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Greetings Representative,
My name is Katie Botz and I do reside in Juneau, Alaska. I'm writing on behave of HJR7 as a concerned citizen.
As I have been listening and attempting to pay attention to the 31st State Legislation, it has come to my attention that we don't need a state spending cap at all. The state Spending cap isn't going to help with the dilemma that we are facing as a state.

To tell the truth and nothing but the truth, I have been naive and unwilling to understand the following: Unfortunately, there are 60 members who make up the state legislation. 60 members which are the equivalence to 60 different ways in which to prioritize how the state revenue could be handed out each year. If there were to be only 5 members dealing with the state revenue, then I could understand the process would be much easier. I'm truly sorry to say that it's the matter of dealing with the priority of the spending that is the true problem in which has been reoccurring over years!!

Each of you is in an honorable position, which in cases like this year's budget cut can be difficult on any of you, less alone all 60 legislators. After attempting to be involved in as much as I have been trying to, I can see your true dilemma that you are forced to face at the 31st Legislation. Priority is the key that will help you guys out. Once you, as a legislative community, can agree on which is important, then the distribution of the money should be handed out in that particular order. Alaskan lives are resting on your shoulders, especially those who have to rely on state funding.

As the 31st Legistlation is coming to a closure. Please consider if you were to be forced to budget the same amount of money at a personal perspective, how would you do it? What avenue would you take to make life work more efficiency? Nothing that's done right is done the easy way; although, if cuts are necessary, then they are well-needed. End of story. So please, begin viewing this state budget dilemma as if you are personally responsible to distribute the money if it was in your life.

Thank you for all that you are doing and thank you for taking on such a huge role for the state of Alaska.
In great gratitude,
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