

# Support HB 1001

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4. I sent the above to the House Finance on 20 May and since have watched the hearings in House Finance. So, this is e-mail is in addition to the above.

5. Mrs Sanders did an excellent job of explaining "forward funding" as it

has been called in the past. So simple, I as a non-politician could understand it. In the past, the legislature funded two years of education, with the money available in the General Fund. Thus, the Dept of Education had a full year of money sitting, ready for use if there was a problem in appropriations in the next session. What 287 did was "forward fund" without money from the general fund available, so a "promise", without the funds allocated in advance and in the bank for the Department. Thus we even more so support the Governor, support HB 1001 and encourage the legislature to pass HB 1001 as is.

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President, Greater Alaska Chapter, AMAC Action

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# HB1001 Public Testimony

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Tue 5/21/2019 10:28 AM



To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>;

Cc: Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>;

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Good morning co-chairs and rest of the honorable Finance committee.  
My name is Katie Botz and I am Representing myself.

I am an aunty of 12 beautiful children. As I have been following this year's legislation it does crush my heart knowing that children's education is at stake. As legislators, you've all had 121 days of coming to an agreeance to an education budget. 121 days to help the House of Representatives to prove that Alaskan children matter!!  
Where does everyone's priority lie when it comes to financing other people lives? I for one know that there have always been fundings for education (every 2 years or so).

Why are you even allto owing the Governor to consider holding my nieces and nephews hostage from achieving their life long goals by cutting back their educational funding and striving to make the future generation as unintelligent as a rock !! Please fund education so my nieces and nephews can be the next CEO, the next Legislators, next Governor, or next President of USA.

Please kill SB1001 for the sake of the children who are going to school these days. If the state can fund a special session with per dium for legislators, then the state of Alaska CAN fund education IN FULL.  
It's not a budget crisis, but a priority crisis.

Thank you,  
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Mon 5/20/2019 11:43 AM



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# Public Testimony--Written-- HB1001

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Mon 5/20/2019 8:10 AM



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Members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for your work this session and for the opportunity to testify. I STRONGLY oppose HB1001.

Public schools need the forward funding they received last year in order to provide the best staff, learning materials and facilities they can for their students. Pulling the funding out from under them is a guarantee for disruption and discontinuity. Our students' learning is too important to risk with this form of roulette funding. Rather than HB1001 forward funding needs to continue into the next session and beyond.

Sincerely,  
Mary Corcoran  
Delta Junction