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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Glenn Craver

REPRESENTING: self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 2001
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7/15/19

I support HB 2001. Restore ^{ALL} essential services funding. ~~no~~ Handing out \$3000 dividend checks while not funding essential services is irresponsible & probably illegal. HB 2001 strikes a reasonable balance on the size of the PFD.

I live in Jewel Lake, & will be watching carefully how Senator Costello & Rep. Rasmussen vote. Failure to vote on the veto override was highly irresponsible & damaging to Alaska. There is a chance to undo at least some of the harm that already been done.

I have spoken before at hearings on the effects of the disastrous budget, and it seems that we are getting nowhere.
So I am speaking again, hoping that perhaps this time our voices will make a difference.

My jobs for 40 years in Alaska have included Anchorage school psychologist, head start trainer, UAA instructor of education classes and student teachers, and executive director of the Alaska Association of Student Governments. That last job was quite a challenge, discussing hard topics with student leaders from all over the state. And it still is a challenge and extremely rewarding and thought-provoking. I continue to have dialogue with these students who are now more than 10 years out of high school. While working with the student leaders as high schoolers, they chose to address suicide prevention through school discussions, workshops, and even producing a film. Why do I mention this? These leaders recognized that everyone needs a helping hand at some time in their lives, and organizations (groups of people working together with resources and determination) can make a positive difference.

A few weeks ago I got a note from a student from Kotzebue who was in student government. She had been a genius student in science, and went to school for biology, but she just graduated from Columbia with a Masters in Social Work. Her note said that her work in suicide prevention taught her how important caring for others is, and now she will be working in communities around her home town providing mental health assistance.

I have dialogues with other students. One facebook message from a past student just this morning said that the budget cuts will hurt people who need help, but they will get over it. My response is but at what cost to human life.

With all the wealth in our state, why do we question the value of helping others? the value of education? The value of services to give a person a leg up?

Many of my friends do good works in their communities. They donate time, energy, and money to help others. We are part of the state, and all of us make difference together, to keep people safe, to keep people fed, to help children live a successful life.

That is my message.

I hope it gets through this time.

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NAME: Alysa Wardwell

REPRESENTING: _____

BILL#/ SUBJECT: Finance Committee
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7/15

We need to have a PFD that is responsible and allows for govt. services (especially education) to be there for future generations. I am sick of politics being an argument over the PFD. ~~lets~~ I would rather there be no PFD than continue to be sick each year when I watch the AK govt. use education as a pawn ~~to~~ as the budget is decided.

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NAME: Chris Blake

REPRESENTING: Choices, Inc.

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB2001
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7/15/2019

As someone who works with the Homeless, Mentally Ill Population, I'm already seeing & firsthand how devastating & inhumane these votes are. We've already seen an increase of our Homeless Population of roughly 700 people. These are solely from cuts to Brother Farmers shelter and RUMACAP - 2 of the more than 50 social service agencies to be cut. Because BGS is now closed pending the pay, consumers are using the grounds as a bathroom. As the population continues to grow, this public health issue will become a crisis. ~~As a result~~ If public health is not a concern - this will raise crime rates and cost the state far more than the services that have been voted. More importantly ~~that~~ human lives will be lost. It's preventable. Restore the funding. Do the right thing!

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NAME: SHEILA WYNE

REPRESENTING: ARTIST

BILL#/ SUBJECT: ASCA - AK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7.15.19

TODAY THE AK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS CLOSED.

WE ARE NOW THE ONLY STATE WITHOUT AN ARTS AGENCY.

THIS MAKES NO FISCAL SENSE. ASCA BRINGS INTO THE STATE 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES. THOSE FUNDS WILL NO LONGER COME TO THE STATE.

THE STATE'S CONTRIBUTION IS JUST UNDER \$700,000 A YEAR. AGAIN - THIS MAKES NO FISCAL SENSE. IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE & DAMAGING.

~~OVERRIDE THIS VETO. REPLACE THE FUNDS & KEEP THE AK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS.~~

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Sandy Travis

REPRESENTING: _____

BILL#/ SUBJECT: PFD
COMMITTEE & _____

HEARING DATE: 07/15/19

No one has yet to talk about the state of Alaska waste and there is a lot of it. I am ~~not~~ for the full deduction.

That every one dollar spent ~~creates~~ affect. Please do not restore what had been vetoed.

It is time you do your job. I am against the bill.

The PFD needs to be paid in full. I know you don't care that's ~~what~~ why we are here now.

The original ~~agreed~~ bill on the PFD. PFD ~~has~~ has no room in the ~~budget~~ expenses of state government.

After passage of SB91 people have been leaving the state because of the crime.

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NAME: Karen McBride

REPRESENTING: Self HB 2001

BILL#/ SUBJECT: PFD and essential services
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019

I strongly encourage you to fund essential services: education PK through university, health services, programs for homeless and other vulnerable individuals.

Essential Services are named such as they are critical for safety and basic well being.

The PFD - I strongly encourage you to look at the economic well being of our state into the future. A balanced rational budget is possible if the PFD is given w/ that in mind. \$1600, \$800, whatever figure allows you to preserve our essential services.

I am beyond dismayed @ The Governor's vetoes and I hope & pray & implore the legislators to ensure that our state has a budget that protects a future that provides for the essential services referenced in my opening testimony sentence.

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NAME: Megan McBride
REPRESENTING: myself, Alaskans
BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 2001
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: July 15

Please do not fund a \$3,000 dividend. This would bankrupt our state and comes at the cost of our state's future, our economy, and the care of our vulnerable population.

Please restore funding for all of our state's essential services: Senior benefits, legal services, medicaid, DHHS, UA funding, power cost equalization, ocean rangers, school bond debt reimbursement, head start, forward funding for K-12, state council on the arts, etc, etc.

I grew up here, graduated from ASD's Service High School. I want to raise my family here, but am scared what these vetoes will mean for education, crime, homelessness, and economy in the future. My husband and I have stopped househunting for fear the market will collapse.

Thank you for your leadership. We need you.

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NAME: Michael Conti
REPRESENTING: West Anchorage - District 21 K
BILL#/ SUBJECT: Veto overrides / budget
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: 7-15-19

I am for full funding for the VA system,
medicaid, State Council on the Arts, Public
Ed.

I support higher taxes for oil companies.

and a modest PFD $\approx$ \$1000 - \$1600

Thank you

Mike

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

Mary Schallert

REPRESENTING:

Self + family (Son is fisherman in Bristol Bay,

BILL#/ SUBJECT:

2001

graduate UAA)

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE:

July 15

- Please Support 2001
- A pct of \$900 is Adequate
- Senior Support, health care, UAA, schools are important
- Dunleavy's veto is horrendous

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NAME: ARLOT HALL

REPRESENTING: SELF

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 2001
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7-15-2019

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. IT IS A REASONABLE
AMOUNT AND ALLOCATES THE INCOME FROM
OUR OIL REVENUE IN REASONABLE PROPORTION TO
FUNDING OF OUR GOVERNMENT + NECESSARY
GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Cheryl Westley

REPRESENTING: self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 2001 House Finance Cm.
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7-15-19

I support HB 2001, which ~~would~~^{would} allow payment of a \$1600 pfd. to every Alaskan who qualifies. I see this as one part of a fiscal plan that would support the operating budget without the awful vetos that will hurt all Alaskans, some much more than others. This bill is a fair way to share with all the people and free up other funds for government programs & services. While compromise has become a bad word in our current divided society, HB 2001 provides a good compromise, one that hopefully will be enacted soon.

Go forth & Do Good!

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

Margaret Anggren

REPRESENTING:

Mrs. Curren

BILL#/ SUBJECT:

Funding restoration / PFD \$1 surt.

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE:

7/15/19

I am a long time Alaskan resident. I encourage you to restore the education funding, senior funding, Medicaid funding as well as the funding for the court system & law enforcement.

I have 2 sons that graduated from the UAA system and 3 children who attended the K-12 system here in Anchorage. I also have 3 grandchildren that attend or son will attend this school system.

The PFD while as a nice thing should not control the lives of the people living in the state - reducing the PFD to \$116.00 or even the original 1990 that Gov. Hammond set up is a disservice. A \$1300 PFD won't go far to remedy the damage done by the fact that this governor has done.

Reduction of the oil tax credits would go a very long way to fill this gap. Establishing a set tax base for oil companies is very acceptable but giving away billions of dollars to those already making millions from the state if it takes a tax then so be it.

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NAME: Rebecca King

REPRESENTING: self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: restore funding
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7/15/19

I have sympathy for families that rely on the PFD for an essential part of their income each year. However, the government has a responsibility to provide quality education opportunities and services for our elderly, poor, and disabled community members. Even if everyone who could not who cared to, turned around and gave away their PFD each year, we would not have the infrastructure to do what the government does.

It is our responsibility as Alaskans to take care of the vulnerable in our community. After all, "there but for fortune" are all of us.

Support our children, our young people, our elderly, our poor, our homeless, our artists, our public media.

Sincerely,

Rebecca King

Anchorage, AK

Public school teacher

mother

42 year Alaskan

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NAME:

Lisa Aquino

REPRESENTING:

Catholic Social Services

BILL#/ SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE:

Please restore funding for homeless services. They save the city + state millions of dollars a year. They save lives - lives of people who live in Alaska and who you represent.

I have to leave to get to our CSS board meeting where we will vote on whether we can keep shelters open for those in need. We are 80% funded at shelters by donations. Please do your part.

I am happy to work with or talk with anyone

- Lisa Aquino 2227531

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Bonnie Bladow

REPRESENTING: Sarah Rasmussen

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 2001
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Support HB 2001 because I fear economic disaster from cuts to UA system, homeless programs, utility subsidies, early education and other programs especially senior benefits and Medicaid. It's time for Alaskans to contribute to the state through income or sales tax. I find it morally wrong to hurt those at bottom of ~~our~~ our society. I fear hundreds more people on the streets increase in crime, huge recession, and long term effects from deleting early education. If you want what is best for Alaska, work together to restore benefits to our vulnerable population including early education, Medicaid, programs ~~and~~ homeless shelters. The Governor's vetoes are immoral and inhumane. It appears the Governor thinks he ~~can~~ dictate the budget and delete everything he doesn't agree with. ~~He~~ He negates all the good work done by legislature to compromise on operating budget.

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NAME: Rebekah Smith

REPRESENTING: self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: _____
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HEARING DATE: 7/15/19

Respectfully, I am very concerned about our states future w budget cuts. I would give up my PFD AND pay taxes. I am a child + adolescent psychiatrist every week I get job offers from all over the country. I choose to stay here, because I love this state. I'm worried about vulnerable populations (children and women - and anyone - in unsafe homes, people needing medical care, and education, etc), Not receiving the services they need, ^{in order} to have humane lives. I can leave, but they can't. Who will serve them? We need resources for mental health, sobriety, domestic violence, special education.

Thanks for listening.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Elizabeth Smith

REPRESENTING: Persons interested in WWAMI

BILL#/ SUBJECT: The Budget, The Budget, It's all about the budget

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7/15/2019

The WWAMI program, merely costing about \$1 million yearly, keeps Alaskan ~~doctors~~ doctors in our state. In turn, these Alaskan doctors serve our people with compassion because the doctors are Alaskan. It is shortsighted to cut a program of this magnitude.

As a citizen of Alaska, I ask you to think of the long-term future of our state. The governor's vetoes hurt that future. It is easy to destroy things, but much harder to build them back up. The cuts to education are so enormous, that their effects will last a lifetime. They will drive the best and brightest students out of the state, most to never return. They will drive businesses to other states where they can find educated workers. I have two children in master's degree programs at UAA, one in Geology and the other in Social Work. I want them to be able to finish their degrees and to get good jobs afterwards in Alaska. The governor's vetoes directly hurt them. Please act to protect the future of all Alaskans. Thank you.

Sharif Pantaluxe
Representing myself

7/13/2019

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NAME: Kathleen McClellan

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: Public Assistance/Medicaid
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7-15-19

I was sexually and physically abused by an organized group of pedophiles beginning when I was very young and involving my own parents. I live on SSDI since I was no longer able to work because of the severity of my PTSD + dissociative. Medicare + medicaid allow me to go to the therapy that keeps me functioning. I own my own home and so am in a better position than many but struggle every year to pay property taxes + Insurance. I've usually used the PFD for part of it. Still I would rather see cuts to the PFD than lose the small amt of APA + cuts to lack of therapy to Medicaid + possible loss of therapy which keeps me out of the hospital which costs a whole lot more. SAVE OUR STATE These cuts will

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NAME:

Julia Greenfield

REPRESENTING:

Self

BILL#/ SUBJECT:
COMMITTEE &

SB 2001, vetoes, reverse sweep, PFD, budget

HEARING DATE:

7/15/2019

More people will be hurt by the vetoes to the budget than by a reduced PFD. We do have tough choices ahead, and the best compromise would be a reduced PFD to help balance a budget.

I believe we need to find further revenue sources but at this point we need a feasible budget for this year. The vetoed budget is not feasible. It targets our vulnerable populations in Alaska and will have a negative impact on our communities, youth, elders, homeless population, and the economy. I gladly give up the PFD in the interests of our overall community.

Please put aside your differences and meet in one place so you can get some work done. At this point, there are more members in Juneau so that is where you all should be.

I also implore you to enact the reverse sweep so our state & rural communities

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NAME:

Barbara Symmes

REPRESENTING: _____

BILL#/ SUBJECT: _____

COMMITTEE & _____

HEARING DATE: _____

It's unfortunate that the Gov. is holding us hostage - all of us, the State of Alaska, our economic future hostage to paying a \$3,000 PFD

It is disconcerting for a leader to show such disrespect and disregard to all of us.

Know that along with me, 1000's of Alaskans stand by you for a responsible, rational decision

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NAME: Martha Amore

REPRESENTING: myself

BILL#/ SUBJECT: Veto of Gov
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019

I am a mother of three children and an Alaskan of over 20 years. I demand an override to the governor's vetoes, which will harm my family, my community, and put the most vulnerable at risk. Please tax the rich and the oil companies and do not cut the budget.

Martha Amore

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Sheryl McDonald

REPRESENTING: myself and 2 children

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 2001
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7/15/19

I am very concerned about the vetos to the state budget. I strongly believe that a healthy society requires health care and a strong education system. These things should not be cut. We have other options. I don't want to be given a full PFD in the expense of these things. I support a reduced PFD in order to protect these things. I am also in support of considering an income tax and changing our relationship ~~for~~ with the oil companies.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Elana Habb

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 8001 House Finance
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7/15/19

Education is the foundation of everything. The more education, the more improved physical and mental well-being one experiences. The level of education influences the following chronic conditions: prostate cancer, circulatory disease, diabetes, liver disease, and psychological symptoms. It also increases life expectancy (Hahn & Truman, 2015). It improves healthier choices, reduces risk behavior, & reduces the number of hospitalizations one has (Parkes, 2009).

Education improves greater work opportunities & rewards, a greater sense of control & social support, & encourage healthier behaviors (Ross & Wu, 1995). More education improves likelihood of attaining better jobs, higher earnings, & resources for good health (Center on Society & Health, 2014). A 2018 report on the return on investment in higher education revealed that it leads to increased tax revenue & decreased reliance on social welfare programs (Blaggy & Blom, 2018). The report indicated that while ~~only~~ just 6% of those w/ a Bachelor's degree needed Medicaid, 46% needed Medicaid who just had a high school degree. Because education is so interconnected with economic stability, having a loss of it severely impacts neighborhood conditions. Those with lower economic stability face less access to supermarkets, green space, substantial crime, fewer high-quality schools, fewer jobs, higher level of taxes, & less effective political influence (Center on Society & Health, 2014). Alaska has experienced enough of this crime & other conditions. Cutting education will not reduce the budget long term but cause us to go into deep recession for reasons listed above. Please act against the voters. Please substitute the PFD w/ an income tax.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: VERNE BOERNER

REPRESENTING: ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH BOARD

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 2001
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: 7.15.19

See attached Please

Dear Committee Members, the Alaska Native Health Board is providing testimony on HB 2001 and the restoration of funds to the State Budget. We support the full restoration of funds to the State Budget which were vetoed by the Governor. The Legislature met and considered the Governor's amended budget, and with unparalleled public input, passed a budget which reflected the will of Alaskans and which was measured and feasible. The restoration of those funding levels will ensure that Alaskans and the programs they depend on have a sound fiscal footing for the years ahead.

Legislators should come together to finish the budget and courageously stand up for the people of Alaska against unilateral, unmeasured cuts. The Medicaid program sustained the second highest budget cut after the University System. Cutting the Medicaid budget impacts the services and care quality that Alaskans receive. The vetoes to the Medicaid and Medicaid Adult Enhanced Dental Budgets particularly weigh on the Alaska Native community. Alaska's Medicaid program is a critical component of the Alaska Tribal Health System (ATHS), and Medicaid expenditures spent on Alaska Natives and American Indians receiving care through the ATHS is budget neutral to the state as Medicaid dollars are fully reimbursed to the State.

The ATHS is a true system of care, comprised of the voluntary agreements of 30 tribes and tribal health organizations (THOs). It is the most comprehensive health system in the state and one of the most comprehensive health systems in the country, and is critical to the Alaska Public Health System. Any adverse impact to the ATHS reduces the State of Alaska's (SOA) ability to meet the health care needs of Alaskans across the state. Especially our most rural and vulnerable Alaskans.

Alaska's Medicaid program now covers over 215,000 Alaskans, over 50,000 of whom are covered by Medicaid Expansion.¹ The Governor's vetoes have cut an additional \$50 million to Medicaid Services, bringing the total cut to the program to \$120.2 million. This cut remains unallocated, making the assessment of its impact on federal matching funds difficult, but we expect the amount of total funding lost to at least double. This does not include the elimination of the Medicaid Adult Enhanced Dental Program, another \$27 million in state and federal funding cut, which has stripped patients of important preventative care, forcing providers to turn away patients due to Medicaid authorization rejections. We are only beginning to understand the economic impacts of these Medicaid vetoes, currently estimated at a loss of 890 jobs.²

The Dept. of Health & Social Services (DHSS) is moving forward with development of an 1115 Medicaid Waiver that will produce further cuts to the State's Medicaid coverage. Without releasing a tax-payer funded feasibility study, an RFP released by the SOA seeks a Senior Advisor for reforms which include work requirements, shifting beneficiaries to the Marketplace,

¹ Alaska DHSS Medicaid Dashboard, June 2019. (<http://dhss.alaska.gov/healthalaska/pages/dashboard.aspx>)

² Guettabi, M. and N. Klouda, July 2019. "Economic Impacts of the Vetoes on the Alaska Economy." (https://pubs.iseralaska.org/media/e580ab78-2777-4cf6-a7e9-3b30948c74d6/2019_07_08-EconomicImpactsOfVetoes.pdf)

and block grants.^{3,4} Block grants are known to reduce access to scarce resources and to eliminate entire categories of covered populations. This has not been done before in a Medicaid program, and Alaskans should not be the Governor's test of this pilot program which will reduce access to critical health care coverage.

Therefore, we support legislators to restore funding to the State Budget which will ensure that Alaskans continue to receive federal matching dollars that help Alaskans and which are vital to the Alaskan economy.

³Alaska DHSS, May 2019. Informal Request For Proposals.

(<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=117657>)

⁴ Alaska Department of Administration, July 2019. Request For Proposals.

(<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=118313>)

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NAME: Natalie Page

REPRESENTING: myself

BILL#/ SUBJECT: House Bill 2001
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HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019

Good afternoon and thank you for your time.

I am writing to ask you to support H.B. 2001.

I moved to Alaska in 2005 with plans to stay for only a couple years. It turned out Alaska was a good place to work and live.

This is changing. We are at a crux point in our state's narrative. I am asking you to stand up for our seniors, our children, our residents who experience a disability, our poor.

The vetos put forth by the governor will have real-life, devastating consequences across this state, especially to those who are already struggling to get by.

The cuts to the university will result in at least 1,300 staff and faculty losing their jobs. The ripples in the economy will be felt far and wide. Our state relies on the university as one of the most important economic development institutions. The university educates Alaskans to be nurses, engineers, teachers, economists, etc. Alaskans attend one of the UA campuses because they want to stay here. UAA in particular serves non-traditional students who may have family obligations, jobs or other commitments that do not allow them to easily leave the state to pursue higher education.

A 41% budget cut to the University of Alaska is utterly ridiculous. It will have immediate, devastating, potentially irreversible consequences for the university and the state.

The other programs and services facing drastic cuts, such as Medicaid, support the most vulnerable people in our state. These people are our neighbors, our friends, our family members, maybe even ourself ourself.

The governor's vetos are short sighted, irresponsible, and frankly, an embarrassing example of his priorities.

You have a chance to step in and keep our state from facing another recession. You can listen to your constituents and make a difference by continuing to work together to restore funding that the vetos took away. Please support H.B. 2001.

Thank you for your time.

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NAME:

Donna Phillips

REPRESENTING:

Self

BILL#/ SUBJECT:
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supporting HB2001 / Against Vetos.

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I have been a registered nurse for 40 yrs taking care of Alaskans for the past 25 yrs. We need to support a reasonable pfd & restore funding for all of gov. Dunleavy's vetos.

We have moved pts to preventative healthcare thru clinics for medicaid pts. I feel the deep cuts to medicaid will simply shift the cost to healthcare facilities because people will go back to using the emergency rooms for clinic visits or worse stay home (if they have one) until they require intensive care or worse end up deceased because of a preventable illness.

I expect to live in a state that supports citizens. I am a homeowner in Girdwood and want to assure that I don't lose my home value just as I am heading off to retirement. I feel the vetos

of the governors ~~vetos~~ will lead Alaska into a recession that will take years to recover from.

I believe that any state that has 70 ish billion dollars in the bank should feel ashamed that we would have a budget that affects so many vulnerable people.

Please do the right thing and fund the budget without the vetos. Consider the giveaways to the oil companies as a way to fund programs needed for elderly, disabled or children in our state.

I would never treat a patient the way the governors vetos are going to impact so many alaskans.

This is a horrible lesson to children and others in this country.

Thank you!

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