared concerning opting out of the back pay. This process could provide the right balance for those who rely on the PFD and those who are happy to share it with the state.

Thank you for your time,
Barbara

Jake Almeida

From: Troyandclaudia Brasilusa [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:11 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I am writing to testify in support of SB23 & 24.

I am writing to testify in support of SB23 & 24.

The PFD is not revenue for State Budget. Cut the budget! We need responsible balanced budget now! Your budget cuts will be painful but we need to only budget expenditures based on the money that comes in and not use our savings and PFD to support them! Make it optional to donate their PFD to general fund of State of Alaska.

Thank you
Claudia Swanson
Caroline Araujo
Troy Swanson

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Claudia Swanson

Jake Almeida

From: slant6guy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Protect the PFD for the People

I, Gerald Lee Goodwin Jr., humbly ask to find a balance to fully Protect the PFD for the People and to have a fiscal policies that do NO cause deficit spending with that fiat U.S. Dollar: help us all by your constraint to over spend on bloated items related to health, job growth and cut the oil companies Alaska state taxes by 50%.

Thank you.

-GLG2

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Davids [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support SB 23 and 24

Mike Davids
Kenai Ak
[REDACTED]

I support senate Bill 23
I support Senate Bill 24

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Allen Hippler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:39 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

I support a full dividend! The people of the state can spend the money more efficiently than the government.
Thank you

Allen Hippler
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99507

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Gayle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Protect and restore the PFD

Please pass legislation on SB 23 and SB24. I also support the governor's budget proposal to balance the debt as any normal household should.

Gayle Faulkner
Wasilla, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Thomas Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:31 PM
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) March 5, 2019

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: Nichole Kenneth Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:30 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 24

Pass SB23 and SB24
Thank you
Kenneth Davis

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Kiel Moe [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Kiel Moe support of Dunleavy

I fully support Dunleavy's plan to make deep budget cuts pay a full PFD and repay stolen PFD's.

I already sent another email but didn't include my name Thank you, Kiel Moe Homer, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Russell Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:18 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Alaskans' PFD

To whom it may concern,

I am a long time Alaskan. I would like to inform you that I am totally opposed to the legislature taxing, reducing, or in any fashion, touching Alaskans' permanent fund dividends. The permanent fund is Alaskans' personal money. It is not the legislature's money in spite of the fact that the legislature has claimed it for the last several years. These reductions in the permanent fund amount to taxation without representation, basically theft committed by the legislature. The monies removed from Alaskans' PFDs should be fully and completely restored immediately. All future dividends should be paid out without interference from the legislature. Any change to the structure, dividend payment, or organization of the permanent fund can only be legitimate when effected via ballot initiative passed by a majority of Alaskans.

In addition, I am deeply concerned about the inappropriate influence over the legislature and government policy by people and entities who are employed by the same legislature and government. This is a highly inappropriate conflict of interest. If a person or entity is paid by government the only time it is appropriate for them to effect government policy is behind the curtain of the voting booth as an individual. Employees of government institutions and unions of government employees appear to be setting the tone if not dictating policy in the current legislature.

Thank you for your time,
Russell S. Brown
29 year Alaska resident

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:12 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB24 & SB23 PASS THEM

Alaskan spoke loud and clear when they elected Dunleavy. The majority spoke and want their PFD back and secured from further governmental theft! Pass SB23 & SB24. Alaska's for their pfd and Alaskans for Dunleavy!

NICHOLE DAVIS
33 year Alaskan resident.

Jake Almeida

From: Kiel Moe [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support of Dunleavy

I fully support Dunleavy's budget proposal, it's about dang time we see serious budget cuts. Since 2014 I've been laid off 5 times and constantly worried about the next laid off. I had to make hard decisions and sacrifices, the same needs to be done at the state level. Response spending is the answer not stealing Alaskan PDF's!

Jake Almeida

From: Greg White [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:06 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

Good evening,

I am writing to let you know I fully support SB 23 and 24. The Governor promised to restore lost PFD payoffs and I support this effort. The PFD was setup to give back to Alaskan residents and was never set up to pay for state programs or services. Many people don't seem to understand that PFD money was never intended to be spent on any state services. I am listening to testimony from many fellow Alaskans urging you Senators to support using this money to fund state expenses. DO NOT DO THIS!!! We need to balance the budget using available funds, not rob Alaskans. Also, I DO NOT support an income tax! I am a teacher in Anchorage and believe we spend way too much already on education. Throwing money at education will not help our students graduate, achieve higher scores on standardized tests, just look at the DATA! We are near last in the nation if you look at nationwide tests.

Gregory White
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99507
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Kathryn Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Vote to give back stolen PFD

Dear Representatives,

I urge you to vote to restore the PFD that was wrongfully taken from the people of Alaska and to make it where any changes to the PFD must be voted on by the people. I truly believe that our past governor Jay Hammond did not intend for the PFD to have been raided the way that past governor Walker did.

Best Regards,

Kathryn Clark
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Pua Weichert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: AK PFD Payback Testimony-Weichert

Dear AK Legislature:

I am deeply concerned that the consideration of the AK PFD is still being considered to be intercepted by our legislature to fill the gap of the fiscal dilemma we are in at this time. I am in FULL SUPPORT of the AK PFD payback as suggested in Gov. Dunleavy's budget proposal.

My reasons are as such concerning the state governing affairs needs to stay out of the pockets of Alaskans this also goes for a possible state income tax! It is time for legislation to start doing their jobs & following through with this budget proposal and stop making Alaskan's pay for what legislators are causing—DEBT! If I have to live within my means, so should our state government! The population for the SOA makes no sense concerning the incurred debt we are in right now. This is shameful! Our government needs to stand accountable and be responsible for their failure of bringing us to the breaking point we are at. It isn't fair to Alaskans. It isn't fair to Gov. Dunleavy.

Do your jobs.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Pua Weichert
"Proud Alaskan"

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Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: tropicalislandsurf@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Re: SB 23/24

We, as a retired USAF family, collecting Social Security, have been blessed receiving our PFD. Please let us keep it. Thank you. We pay for many important things with our PFD our income can not fully cover. One important example : covering the increase cost of living; food is getting more expensive. AK rentals are very high. Repaying Student loans, dentists, even bandwidth and more.!

Jake Almeida

From: Michael Sheldon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In support for SB23 and 24 to payout our PFD's in full from 2016-18.

My name is Michael D. Sheldon who is in support of SB 23 and 24.
In short, I believe that the PFD's that was vetoed in 2016 by Governor Walker and legislative action in 17 and finally, the POMV percentage grab is an illegal form of the thief of our PFD's without the consent of the Alaskan Shareholders called common as owners of the fund! I support the economy to be strengthened by a full payout from the past three years but these bills of 23 and 24 are sufficient for me and my family.

Thanks for allowing me to testify by email and I hope that justice will be served for "We The People of Alaska".

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Jake Almeida

From: Teresa Winter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

Lifelong Alaskan resident. I support the governor and his pfd payback. State spending has to be reigned in, and I know it's hard to look where to cut.

Might I suggest not spending another dime on the imaginary gas pipeline before taking it from education? Or maybe earn some revenue by selling and or developing some state land, and I mean more than just random parcels no one can access without a floatplane, the state owns land behind my house I'd be happy to buy, as an example. Medicaid is fraught with abuse and we all know it, prosecute abusers and save the money for those that truly need it. Anyway, just my thoughts.

Thanks and best of luck!

Jake Almeida

From: James Ames [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:56 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24 Testimony

I James Ames of North Pole Alaska demand that the PFD be restored for the last three years it was stolen by corrupt government officials and I demand that all government officials keep their hands off of the PFD in the future. Many families including mine depend on the PFD to get us through the winter by helping with cost of living during the winter months. Stop thinking about yourselves and serve the people of Alaska who voted for you. The people have spoken. You just need to listen.

James Ames

Jake Almeida

From: Kim Steel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Give back our PFD

To whom this concerns in the state legislature: You are public servants. You had no right whatsoever to take that which wasn't yours to take and never was. We the people did not consent to it and therefore, demand it back. All of it. To the last penny. Most sincerely, your constituent aka boss, Kim Steel

Jake Almeida

From: Conrad Vessey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24

To the employees of the Alaskan people (Alaska legislature),

I am emailing you on behalf of the people of Alaska that support Governor Mike Dunleavy and the restoration of the people's money in the form of the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD).

In recent years the government has overstepped their authority and stolen millions of dollars from the citizens of the great state of Alaska and caused damages to every family that depends on that money to feed, clothe, house and care for themselves. Most families, mine included, use the PFD to pay bills, fix vehicles, buy food and pay for insurance health care etc.

Over the last few days of having my family's PFD's stolen by the corrupt politicians, governor and the crooked bought off judges that got it so incredibly wrong, we have been screwed out of our chance to pay off our credit cards and purchase a home. In January 2017 we sold our house in Anchorage to get away from the crime and the crazy school district. Our plan was to move into our travel trailer for a few months and pay off bills to become debt free before we got a house. Unfortunately we had some health issues that absorbed our proceeds from the sale of the house along with other bills. Needless to say over 2 years later and we are still living in a tent in the woods.

Largely because of the state's inability to live within its means, budget the taxpayers money properly and be held accountable for the decisions they make. For those reasons, (along with many others like SB91 that completely drain our coffers). My family, like many many others in the state of Alaska, have been told by the previous governor, legislature and judges that our needs as citizens don't matter as much as those of the state government. We are expected to live within our means, we are expected to pay our bills, we are expected to live within the limitations set forth before us. I say at the state government cannot live within its means, being the state budget, that they do not have the right to steal well was never intended to be used for government, the people's money. This money was set aside for the people of Alaska not for government use. The people that set up the permanent fund dividend did so with the intent that is never be used for government funding. Those people have testified under oath that it was never designed for that purpose. The corrupt judges refuse to listen in order to line their own pockets and keep control over the people. This legislature has the opportunity to start the process of repairing the damage done by the previous administration. You have the chance do start regaining the trust of the people. The chance to bring back some kind of honor to the state of Alaska. The government is not above the people. Your jobs, as public servants, is to do the will of the people. I say to all those people that do not want the dividend, very simply, do not apply for it. If you want your money to fund something, click, pick, give is the perfect opportunity to do that. Do not prevent other families from trying to better their situations because you don't want something. Now is your chance to stand with governor Dunleavy and the people of the state of Alaska, do the right thing, support the governor's proposition to not only protect the dividend but to repay the stolen funds in their entirety.

With all due sincerity and respect,
Conrad Vessey

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android Please Forgive any typos I'm doing this on my phone.

Jake Almeida

From: Todd Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24

Thank you all for your service and diligence working through the budget.
I support SB23 and SB24.

Thank you
Todd Adams
Nenana AK.
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Andrew Steel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:49 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Give back our money

To whom it may concern in the Alaska legislature. Give back the pfd money you stole with interest. Respectfully your citizen boss. Andrew steel

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Shane McEwen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24 Support

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a lifelong Alaskan living in Fairbanks. I would like to express to you my support for Senate Bills 23 and 24. The Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend is not the answer to the state's budget challenges, and cutting people's dividends has been detrimental for those of us that rely on that money as a part of our income, so that we can continue to live in the state that we love. The cuts are a heavy tax on the lower income segment of our population, and has a deep impact on the economy of the state.

As a state, we have to make the difficult decisions in regards to the budget. Yes, it will mean cuts to programs, the university, schools, and medical care. As a family of 5, those cuts will affect us in many ways, but I stand with the Administration's plan and budget. It is and has been irresponsible to continue depleting savings and increasing spending knowing full well that income and revenues have been in decline for several years. Refunding the PFD amounts that have been taken in previous years will help to offset some of the costs that come to families and local governments with the reduction in government programs and funding, and will help to restore trust in the legislative processes that are supposed to responsibly collect and spend the money that has been placed in their oversight.

Thank you for your time,

Andrea McEwen

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99711
[REDACTED]

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things." Philippians 4:8

Jake Almeida

From: William Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: REF: SB 23/24

I strongly support Governor Dunleavy and the intent of SB23/24 to restore the last three years PFDs to the people of Alaska. The PFD has been a go-to resource for families all across Alaska. The PFD not only helps families in need, but is an economic shot-in-the-arm for businesses all across our state. I am writing to ask the you fully restore the last three years PFD and that you do not take any future PFDs to support government programs. In short, don't mess with the PFD.

William S Brown
Palmer Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Katie Dietrich [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

My name is Katie (Terstegge) Dietrich and I am writing to you as a lifelong Alaskan, mother and business owner. Myself and my husband believe that the PFD should be kept as the founders intended. This money is better spent by private citizens who rely on it to fill heating oil tanks, pay property taxes, pay off credit card debt and to support programs of interest throughout our communities. If private citizens would like to see certain non essential programs continue, they always have the option of giving their PFD through pick.click.give.

I suggest the government take a good hard look at their spending habits before looking for the next easy out. You can't manage what you already have, how do you expect us to trust you with more? We are all expected to live within our means, it's time for the government to do the same.

Thank you.

Katherine
[REDACTED]

Talkeetna, AK
99676

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24

I SUPPORT SB 23 & SB 24.

I also believe the Pfd should be protected by a constitutional amendment. If a deal is cut to take dividend earnings I believe republicans and the governor should demand a constitutional amendment to protect what is left of future dividends. I also believe dividends should not be capped. That is should have a chance to grow over time.

Catherine Felt
Kenai

Jake Almeida

From: Byron Wallace [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:35 PM
To: Senate State Affairs

My name is Byron Wallace and I don't believe babies and children under 18 should have to pay for a ferry that due to unions n cost of fuel should be abolished. Education yeah at college level not pre school or even before:/ the pfd helps families n it's for the people and needs stay the people.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Libby Stepp [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback

I vote yes for the PFD payback.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: Ed Oberts [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:16 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Protect the PFD

Senate State Affairs Committee

There are a lot of reasons the PFD is important to Alaska but the primary reason is it creates a constituency for protecting the Permanent Fund. Without this constituency (the voters) that have a vested interest in the fund Alaska eventually would do the same as all the oil rich nations around the world that have set aside billions but eventually a project comes along they spend the fund and go into debt. I know the corpus of the fund is "protected" and cannot be spent without a vote of the people but if we did not have the PFD eventually one project or many spread out across the state would "buy" enough votes to spend the fund.

The existing formula has worked well and will continue to work. Pay Alaskan's the full dividend and payback the confiscated dividends.

***Another benefit of larger PFD checks is there is no need for the state to fund everything. We the people can choose what we are willing to pay for.

Ed Oberts, GRI, CRS
Redoubt Realty

[REDACTED]
907-262-8855 x 26
907-398-8039 cell

Jake Almeida

From: Nancy Lester [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Theft

The fact that our money was taken completely and utterly illegally should require no explanation ! My home will go with into repossession for non-payment of taxes because of the thieves in Juneau. Once again I won't be able to buy the things I need for myself and pay my bills off. It's time to put an end to the corrupt politicians who benefit from our misfortune ! I stand wholeheartedly with Gov. Dunleavy on his stance to return the stolen monies and enshrine the original formula for the PFD so this will never happen again. What will become of all of us that depend so much on this money at the end of the year, no homes, no food, and no way to get out of the mess that the previous "so called Gov." has put us in, especially the elderly such as myself. Get rid of the dead weight and useless jobs that Walker created and cut the budget that way, not by stealing what rightfully belongs to the people of Alaska. The state gets the lions share off the top but greed has taken over for the SOB's that run this state ! I plead, along with many others, to pass SB 23 & 24 and give us back what belongs to us

Thank You
Nancy Lester

Jake Almeida

From: Lloyd Bickford [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD PAYBACK

Give us our PFD's back! Honor the people from whom you stole, and return what does not belong to you!

I'm getting tired of this "debate". The PFD's do not belong government, it belongs to the people.

Reduce spending to a reasonable level at reasonable rate. If it takes several years in cutbacks, then do it. If the PFD money has been sitting in a bank for the past few years, use that interest to cover debts, and return the rest of it to whom it belongs.

Consider a state tax, if you must, stop stealing from people who are vulnerable and rely on the PFD to make it through the year.

Stop being crooks, stop increasing government, and stop playing the people for a bunch of fools.

Even a child can figure out that if they run out of money, they cannot buy what they have their eye set on. Somehow the government never ceases to go beyond their limit at the cost of the tax payers.

Make reasonable, responsible plans, and a reasonable, responsible budget.

Work together FOR the betterment of the people you are supposed to represent, and quit patronizing us with your pretty words and hidden agendas. Regain your integrity... Have a conscience for crying out loud.

This circle jerk is already gotten old.

Regards,

Lloyd Bickford

Jake Almeida

From: Jon Curtis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD TESTIMONY

Hello, my name is Jon Curtis and I have been an Alaskan resident since 1996. I am an avid outdoorsman and try to partake in as much of the bounty this state has to offer. I know that narrative has been that if we don't tax your PFD education, public transportation, road maintenance, and a list of other government services will be cut. Hog wash! You all know as well as I do that the PFD payout is completely separate from the operating budget. You folks cannot have my PFD. I also demand that you pay back what was stolen from me the last 3 years! This is not yours! You (state) gets your half, you need to be satisfied with that, and cut spending accordingly so as to not exceed revenue. Seems like a no brainer to me but I'll be damned if you people just can't seem to get enough of other peoples money. I could go on for hours but I'm going to leave it at that. LEAVE IT ALONE AND PAY IT BACK!

Jake Almeida

From: Wesley Paajanen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD payments

Gentlemen,

Concerning the amount of money paid out in PFD payments, I recommend paying the amount recommended by Governor Dunleavy !

The cost of state Gov't has gone up from \$725 per Alaskan resident in 1970 to \$18,000 per Alaskan resident in FY 2012 or 24.8 times as high as it was in 1970; THIS IS TOTALLY REDICULOUS; SOMETHING MUST BE DONE !

REDUCE STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING INSTEAD OF ROBBING THE PERMANENT FUND OR INSTITUTING A STATE INCOME TAX OR ANY OTHER TAXES !!!!!

REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING !!!

Wesley Paajanen

Eagle River, Ak.

Jake Almeida

From: Heather Oberle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 4:48 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I demand our PFDs be returned to us. I also want to see it returned back to it's original state. It hurts my family and my kids to see so much of it taken away from us. We are a poor family and depend on those funds. The last three years has hurt us in more ways than I can say. Please return our money and restore the Dividend back to it's original calculations.

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Heather Oberle
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Iris Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:16 PM
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) March 5, 2019

My name is Iris Williams from Peters Creek, and I am speaking for my husband Thomas and my 5 children: Tobias, Aubrieta, Trygg, Trevor, & Tyndale. I fully 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.

Iris Williams
Thomas Williams
Tobias Williams
Aubrieta Williams
Trygg Williams
Trevor Williams
Tyndale Williams

Peters Creek, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Thomas Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:11 PM
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) March 5, 2019

Update

In my previous letter, I failed to clearly state that I am speaking for my wife Iris Williams and my 5 children: Tobias, Aubrieta, Trygg, Trevor, & Tyndale.

Thomas Williams

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Thomas Williams
Iris Williams
Tobias Williams
Aubrieta Williams
Trygg Williams
Trevor Williams
Tyndale Williams
Peters Creek, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Barry Munsell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pay back the PFD

Dear State Legislators

I implore you to follow Governor Dunleavy's lead and restore the PFD in full to the citizens of Alaska, plus stop the future raids on our, the citizens of the state, share of the mineral revenue collected from our lands.

The state of Alaska spends way more on a per capita basis for education and other state services and, again as the governor has outlined in his common sense budget, needs to review every state expenditure in detail and fund essential services first with special attention paid to eliminating administration costs and duplicated services.

Sincerely,

Barry R Munsell
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wasilla, AK 99687

Jake Almeida

From: DuRette Construction Co, Inc. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB 23 and SB 24

I strongly support Both of these measures, SB 23 and SB 24

Disappointed that this committee is not taking further public testimony, when there is so much at stake here.

This budget dilemma falls right at the feet of past and some present legislature's that were hell bent to grow the State of Alaska Government at an unsustainable rate.

I am a 44 year resident and have watched the billions of dollars created by oil wealth, and natural resources be squandered away for too long.

Governor Hammond had it right when the Permanent Fund was enacted, and given the legislature's history, I do not see where piling more money into the hands of our representatives, that belongs to Alaskan's will do anything except keep the status quo.

Submitted by,
Jackie DuRette
Ketchikan, AK.

Jake Almeida

From: Emily Tiller [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent Fund Dividend

To whom it may concern,

My family is in favor of receiving back pay for the prior Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends that were not paid in full. This money is constitutionally due to myself and my fellow Alaskans. It would also change so many lives for the better. For example, it would allow me to stay with my newborn and delay returning to work the work force right away. We would also use the funds to start our own business in the agricultural industry. Further, I also know multiple small business owners in the Mat-Su that would be able to continue operating their businesses with these funds; without them, they will likely have to close down their establishments. My husband and children are life long Alaskans. Please honor our right to receive our Permanent Fund Dividends.

Thank you for your consideration

Emily Gibson
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Helen Buckwalter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Keep the PFD

To whom it may concern;

Please do not take the PFD from the people who rightfully are the recipients and owners of this by law. Follow the law!
We

understand the temptation to try to use it for trying to bridge the budget gap, but it is essentially a huge tax on every man, woman and child in this state. As a senior citizen, the PFD is more vital as we age and are less able to keep working.

That money should be paid out and it is a big boost to the economy when it is in the hands of the citizens. Those who want to give it to the government are certainly welcome to do so.

My support goes to those who are creative in cutting the budget of the wasteful and non essential items. There are many ways to tighten our fiscal belts and I hope the legislators will get on board with working together to bring Alaska's financial ship turned around!

Helen Buckwalter , Senior citizen and registered Independent voter from Homer, AK

Jake Almeida

From: beaver haynes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 12:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Sb23 and sb24

To whom it may concern,
I am for the pdf being restored in full and protected. The original intent is it belongs to the residents of the state of Alaska. Please don't steal it.
Thank you
Beaver Haynes

Jake Almeida

From: matt obermiller [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Return The PFD And Cut State Spending!

To The Alaska Legislature: 25 year full time rural Alaska resident here, I VERY strongly support (Insist on would be more accurate) cutting state spending.

Oil revenues might increase at some indeterminate time in the future but cutting state spending is low hanging fruit, is 100% under your control and yields IMMEDIATE results! So stop screwing around and start drastic cuts to state spending!

You will initially have to take some heat from the biggest special interest groups (currently that would be the government worker's unions and the natives) but if you think it's hard to face these groups down now, wait until the cupboard is empty and things are really desperate! This problem won't go away and it won't get easier by putting it off or by emptying the budget reserve before tackling it, the stars are aligned NOW. Second, return the PFD money Walker's administration stole from us. Wasn't his to steal and it's not yours to continue to hold. Again, there is only one way out of this and it's not through stealing our money and it's not through hoping increased oil revenues will ride over a distant hill to save the day, YOU HAVE TO CUT SPENDING!!

Like Churchill said of the US in WWII, "You can always count on the US to do the right thing" then under his breath as he turned away, "But only after they've tried everything else." The Alaska state legislature has the chance to do what it knows is the "right thing" and do it first instead of waiting until all other clearly dead-end avenues have been exhausted THEN doing the right thing.

CUT STATE SPENDING NOW!!

RETURN OUR STOLEN PFD'S!

Thank you for considering this,
Matt Obermiller
[REDACTED]

From: Bill Iverson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I fully support SB 23 and SB 24

My name is Bill Iverson and am speaking for myself.

I was born and raised in the Territory of Alaska in 1951.

I fully support SB 23 and SB 24.

I have operated many small businesses over the years and have a degree in accounting.

How can we possibly continue to spend at the current levels??

The economy of Alaska should not be sacrificed to pay for the past overspending by our legislature, who cannot seem to grasp that fact that we must cut our budget.

A strong economy will fix all ails.

Every business and non-profit in the state has suffered because of the cuts made to the PFD. The economy of Alaska cannot be sacrificed any longer.

If we don't return the PFD to Alaskans and make it so the legislators can never try this again, the necessary cuts will never happen.

I used to have a computer business that sold to the State and one thing I was always told toward the end of each fiscal year was that each department needs to spend everything that is left in their

budget or they wouldn't get the same allotment or increase the next year. This attitude continues to this day. We have recently heard it from new hires in government.

There was an unfair allocation of the union school people from Sitka testifying last Thursday, who all were opposed to SB 23 & SB 24.

Thank you,
Bill Iverson

[REDACTED]
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

[REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Mari Minke [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Please 'refund' and fairly pay out to legal citizens of Alaska, the PFD. We trust Governor Dunleavy's decisions on the state budget and we voted for him for one reason because of his belief it is 'illegal' to use the PFD for anything other than to give rebate to Alaska legal citizens. Thank you. Mari (Marilou) and John Minke, Homer, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: john bradley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & 24

Dear Senators

I support the return of the PFD funds to the people. Personally, I do not need it but it was taken illegally.

You legislators always spend more than you have. That is what government has been doing for a long time. You get support from the unions and the education system and always ply on human emotion that you need more for education and health care. Why can charter schools do a better job for less? Think about it. You think the public is that stupid? GET RID OF PUBLIC EDUCATION and let the PRIVATE SECTOR do it with Charter schools. Think about the \$\$ saved!

I have to pay for my health care so I get no state assistance!

GET rid of too many state employees! I see plow trucks out here all winter running down the road with a plow down and absolutely NO SNOW being moved. I see too much spreading of salt and sand mix on our subdivision roads that is NOT NEEDED. Never was done just a few years back.

This salt is affecting the fish in the streams and lakes! What's more important. catering to a few Californians who refuse to slow down in winter or the state's fisheries?

LEAVE THE PFD alone and do your job of cutting the FAT.

I know this falls on deaf ears and you all scoff at what anyone in the public thinks. It's all about big money! May God Judge you one day!

thank you
John Bradley
Willow, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Tanya Q. Kitka [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB 23 & 24

Dear Senators,

I urge you to please **support SB 23 & 24** and pay Alaskans their full PFDs including paying back the amounts previously taken.

This is a TAX and a very regressive one that forces CHILDREN and our ELDERS to pay an equal share to top earners in this state.

I keep hearing the debate of how we can either fund the PFDs or fund the government services, but I feel this is completely NOT TRUE, and not fair.

It is basically telling those living in rural Alaska, and the lowest income bracket, that they are SCREWED either way.

They will either not get income that should be coming to them, or their services will be cut. It is a lose-lose situation for EVERYONE in rural Alaska, and those of low income.

Fifteen years ago, oil prices were similar to now, as well as oil production volume, and somehow our state was able to afford the government services as well as paying citizens a full PFD. I understand that during those booming years following, with high oil prices, government spending increased to match. BUT, why are we even DEBATING not paying the PFD, when we just need to scale back spending to a pre-high oil price budget??? Lets not be greedy, and there are many places for spending to be reduced without fully cutting programs.

I know that is not the issue to be taken public testimony on, but I think in a lot of Alaskans' minds, as well as our legislators in Juneau, they are intertwined. I beg you to think farther than the immediate needs. The Permanent Fund Dividend was promised to Alaskans, not only to share in the revenue from our resources, but to keep Alaskans involved and aware of spending in our capital. This is exactly what it needs to continue doing.

I would much rather pay an income tax that shares the load **EQUITABLY** across income brackets, rather than forcing our poorest to take the brunt of the burden. This is not right!

Regards,
Tanya

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Sampson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Alaskan's PFD

Now it the time to STOP taking what isn't yours. True Alaskan's deserve to get their full Dividend and all the monies from the Dividend's we were shorted on. Balancing the budget does not mean taking from the people. If you keep taking from us, we all will just leave and you will have nothing. That money goes back into the Alaskan economy and has a significant impact of the people of the State (the people that put you in office).

Mike Sampson
North Pole Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Kelly Mazzei [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:48 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD SB 23 and 24 public testimony

I am writing in support of paying out the supersize PFD, and reducing state spending.

Thank you,

Kelly Mazzei
Anchorage

Jake Almeida

From: Janet [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:07 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Thank you for continuing to take comments on the PFD bills. I was unaware until this morning of the public forum.

My comment in favor of keeping the PFD for Alaskans is based more on an understanding of budgeting than a large personal PFD check. I have never understood how I as an Alaskan born, self employed mother of 5 and wife of a self employed business owner for 47 years, have had to budget my entire life to balance my income vs spending and yet the government spends at will, with what seems like no responsibility to spend only what you have. I know I can't spend what money I have set aside for utilities, for example, fruitlessly on other things and the Alaskan government shouldn't either. Ad an example, take a look at government salaries, where I bet over-spending is unchecked. If I have to be fiscally responsible and budget well as an individual citizen, surely our representatives in Juneau must also.

Than you,
Janet Miessner

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Jared Hatch [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:49 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Yes I support SB23 and SB24

I, Jared Hatch say yes to SB23 and SB24.

Jake Almeida

From: Carrie Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:42 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support Full PFD

I support the full PFD with back pay payout, I support the traditional PFD pay out system. The PFD is a boost to our economy each year. More importantly The PFD shows how the state is handling our finances. The Sky is not falling, the attempts to get support for taxes take pfd's or painful cuts shows the governments failures in budgeting and creating new income. That would produce income for the state as well as jobs.

Jake Almeida

From: Lila Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:49 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Save the PFD

Dear Senate Affairs Committee,

I am writing as a lifelong Alaskan, asking that you do all in your power to support bills sb 23 and sb 24. Thank you!
God bless Alaska and God bless the USA!

Lila Henderson
[REDACTED]

Kenai, AK 99611
senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov

Jake Almeida

From: Tritt Irene [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:54 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Keep your sticky fingers of my PFD

What you odd to do is cut your wages, stop treating your to expensive meal and trips. You are there to work for people of Alaska. And keep your dirty hands off my PFD. Thank you, I am sure you don't care but I do.

Jake Almeida

From: Suzanne Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support the full PFD and full payback of the PFD as proposed by Gov. Dunleavy!!

To the committee members;

Please vote to support Gov. Dunleavy's plan to payback the dividends owed and for a full dividend every year. This is the people's money, not the Legislature's! Also, get in line with the Governor's budget...it is time to reduce state government.

Thanks,
Suzanne Mittlestadt
[REDACTED]
Palmer, AK 99645

Jake Almeida

From: Pamela Peterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Sirs, As a 65 years old disabled women . I depend on that PFD it takes the stress off of HOW AM I PAYING FOR ALL OF MY BILLS? I wish I could go out and find even a several hour a week job to help buy groceries. who wants to hire a disable person? Issues in my life run me. I have only control to do my best. MY 19 dollars of Food stamps I hear might be taken away plus the adult provision supplement that help pays my rent. When you make 1100.00 a month A PFD is such a blessing to people who are in situations as mine. Sirs please give me a chance to enjoy the rest of my life with out cutting my groceries short every month. Please think of us that have lived are lives are are just trying to live longer comfortable. Thank You Please sirs can I have all of my PFD.

[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Tim Lujon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:25 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: pfd

I would like to see Alaskans get pfd's that are not capped at a certain limit and get money that they should of got for past dividends that were capped. I know many people are struggling financially and need that money to improve there own quality of life. I think it was unfair for our government to use pfd money to balance a budget. I also think our current governor has the right idea and compared to past governors who worked to take money away from the people, who need it the most, is trying to help people. I believe you have to care about the people in your community your family, friends and neighbors, the people you represent and impact with your decisions. I like our current governor he is the type of person I always wanted to see in office and represent me and I hope his bill affecting the pfd is past.

Jake Almeida

From: Lauren Beskow [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Alaska PFD

All I would like to say is I never thought it was good for the children of this state to support the adults! Never should we take money from our children to support the state.

I personally do not have children living with me, but I do have 5 grandchildren living in the state.

I have given most, always more than 50% of my PFD to Pick, Click and Give. Will the charities benefiting from this program suffer if the PFD is taken away?

Thank you for reading,

Mr. Lauren Beskow
Eagle River, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Vicki Matthews [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:33 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pad

I support your budget, and please repay PFD. Thank you

Jake Almeida

From: Christopher Andersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PDF payback

Cut the government cut the fat! Consolidate and refine. As a former state employee I have seen the waste and the duplication of efforts first hand.

Leave the PFD out of it and pay us back the money that was taken!
Protect the PFD.

Thank you
Christopher Andersen
Resident of Sutton, Ak

Jake Almeida

From: daniel shaw [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24 Approval

Attention Chairman Shower

I fully support the passage of these two Bills.

Best Regards
Daniel Shaw

[REDACTED]
Wasilla Alaska 99654
District 7



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Jake Almeida

From: linda cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I support Gov Dunlevy PFD plan for repayment.

Linda Cook
Wasilla

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Jake Almeida

From: Patrick Cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I support Gov. Dunlevy PFD repayment plan.

Thank you,
Patrick E Cook
Wasilla

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Jake Almeida

From: Derek Hatfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:39 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd payback

Pay it Back Please. Alot of us need it! Holding out, acting like there isn't enough money isn't fair when it shouldn't have been taken without consent in the first place. If your going to take the pfd funds, then pay everyone 150,000\$ each then call it done since we know 50,000\$ each is again a rip off. Pfd Payback! Its the right thing to do. Even if out voted.

Jake Almeida

From: jayne ravnik [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: perm fund

quit taking our permanent fund, it was not meant
to pay teachers wages of government over
spending

Jake Almeida

From: Shawn Kittle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23,24

I support SB 23,24 I support the Governor and his role in balancing the budget. Get it done. Were tired of the excuses Senators!

Shawn Kittle. Fairbanks

Jake Almeida

From: Summer Spurlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD is not for state budget

To whom it may concern,

Please remember that taking a portion of every Alaskans PFD is the equivalent of a flat tax on every single person. It does not consider peoples age, income or economic standing, it takes the same amount from every adult and child. I am not concerned about the payback, if that portion can be used as a cushion going forward then so be it. However the original formula and original pay out methods need to be reinstated! They are for college funds or unaffordable braces not covered by most insurances, or home repairs, new tires to prevent accidents! It does cost more to live in Alaska, and our permanent fund dividends are a godsend every year!!! Please make the right choice for our people.

Thanks, and have a great day!!

Summer Spurlin, RN, BSN
[REDACTED]

Thanks, and have a great day!!

Summer Spurlin, RN, BSN
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Sif Silvey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:21 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Yes on PFD pay-back!

Support Dunleavy in what he promised to do!!! Support the PFD pay-back and a full PFD or let us have our mineral rights back on our own land!

Sif

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I vote to pay back the money that was taken from Alaska Residents

Gregory S. Fite
SFC Retired

[REDACTED]
Kenai, Alaska, 99611
[REDACTED]

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."
– Thomas Jefferson, "

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:49 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23, SB24

I am in favor of SB23 and SB24

Thank you,
Marshall Ronne Jr
[REDACTED]
Seward, Ak 99664

Jake Almeida

From: Becky Earhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:48 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB24

DeR Alaska Senate legislature,

My name is Rebecca Earhart and I support SB 23 and 24.

I believe that the PFD's that was vetoed in 2016 by Governor Walker and legislative action in 17 and finally, the POMV percentage grab is an illegal form of the thief of our PFD's without the consent of the Alaskan Shareholders, the owners of the fund! I support the economy to be strengthened by a full payout from the past three years but these bills of 23 and 24 are sufficient for me and my family.

Thanks for allowing me to testify by email and I hope that justice will be served for "We The People of Alaska"!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Earhart
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99516

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Matt Drayton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Please follow Gov. Dunleavy's plan to balance the budget and pay a full PFD, with arrears paid also.

Matthew Drayton
[REDACTED]

Wasilla, AK 99623

Jake Almeida

From: paulette laberge [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFDs

Please restore our full PFD. Stop this unethical tax on Alaskans.

Thank you
Paulette L.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: William Reiner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:39 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24

Hello Affairs committee people.

I'm keeping it short. I'm for SB 23 & SB 24 to return the PFD to original calculations. Prior to the oil credit & debt spending course of previous Administrations.

Summary I'm a for vote on SB23 & SB24.

William Reiner
Full time Alaskan resident.

Jake Almeida

From: Theresa Taranto <theresataranto@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:34 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Dont raid the PFD

I would rather pay sales or income tax than let the government take what they want and spend as they want. There needs to be cuts and learn to spend responsibly!!! Make management and Directors take cuts and or work for their high pay like the rest of us.

Signed a local government worker

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: John Jasper [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:29 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I am FOR the PFD payback!

Sincerely,
Sarah Jasper

The Alaskan Jasper's
[REDACTED]

"No freeman shall ever be debarred the use of arms."
---Thomas Jefferson: Draft Virginia Constitution, 1776.

Jake Almeida

From: Angela English <theenglishfamily082209@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Keep your hands off the dividend and formula for it

What you're hearing in your hearings is a fraction of a percent of the people of Alaska. We voted in a governor candidate with a clear platform and it's being foiled by legislators who are more worried about keeping their jobs. --WHO TAKES 30 DAYS TO ORGANIZE A FLIPPING HOUSE CHAMBER.

I have no problem with a FAIR tax on Alaskans and those who work in Alaska. If any working person in Alaska even contributes 3% of their gross earnings to a state income tax, it can make a much larger difference than a "flat swipe" on the most freely accessible money you're aware of.

Get rid of overinflated salaries and benefits. Stop subsidizing the failing UA system.

DO YOUR JOB IN THE ALLOCATED TIMEFRAME OR MOVE ASIDE AND LET SOMEONE MORE CAPABLE DO IT FOR YOU.

Jake Almeida

From: kimberly edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

To all of you who serve the people of Alaska: Keep you're greedy hands of the Alaska Permanent fund dividend and pay back what you stole from the past
Permanent funds from the people !!!!

Kim Edwards

Jake Almeida

From: Bruce [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent Fund

Ladies And Gentlemen

I support and encourage you to support the Governors efforts to repay the citizens of Alaska their full dividends as calculated and prescribed by statute.

I further support his efforts to seriously cut state general fund spending which has grown well beyond our capacity to fund as well as exceeds significantly spending in similarly sized states.

Please do your job and be fiscally responsible to the citizens of Alaska.

Thank you.

Bruce Brunsvold CPA, CFO Retired and Veteran.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Courtney Conklin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 8:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore the PFD

Legislators,

As a young and upcoming Alaskan I am emailing to encourage Alaskan representatives to restore the PFD that was taken against the will of the Alaskan people.

I was taught in school the PFD was not to be used to pay for government. Due to a loophole, the fund was dipped into and part of the people's money that was taken is still sitting in an account collecting interest.

It seems to be clear that since the money has not been spent, the government did not lawfully take the money. As if that's not obvious enough, I'm going to point out, and it is blatantly ignored, but perhaps the very most important point, that the PFD is NOT FREE MONEY for the people. The PFD is compensation in exchange for mineral rights.

If the state can freely set up shop on an Alaskan residences land, be it deemed necessary, if said land has a cache of oil for example, the owner of said property lawfully must abide and let this happen. AS COMPENSATION FOR OUR MINERAL RIGHTS BEING TAKEN, the state pays a dividend to every Alaskan resident once a year.

As Alaskan legislators you're expected to represent the will of the people. We want our compensation for our mineral rights, or we want our mineral rights back.

Signed,
Courtney Conklin,

A lower class citizen that has been forgotten by my state representatives.

Jake Almeida

From: Brandi Wadkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:51 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill
Cc: Brandi Wadkins
Subject: SB 23 & 24
Attachments: SB23.24.docx

Attached is my comment regarding SB23 & 24 to enter into public testimony regarding these bills. I have copied it here for your convenience as well.

Brandi Wadkins
Soldotna
[REDACTED]

To the Senate State Affairs Committee
senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov, 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

Honorable Gentlemen and Lady,

I would like to lend my supporting opinion to the multitudes of others who have testified and written in regarding SB 23 & 24. I firmly stand with the Governor regarding the payback of what does feel like dishonest and shady withholding of our past three years' dividend money. Before this shenanigan the PFD was always a simple transfer and "shall" be paid was always simply paid. We the people got no vote on this slight of hand change making the PFD an appropriation instead of a simple dividend transfer.

Although I do not believe there should be a litmus test of established need in order to receive a historically lawful dividend it is true that our use of the dividend has personal stories attached to it. For me and my family it fills the gaps with seasonal work, allows dedicated college savings, allows for retirement investment (since my employer doesn't offer any) and helps us invest in our future & economy through exploring interests and funding education. It literally does exactly what it was designed to do, put the power of investing in Alaska in the hands of Alaskans.

I have seen the impact of the loss of full dividends on my employer's business as well. Building small milled-log rec cabins which used to be avg of 2 a year in addition to other construction jobs has slowly come to a halt. This may be small beans to many of you, but the fact is that this small company employs and supports 5 families who depend on their employment. This represent the heart and soul of Alaska, small business, hardworking Alaskans who love our State, and do right by it, and expect our elected officials to do the same for us. The effects on our local economy here on the Peninsula are obvious with a higher unemployment rate and empty storefronts. People are cutting back and saving any expendable income that they may have due to uncertainty. They aren't as quick to jump into large purchases or costly repairs and maintenance. Our family has certainly done without due to the depressed economy and withheld dividends.

Besides the personal aspect, the real issue for me is that of principle. The good people of Alaska established the Permanent Fund with a Constitutional Amendment so that it would be permanent. Permanent meaning lasting in

perpetuity. The Dividend, although not expressly part of that Amendment is a vital part in the safety and protection of the Corpus itself. It gives us a link, skin in the game if you will, regarding the status and growth and even danger of being tapped. Like former Gov Jay Hammond said, "... as the dividend goes, so goes the Fund". I believe without doubt that the Corpus is truly what is at stake here if we do not honor the historic calculation and payout of the Dividend. But that is for another discussion.

In closing I would urge your support of these two bills and furthermore, the Gov's Budget in general to right-size Alaska's spending, reevaluate our programs and make necessary cuts. Take the People's Dividend off the table and start making righteous decisions about tax credits and bloated programs and especially our education system that truly needs an overhaul. Stop letting special interests and unions override the voices of the rest of us.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Brandi Wadkins
Soldotna

Jake Almeida

From: Rob Ape [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback.

Pay it back and don't take it again.

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:32 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Pay-back

Howdy,
I would like to tel you I most assuredly want the full PFD and restoration of the monies wild Bill Walker took.

Thank you,
Roger Rothschild
Bethel, AK 99559

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:24 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support SB 23 and SB 24

Please support SB 23 and SB 24! Thank you from a long time Alaskan.

Jake Almeida

From: thomas heinrichs [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:18 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

My name is Thomas Heinrichs, I live by Willow.

I support SB23 and SB24 for the return of my pfd monies which were illegally withheld from my pfd checks in 2016, 2017, and 2018. The governor and the legislature had no right to take this money. It is the residents of Alaska share of state owned resources.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:09 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Return the people's money to them!

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Graham Cynthia [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:04 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to ask that our PFD be completely restored. My husband and I support Gov. Dunleavy and we support SB 23 and SB 24.

We are retired and on a fixed income and we have many friends who are on a fixed income as well. We all count on the PFD every year. Many families count on this. It also helps the economy in Alaska as many families spend some of their PFD.

I am asking the legislature to please stand with Gov. Dunleavy by working with him on balancing the budget and fully restoring our PFD and reducing the amount spent in this state. As we tell our children "to live within your means", this should apply to the state as well.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Cindi Graham

Wasilla

"

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Daniel Garcia II [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:51 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I want the Alaska PFD to remain how it was/(should be still). It was overwritten so to speak to take from it. I believe this is wrong. If you want to change it, do it correctly and officially.

Jake Almeida

From: Pamela Thatch [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: I support the return of the full PFD

I support returning the full PFD to the people. While we personally are not in dire need of the extra money the PFD provides, there are many people who do rely on it to help defray Alaska's high cost-of-living. I am also aware of government waste with unnecessary purchases and personnel. Every time there is a budget crisis, I am tired of hearing how teachers, police and fire department personnel must be cut. This is not where you cut! You start balancing the budget by cutting all the unnecessary positions at the top such as all those people who work in school administration. You DON'T cut teachers. And, you don't cut police and firefighters. You cut all the overabundance of "chiefs" at the top!

Jake Almeida

From: Alexis Schofield [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I'll keep this short. The PFD belongs to the people and not at your disposal. GET THE SPENDING UNDER CONTROL!

Jake Almeida

From: Craig Deeds [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

Restore and make PFD constitutional amendmeny.

Jake Almeida

From: Conley Marcum Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

I am urging legislators to vote to give back the PFD fund and give Alaskans 100% of the PFD they deserve and not use it for gov't.

Thank you.

Conley Marcum Jr.
Anchorage Ak 99507

Jake Almeida

From: Neva Mills [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:09 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD theft

I would like to say it amazes me at the theft with no conscience you our elected officials have decide is ok. However the true fact is I am extremely angered at the theft.

Simply put, why would you care about how much it hurts Alaska families. You get paid regardless. The budget for the state is so out of control There is so much waste. If you look at statistics you will see, we rank 44th in the country for our successful school students?????, It may seem to be a joke. Our University has wasted so much money and many students attempting to enter study at our university can not even transfer credits between campuses.

Support the Governors budget or you may find yourselves out of a job in a couple years.

The statics are available, but unless you actually do your homework, you won't know. You were elected to represent us and if you can recall, not too long ago We the People elected Our Great Governor to do exactly what he is doing..... Get it done, and now! before you wast anymore time or our PFD whining.

Get over yourselves and stop stealing from us.

Neva R Mills
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1761
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Bo T [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Restore PFD

I am FOR RESTORING THE PFD

Bonnie Thumma
Alaska resident of Fairbanks
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Save the PFD for the People

I vote to keep the PFD and back pay for the People of Alaska.

Don't let the gov have it....

Corey Edwards
Wasilla Alaska 99623

Jake Almeida

From: Lynn Basford [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Give the People Their Back Pay and PFD!!

I hearby stand to save the PFD for the Alaska people and along with the back pay.

Don't let the gov. have it. It belongs to the people of alaska....!!

Lynn Basford

[REDACTED]
Wasilla Alaska 99623

Jake Almeida

From: Georgia [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback Public Testimony - SUPPORT FULL PAYBACK

Senate Affairs Committee,

I am writing to you today because I was not able to testify at the last hearing reference the PFD payback. I want you to know that I support the full payback. The State government is bloated and can be cut. There have been no real efforts put forward to streamline government operations. The people of Alaska elected a Governor who is working very hard to get this accomplished without any support from the State Legislature or the State Government Agencies. The time to act is now.

Show the citizens of Alaska that their concerns are being heard. The majority of Alaskans want their PFD. Please do not let special interests put this great State in lifelong debt. We must not spend money we don't have. Alaskan families have to live within their means, government must do the same.

Georgia Kustura
[REDACTED]

Chugiak, AK 99567

Jake Almeida

From: Sharon Gherman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payback & Payment

Pay back the PFD funds illegally stolen by former Governor Walker and his legislature, and put the full PFD payment into the state constitution as an amendment. There should be no changes without a vote of the people!

I know for a fact that Governor Hammond designed the PFD to protect it from raiding by the legislature, who he rightly determined would do anything to get their hands on it. I know because HE TOLD ME SO - face-to-face. He would be fighting this legislative appropriation tooth and nail were he still alive.

You work for us, remember. We NEED budget cuts - big ones - because the legislature has been spending like drunken sailors for years! The legislators and the citizenry have lost track of the difference between WANTS and NEEDS. We are overrun with WANTS, but we have relatively few true needs. MAKE THE CUTS, PAY BACK WHAT WAS STOLEN, and PROTECT THE FULL PFD through a constitutional amendment.

Sharon Gherman
[REDACTED]

Soldotna, AK 99669

Jake Almeida

From: Sandra Marks [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Payback our PFD

We the people can spend our money better than any government spending. I am a family of 6 so we felt the pain of the PFD cuts. I understand that it will be painful but UAF can choose where the cuts happen they can make the cuts more painful to effect a lot of people or could make smart cuts that effect lesser amount. We need our full PFD and back years. The people that don't want government cut can and should donate their share back to the state!

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: jack [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

Leave the PFD alone and rained in your spending take some responsibility for your actions a lot of people count on that PFD to pay off bills and doctor bills you need to control your spending I look forward to voting against anybody who cuts the PFD

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Jake Almeida

From: Eric Leusch [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:30 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Bills 23 and 24

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to pass the restoration of the PFD bills. I am a teacher in one of the poorest communities on the Norton Sound. This money is vital to every member in our community. This pass year I have had to help friends buy stove oil because they ran out when they have traditionally been able to use PFD money to get through the winter months. I have seen kids have to choose between snow pants or a new jacket due to cuts in the PFD. As a teacher I understand how important educational funding is, but I also understand that even the best school in the world cannot run if the students basic needs are not being met outside of it which many family's use the PFD money for. SO for the sake of the most vulnerable Alaskans I urge you to protect and return the PFD.

Eric Leusch

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd

Sir or Madam,

I want the PFD payback. I believe that it is owed to us for the fact that the budget should have been ready for the future. It is not my responsibility nor my families to take care of this states financial woes. I would understand a tax and i believe in a sales tax for urban areas and an income tax for non resident employees. We all know the reasons behind the tax credits, do away from them and then ask us for our dividends if they are still needed. The state would never bail me out if needed and never has. This money would greatly benefet the economy and really help out local small businesses as well.

Thank You for your time,

Brandon Hicks

Jake Almeida

From: Barbara Reberg [REDACTED]
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To: Senate State Affairs

Please make Governor Dunleavy's last PFD call in be a favorable vote. This payment and investment in our natural resources was set up for the people and never was supposed to be taken over by government. Give us back the ones taken from us in full and restore all further checks 100% to the people in our Dividend checks and do your job to cut the budget!!

A thirty-six year resident of Alaska,
Barbara Reberg.