

House Finance Committee
Public Testimony
HB 2001
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From: Pattrice Illguth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 3:07 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Full pfd for Alaskans

I am emailing in regards to the pfd amount. I believe that Alaskans should get a full 3,000 minimum but i feel that we should get the pay back for the past three years of half dividends. It is not the governments money and not giving the dividends will take a lot of people out of state and hurt our economy. Dividends do a lot for the alaskans it's fuel, school curriculum, winter clothes or just that extra income to make it through the year. Thank you for taking testimony and your time

Pattrice Illguth

From: Andrew & Kelsie Carlson <[REDACTED]mail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 3:15 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Full PFD

Please vote for the FULL orginally calculated PFD! The PFD is the only college fund my children have the full PFD will support the UA system in the long run. We need our money!

From: renn nelson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 3:27 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD FULL PFD

Taxes or give us state land as collateral
For previous fraudulent use of PFD
And any use of illegal funds and all bail moneys should be paid to PFD when legislators are bailed out
To be continued
Sincerely
Renn Nelson
Craig Alaska
907 [REDACTED]

From: Surge Kulikov <[REDACTED]@alaskaclubkink.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 3:45 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: jeff@amazon.com
Subject: Allow Me To Donate \$444 Million in Budget Cut Relief
Importance: High

To Whom This May Concern,

This is not a joke nor is this a scam. I have information I want to tell to Mr. Jeff Bezos for a consultation fee of \$500 million for a 30 minute meeting. After that I will donate \$444 million to the budget and invest the remainder into old and new businesses in the Anchorage to Wasilla/Palmer areas.

I know how to solve a lot of the worlds issues (as funny as that sounds) and it all has to start with me telling Jeff Bezos a few things I have yet to speak or write. One of which, primarily is a one sentence piece of legislation that when passed

would allow for laws to enforce equal workers rights without penalty, due away with all income and property taxes, business would not be required to pay their employees wages and benefits (only incentives) and still have their rights upheld and fully enforced, businesses old and new do not have to stop operations, universal pay is easily possible, people can work less hours for the same pay without being affected by the market, more opportunity for others to fill the empty hours. This is honestly a very simple solution.

I've been reaching out to your office and have spoken directly to your committee members asking for assistance. It worries me that no one has attempted to reach me for about a week and a half now.

I too have solutions to a lot of Alaska's Problems. To explain a few real quick:

The Pipeline should be built but with a simple cost-effective filtration and water purification system. Then start filtering the contaminated ocean water into drinkable water that can be sold worldwide. With a pipeline running through our state, that is going to create one of the purest drinkable water sources on the planet and it would be fixing an environmental issue. Not to mention the amount of electricity that can be created from the process alone. Investing in a outdated fuel source is really really really dumb.

The earthquakes that are partly due to empty space that needs to be filled after "natural fuel" is sucked out of it. But they can benefit us tremendously! The earthquakes produce strong electrical currents depending on the crystal formations. If we allow for a company like Tesla to perform a state transportation reform, we would stand out to the world as a state to invest in future eco friendly tech that saves the environment. I have an idea for a unbreakable electric road that can be fused with the current road system and expanded. This road would control road weather conditions, track speeds and movement on the road, allow for self driving vehicles, can sense and monitor seismic activity which can alert vehicles and lock them in place, and provide faster internet and electricity to as far as the road reaches.

I know how we can manage air quality and control the climate of any area we choose.

I know how to fix the university problem. Just replace High School grades 9-12 with vocational college. Have UAA fall under the ASD. Now you have more teachers for all those students who will graduate at around 17/18 with job qualifying and certified skill and NO STUDENT DEBT. Other colleges can take on the responsibility for aiding in adult education.

I know how to improve Alaska's communication, transportation, economy, victim and criminal services, environmental, education, and a bunch of other areas. We can be the Prime Example of what a terraforming city can look like. I haven't even started tell you about the digital media production revenue the state can bring in from just doing what we are already doing.

I even know how we can have President Trump resign (or at least give up his power), admit guilt about the whole Russia scandal, not go to jail and be actually exonerated, and even the people who hate and despise him the most will be happy. I was raised in NYC and traveled the world when in the service, I completely understand the man and his behaviors. There is a way to fix everything that was messed up from the last 3 years at the federal level by the end of this current presidential term. This is such a simple law and plan that even far right? (I don't know the difference) republicans and capitalist would be braindead stupid to not agree with this. Trump will agree to this, now that I can 100% guarantee and promise! This one piece of law can make all sides happy.

Please help me meet with Jeff Bezos, that is all I've been asking of you, social media, and all the publicist, celebrity manager, newspaper editors, and more to whom I sent emails requesting publicity assistance. Nothing from no one but the citizens of social media. But with our broken communication network, the reach was in the small thousands.

I have ADHD so telephonic meetings are difficult for me to retain, process, and clearly communicate in a linear fashion. I rather meet if that is possible. Tell me when and were (in Anchorage preferably). Please be as hasty as possible. I'm burning my brain for having to put so much energy into focusing on retaining this legal formula in my head. I know this is

going to slip from my memory and I was expecting to at least have been approached/questioned by someone about it. Jeff Bezos has to be the very first person I say it to. After that, others can know.

Very Respectfully,
Surge Kulikov
Owner, Alaska Club Kink
alaskaclubkink.com
907-[REDACTED]

From: Bob Logan <[REDACTED]@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 5:37 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 Permanent Fund Dividend Testimony

Hi Folks.

We want the full \$3,000 dividend.

We homeschool 2 kids with zero funding. Not correspondence. Homeschool.

We do not have state jobs. We are low income.

The statutory amount is \$3,000 this year. That is the formula set forth in law. You have not changed the law. So follow it. With all due respect.

Sincerely,

Bob
Lira
Gable
Donny Logan

From: Chris <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 7:21 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Vote FOR full PFD

Stop government creep. Support the full PFD. I will be voting against any who do not support a full PFD.

From: Katherine Hayes <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 10:22 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Please Restore the Full PFD to all Alaskans!
Katherine Hayes

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

From: Jeanette Owens <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 11:08 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Restore the full PFD to the residents of Alaska Sent from my iPhone

From: Rachel Samuelson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 1:50 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

House Finance Committee,

Please understand that a \$1600 PFD is more than enough. I certainly do not want an increased PFD at the expense of the funding for UAA/medicaid/medicaid dental/early childhood education/K-12 education/the arts/WWAMI/homeless programs. We do not need to be greedy. I am grateful for the \$1600 and I do not feel that Alaskan need or deserve more than this. We already do not pay taxes.

Sincerely,

Rachel Samuelson

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

From: maria williams <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 2:12 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 - PFD amount

Dear House Finance Committee Members:
Thank you for your hard work and dedication and all the additional time you are putting into the special session.

I support a SMALLER PFD! I WANT OUR SENIOR CITIZENS TAKEN CARE OF, I WANT MEDICARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT, I WANT A UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SYSTEM
I WANT OUR HOMELESS TO BE SHELTERED

I would be willing to pay a state tax - take much smaller to no PFD Dividends

thank you
Maria Williams
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

From: kathleen shoop <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 2:36 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: FULL PFD!

Dear House Finance,

The tug of war between rich and poor people in Alaska must stop. PFD is best for the Alaskan economy and strengthens the Alaska economy. The only fair way to pay for taxes is income tax. Otherwise cut the unsustainable Alaskan Government spending.

Support Full \$3000 PFD!
PFD works for Alaska!

Kathleen Shoop
Alaska resident since 1992

From: Linda Morrison Goss <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 2:46 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: NO PFD TAX

There must be NO changes to the PFD without the vote of the people.
You cannot steal money that doesn't belong to you.
You are forcing an unfair tax by stealing the PFD.

FULL PFD NO PFD UNFAIR TAX!!!!

Linda Morrison Goss
65 year resident of Fairbanks

From: Cecil Owens <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 3:23 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Restore the full PFD to the Alaskans of \$3,000.00.
Thank you.

From: Beth Adams <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 4:58 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Restore funding!

Dear House Finance Members,

I am a 65-year-old lifetime Alaskan who is alarmed at the governor's vetoes - literally all of them. I have a 24-year-old son with one semester left to go at UAA before graduation. I am a UAA graduate. I received my BA in Justice and enjoyed a 40 year career working for various attorneys, BP, and the court system prior to my retirement. I like to think I made a small contribution to a healthy, vibrant Alaska.

A healthy, vibrant Alaska is in dire jeopardy as a result of the vetoes, and I don't believe that's an exaggeration. We've never experienced a governor that seems intent on destroying Alaskan institutions built up over years of effort, and even our very economy, that I know of. Whether his ideas are just wrong-headed or plain evil, they are immoral and totally unjustifiable.

The legislature worked hard to pass a reasonable budget, and the governor has eviscerated it. I am shocked and angered that a few legislators are holding the state hostage, supporting this insanity.

I'm dumbfounded that neither the governor nor the legislature has made an effort to institute a reasonable income tax or to create any other revenue, under the circumstances.

I am a super voter. I believe I've missed voting in one municipal election since I turned 18. I've worked on campaigns and contributed money. I'm already contributing to Liz Snyder, who recently declared against Lance Pruitt. I pledge to spend as much time, money, and energy as I can to work against this insane destruction of Alaska's government and its people. Alaskans are hopping mad, we are fighting back, and we will continue to do so. You give me a big PFD check, and I'll spend every penny to see that sane leadership prevails in the next election.

In my opinion, all funding vetoed by the governor must be restored. You must choose a reasonable amount for a PFD this year. I think a \$3000 PFD is ridiculous and unnecessary. Alaska is depending on you.

Thank you,

Beth Adams

From: Julia Person <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 5:24 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Over ride Vetos.

While the legislature made cuts in their budget, it seemed balanced. What Governor Dunleavy did is catastrophic. Please use your power the bring Alaska back to a reasonable place.

Julia Person
Homer AK

From: Thomas Tallant <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 9:58 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: House Bill 2001 Comment

I urge the legislature to pass HB 2001 as long as it stipulates a \$1600 (or less amount) permanent fund dividend (PFD).

It's time for the government of Alaska to restructure the PFD to be an economically manageable amount. The \$3000 PFD supported by Governor Dunleavy is irresponsible, and it is simply bad economics. It's sole purpose is, cynically, to win votes.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tallant

Anchorage, AK 99508

From: Joni Cody <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 11:20 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: AK PFD

The job of government is to provide for the general welfare...that is, make it so that ALL of the citizenry is able to go about the business of providing products and services to each other. Roads, bridges, ports (air and marine), law enforcement, emergency response.

It is NOT the job of government to generally provide welfare. If the citizenry is allowed to get on with the acts of building businesses, providing products, and providing services that other people are willing to pay for, thereby providing jobs to other people so that they can buy products or services that they want, then Welfare will become unneeded.

Keep the government out of anything NOT related to the general welfare, keep the budget under control, and LEAVE THE PFD ALONE.

G'day,
Joni

From: Natalie Schuldt <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 11:29 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: My PFD history

Hello-

I was told you are taking public comments for Monday's meeting regarding the dividend amount. As a resident of the state of Alaska who has been around since the very first dividend, I want to tell you what the dividend meant to me and my family. My father was an Alaskan homesteader (who built our lovely warm home from the trees on our property) and a retired State of Alaska corrections officer with a very small pension that was barely enough to get by. Because of the PFD, my siblings and I could afford to buy a few nice clothes to wear to school, instead of the worn thrift shop clothes we usually were limited to. We could afford a few Christmas presents for each other, and we could afford to pay our land taxes and purchase a nice dinner out at a nice restaurant every fall, one where every member of the family was allowed to order an entire entree all to themselves. For us, each year the PFD made the difference between barely hanging on, and losing everything.

When I was older, the dividend was a lifeline for me as I attempted to graduate college, one semester at a time, without taking out any MORE loans. When the time came to pay off my Alaska Student loans, it was the dividend that kept my payments current.

Now I am a mother. We are comfortable financially, but my husband is a professional and has massive student loans to pay, so saving for college isn't something we can do comfortably for our kids at this time. The UA College Savings Plan using their dividends is a wonderful way to set aside money so that our kids can achieve higher education in the future.

A few years ago in October, I met a group of homeless men at Fred Meyers. They were on the sidewalk in layered clothing, all in great spirits, smiling and laughing. I asked them how the morale was at the local homeless camp. They

said all the folks were excited because the next day was the direct deposit day for the PFD. I asked them what they used their PFD for. They told me, the majority of them used the PFD for a plane ticket home to stay with their mothers or extended family for the coldest months of the year.

I am making a plea for the dividend. Sure, the critics say it is unearned, a handout, money that could be used for critical services and government. However, it is a unique and wonderful way to keep Alaskan society healthy. An impoverished family can get a box of donated food from the Food Bank. They can receive food stamps, and they can pick through the racks at the thrift stores (which by the way are actually too expensive for some). A homeless man can sleep at the Rescue Mission or eat at the soup kitchen. But who will give a school child a brand new outfit so they can hold their head high in front of friends at school? What organization will pay for a family to go out to eat at a nice restaurant once a year? Is anyone giving parents money so they can pick out some modest Christmas presents for their children? Are there any organizations in this state paying homeless people to fly home for the coldest months of the year? The dividend isn't just money. It is a dose of dignity for people who otherwise are running very low on dignity.

The critics of the dividend, and paying a full dividend, are saying that "it won't pay the bills." They are listing the multiple businesses and services they spend money with every day, in order to illustrate that losing some funding to the university will hit the state's businesses very hard. But as someone who grew up impoverished, these criticisms seem so very out of touch. The dividend WILL pay the bills, it helps very much. Seeing a litany of childrens' camps and kids' sports and restaurants and treats and trips to Hawaii that wealthy people are threatening they will no longer be able to afford is a slap in the face for someone who grew up not being able to afford any of that, even with a dividend, even with a warm home and a parent with a state pension.

I graduated from UAF. I am an artist and a member of the Fairbanks Arts Association, which relies on the State Arts Council. These are two areas where the governor's line item vetoes hit the hardest. I still plead with you to protect the PFD and all that it does to provide a lifeline to the hardworking Alaskans who rely on it. Because it is a nice thing for the people of Alaska. It is unique among the United States and it provides a lifeline and a measure of dignity to ALL Alaskans. And no matter what happens with the state government, the weather, the oil industry- it is a safety net for us all. If cuts can be made elsewhere- oil tax credits?, please consider reinstating funding to the Arts Council and helping UAF to consider where cuts can be made more gradually and perhaps working toward increasing state contributions again. But please do not sacrifice the annual lifeline of so many Alaskans.

Thank you for listening-
Natalie Schuldt
Fairbanks

From: Jessica Larsen <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 11:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony ahead of House Bill 2001

Dear Legislators

Thank you so much for your service to our great state. I appreciate your hard work and dedication, especially during these really difficult times. I am confident that we can come out the other side OK though I know there is a lot of work ahead of us all.

Here is my testimony about the proposed PFD amount of \$1600.

If brought to a vote of the people, I would vote for a permanently smaller PFD or even to eliminate the PFD. Heck, I remember when the PFD was a mere \$800 during a slump in the stock market maybe 10 or 15 years ago now and I don't recall vitriol and division about it, like there is now.

So I strongly support a smaller PFD amount whether that be \$1600, or even less, or even no PFD, even though I know that many Alaskans depend on it for their needs. If we had adequately funded health care, education and job training, and other social safety nets in place, then the loss of a PFD would not be felt so badly by those in need.

A \$3000 PFD at this time is fiscally and socially irresponsible. This issue has created massive fissures in the very fabric of the state of Alaska. The PFD has become more important than anything else. It is now more important than the people who live here.

Because of the divisiveness of the PFD issue and how it has been used as a political tool, real bad pain is being felt now by those about to lose jobs, healthcare, senior benefits, and student support - all held hostage because of this deadlock over the amount of the PFD. It is heartbreaking and as a long term Alaskan, I cannot bear to see this happen.

Because the PFD has been made to be so much more "important" than constitutionally mandated programs, like education and senior benefits, I am actually quite alarmed that the PFD is going to tear our state apart to the point where we cannot recover. It is time to put an end to this nightmare - for good!

I would much rather have no PFD than go through all of this fiscal budgeting nightmare over and over again each year. It is not about the money to me, its about watching our state destroy itself because of how we have made this thing more important than our well being and community.

Somehow, other states manage without a PFD - and are economically thriving - surely we could do the same.

I will pay taxes to help support adequate care for our citizens because I care about the well being of other people in our state. I'm not a socialist, I'm just a person who wants to live in a healthy, thriving community where homelessness, recession, and joblessness are decreasing, and educational and employment opportunities and access to health care, and a thriving economy for all are increasing.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter I really appreciate all of the hard work you are doing on our behalf right now.

Sincerely
Jessica Larsen

From: Jerome A Kristjanson <[REDACTED]@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:36 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Finance

Hello Alaskans,
This is a request to return to sanity, our state is in dire need of your support. Our children and children's children will be affected for generations , our source of pride in our state stands in jeopardy. This is in your hands to remedy. Save Our State, stop the madness brewing in Wasilla to take our State back 40 years of progress. Care for Our elderly, provide the tools for our children to achieve academically, provide stability for the communities across Alaska without prejudice.

Let the Governor know Alaska is for all folks, not just the Sacred Cows in the oil industry and partisan agendas.

Thank you for your diligence in ensuring Alaska is for All Alaskans!

Sincerely,
Jerome A. Kristjanson
[REDACTED]

Juneau, Alaska
Proud resident for 17 years.

From: Mary Griswold <[REDACTED]@xyz.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:37 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 PFD

I wholeheartedly support a \$1600 PFD. The draconian cuts to services required to produce a \$3000 dividend are alarming and devastating to the broad swath of Alaskans who would be affected. Neglecting to pass the reverse sweep further tears up the support for rural communities, libraries, and college students. Arguing over the annual PFD sucks all the oxygen from the legislative agenda. Please support a sustainable PFD that provides sufficient funding for essential government services.

Mary Griswold
Homer

From: LYNN WILLIS <[REDACTED]@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:38 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD testimony

14 July 2019
From: Lynn Willis, Eagle River (House District 14)

Committee Members,

Cut the PFD to \$1,600 if for no other reason than to spare Alaska from another 1980's recession.. Our revenues depend on perhaps the two most volatile sources possible - oil prices and stock market returns. Act like responsible adults now. Thank you

From: JOHN STELLING <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:28 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: re HB 2001

We are a retired couple living in rural Alaska trying to make ends meet financially. We see people every day in our situation. We all depend on the fund for help. It is hard to stay in Alaska without the help of the PFD to help with unexpected expenses. Please do not reduce it. Sincerely, John and Shirley Stelling

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

From: Andy Klamser <[REDACTED]@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:09 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

I am writing in support of this bill.

I do not support ANY of Governor Dunleavy's budget vetoes. I support the legislature's final budget as submitted and I believe the governor should respect the work the legislature put into crafting a budget that analyzed potential cuts and balanced them against appropriate levels of funding for various state services and agencies.

Regarding the PFD dividends, I was here before there were dividends (back when there was a state income tax). I do not believe the dividends are an "entitlement"

that all citizens have a God given right to. I have always believed that the dividends should be reduced when the money is needed for state services.

I think Gov. Dunleavy was elected because he promised people money, plain and simple.

We need a governor, and legislators, willing to do the hard work of analyzing the budget and making hard choices about how to fund state services. There isn't a single one of the governor's budget vetoes that I support.

Respectfully,

Andy Klamser

[REDACTED]

Homer, AK 99603

From: Shelley Estes <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:18 AM

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

Subject: PFD Comment

Hello, my name is Shelley Estes. I live in Anchor Point, Alaska. I will not be able to come in for the public testimony but want my voice heard.

I have been an Alaskan for a total of 15 years. I have seen the state in good and bad times.

I have received a dividend that was high and low. I have always been thankful for that dividend, because living in Alaska every year gets more expensive.

I never thought I would say this, but Alaskans need that money. State services for those that are poor are NOT EQUAL. Many communities fend for themselves. Senior Centers, Churches, Food Pantries all aide in the care of the elderly. Places like the Sunshine Clinic in Talkeetna or SVT in Homer and Anchor Point run by the Native Corporation all help those in need that are elderly. The families that suffer are the ones that have 2 working parents that make minimum wage WITHOUT access to any "special interest" services i.e. mental health, medicaid/medicare or any special services that are government funded for the poor. I have people living around me with children in dry cabins without health care. It has been and always will be that way, because service agencies do not share the "government supported money" EQUALLY.

These are the families that get through the winter with the dividend that buys stove oil, pays their electric bill or gas for the car, propane for the stove. The money needs to be given to the PEOPLE to share equally.

We would not need to discuss the amount of the dividend if the state would only RAISE the minimum wage level to match the INFLATION around the state. It is very hard to live in a state where the necessities in a grocery store that I need cost me \$120 for just 2 BAGS of food. Gas is high, food is high and clothing high. But yet Alaska's minimum wage is ONLY \$9.89 per hour. How can anyone live on that amount?

We have catered to corporations and big oil, it is time to realize we can no longer cave to their wants and needs. We need to live within a budget, raise minimum wage and PAY THE PEOPLE!

As for the University of Alaska. Why do we need 3 universities and tons of satellite sub-universities? Just how many young people in the state of Alaska go to the University?

Where I live I have been to the Kasitsna Field Station that cost the state \$2.7 million dollars?? WHY?? I remember a time scientists studied with rudimentary Quonset hut. Why the huge expenditures? I also know after going to the Kenai borough of land management to look at property and owners around the peninsula, that the University of Alaska owns a SIGNIFICANT amount of property all over ALASKA!! WHY???

I am all for education, I am a veteran of the USN, college graduate and have gone to UAA. It is EXCESSIVE. Alaska needs one University with maybe a couple "sub-universities" in Anchorage and Kenai that focus on On-line learning. I have taken on-line classes. They are very easy to do with today's technology.

The other waste of money is the AVTEC center in Seward. I think we need vocational learning centers but we have excessive amounts with few students. WHY? We need to focus our vocation skills on green energy, tourism...things that keep Alaskans in Alaska.

and only use vocational skills that can then be transferred to apprenticeships. We have a BROKEN and SPLICED educational system that is bleeding us dry.

APPRENTICESHIPS and RAISED MINIMUM WAGES, PFD FOR THE PEOPLE.

We have been throwing money away for far too long to special interests and corporations and the people are TIRED of it. I am tired of it. I support Governor Dunleavy because we live in a world now that is unsustainable. A budget needs to be made to make legislators accountable. Good faith effort to give us our FULL dividend that we will put back into the state of Alaska. I know I do every year. I use my dividend to buy winter tires at Alaska Tire, buy food, pay for gas, propane, go on a vacation to Anchorage or Wasilla....it ALL STAYS IN THE STATE!

So my 2 cents is, I have the right to my \$3000 dividend. I have earned it, it will NOT be wasted on me.

Shelley Estes

Anchor Point, Ak. 99556

From: Jessica Wesley <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 12:09 PM

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

Subject: BULLCRAP

what you are doing to alaskans is complete bull crap because we depend on that money in the winter. FULL PFDS FOR ALASKANS

From: ljohn <[REDACTED]@gci.net>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 12:20 PM

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

Subject: Cap Dividend; restore services

Dear House Finance:

As a registered Alaskan voter, I implore you to cap the dividend to a REASONABLE \$1,000 - \$1,200 range and restore vital state services that have been decimated by the Governor's Vetos.

When individual greed for a \$3,000 outweighs basic human services, all Alaskans suffer.

Sincerely,

Lynne Johnson

From: Stephen Hall <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 1:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Dorothy Hall <dghall4@gmail.com>
Subject: Budget/PFD

Alaska Legislators-

Please support the reduced PFD distribution and the prudent use of the permanent fund to support important state services. While more timid than those clamoring for a large PFD distribution, I believe that many of your constituents are ready to sacrifice their PFD for the public good.

Thank you for your work on this.

Stephen A. Hall

From: Mary Ellen Anderson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 1:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

I'm a 30+ year resident of Alaska, Petersburg and Craig to be specific. I **support** this bill providing a \$1600 Permanent Fund Dividend. Actually, I would rather see a **Zero** dividend for a year or two, allowing a build-up for current and future state education and services, but I know that's not going to happen...I just see it as a government handout.

Please listen and talk with your constituents on this, as I am seeing full-scale chaos, anger, and exodus from the state as a result of the impending, devastating cuts. The proposed budget cannot provide the services we need and deserve from our state.

Thank you,
Mary Ellen Anderson
Petersburg, AK
Retired
907-[REDACTED]

From: Familie Veh <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 1:44 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

Dear Legislators;

Thank you for hanging in there & continuing to show up to work through our current situation!

I will be completely honest with you in telling you that the governor has made it clear that he does not work for me as an Alaskan. This is a disappointment, but at least he's honest & I accept his honesty. So be it.

So, I will stand up for myself & tell you that I, an Alaskan, am one of many owners of this great state & I have a say in how I want the permanent fund to be spent.

I would like to see a smaller PFD, around \$1,600, so that the rest of the money can be spent on state services. I do not want my money to be spent towards the political campaign of the governor. He has made it clear that he does not work for me, & again I respect his honesty.

I would like to see a restoration of ALL the funds vetoed by the governor. I know the governor will fight this, but I, as a small petite woman, will fight back more fiercely. Being tall doesn't really add up to a hill of beans anyway if you're not taking care of your own people.

I want you to fund the capital budget NOW because I don't want to see Alaska lose any more teachers or good hard-working people who patiently deal with nasal mucus encrusted children & manage to teach them their ABC's on top of all of that sniffing. Also, if you don't fund the capital budget now, you'll be kissing goodbye billions of dollars of federal funds, and that, indeed, would be very, very, very dumb.

So, how about it . . . who do you stand up for? Do you stand up for me, an Alaskan woman who never reached 5'3", or do you stand up for the big guy who has his head in the clouds?

I invite you to come back to ground-level, the level of the people.

Thank you for reading through my message!

Sincerely,

Kate Veh
Soldotna, Alaska
[REDACTED]

From: Jim Engell <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 1:44 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: In Favor of HB 2001

House Finance Committee Members:

I strongly favor HB 2001. I believe that the Permanent Fund was designed for exactly this purpose, to help fund our state government as a rainy day fund. It was never designed to be the entitlement program that it has become. We are at a major crossroads as a state. We urgently need to find a means to gain revenue such as broad based taxation on income, but until that day comes, we must use some of the earned revenue account. It is hard to call our current situation a crisis when there is over \$65 billion sitting in the permanent fund. Please stand up to the governor in a bipartisan manner and approve HB 2001.

Thanks for your time and effort.

Jim Engell
Petersburg, Alaska

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Jim Engell
[REDACTED]
Petersburg, AK 99833
(907) [REDACTED]

From: HARRY HOLT <[REDACTED]@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 2:00 PM

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

Subject: PFD Testimony, July 15, 2019

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

We are in opposition of Hb2001 for \$1600 dividend that is before you.

Follow the Law, the historian intent of the fund for all Alaskans. We are in favor of Full PFD, Constitutional protection to stop yearly raids on fund.

What legislators should address is a Sustainable Budget, force the state to live within it's income.

PFD has been stolen from the people to support government overspending.

Pay a Full Dividend this year & bring it to Alaskans for a vote.

In conclusion, All AK. Legislators must come together now, Follow the Law and Address this Season with a Sustainable Budget real soon!

Sincerely,

Harry and Elizabeth Holt

Palmer, AK.

From: Susan Sommer <[REDACTED]@mtaonline.net>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 2:44 PM

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

Subject: HB 2001 comments

I don't care how big the PFD is this year—\$0 is fine with me—as long as the governor's disgraceful vetoes do not stand.

Thank you,

Susan Sommer

Palmer, AK

From: Sammy Crawford <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 2:46 PM

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

Subject: Restore

Please consider reinstating funding back to levels before draconian cuts to education at all levels were made & to arts & health care. This is not worthy of the state I've lived in for the last fifty years! Sammy Crawford, Kenai

From: Jon Kurland <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 2:46 PM

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

Subject: House Bill 2001

I am an Alaska voter and I support House Bill 2001, which would appropriate funds for a \$1600 PFD. Alaska must retain essential government services, including all of the items from the Legislature's budget that the Governor vetoed. We can't afford a larger PFD without adopting new sources of revenue. Thank you.

From: Contessa Gossett <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 3:03 PM

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

Subject: Override the vetoes to save education

Dear Alaska's House Finance committee, below is the email that I sent the 22 AK Legislators who have NOT responded to me. I believe that Gov. Dunleavy pulled a stunt at the risk of Alaska residents when he declared the Legislators had to meet in his hometown. That clearly caused a divide between the Legislators and I think he knew that- Which would deny the override to occur and allow his austere deep cuts that will send AK into a fiscal depression. We are now having to consider our son withdraw from college= college dropout. Below is what I sent this last week after the Legislators failed to meet as a group & do their job that I pay for as a taxpayer:

Dear Rep. — the stunt that the Gov. and your group of 22 put on will continue to devastate the citizens of Alaska. The Gov. knew very well that demanding the special session to be held in 'his neighborhood' would result in this divide. You fell into his web- hook line and sinker.

So why can't the 38 in Juneau & your 22 in Wasilla have a joint vote? (That's a whole other issue because probably the 60 of you didn't think it would turn into a pissing match).

Instead you have turned it into a pissing match. No thanks to your 22, when the UA system loses critical funding, the performance scholarship has already been pulled (that's another \$9000 in parent loans no thanks to your 22), and the accreditation body that could/likely pull the accreditation for the entire UA system- And I suspect then the WUE program is in Jeopardy- Your 22 have screwed over the college aspirations of my son & his peers. All for what? A political stunt??

When your 22 fail to vote by this weekend, our son may have to decide to withdraw from college all together. At this point we then can't afford to send him back out of state. Then if our parent loans & his student loans kick in, I will have to retire early to access needed \$\$\$. I will then have to seriously consider leaving Alaska. Having said all that I do NOT want a full pfd to piss on stupid items at the expense of this state.

So get it together & save Alaska. I do not want to wake up this weekend, then rolls around July 15th & Alaska starts spiraling out of control. Contessa Shade Gossett, Palmer Alaska.

From: Aimee and James Sandoval <[REDACTED]@msn.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 3:12 PM

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

Subject: No \$3,000 PFD!

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not pay out a \$3,000 PFD! The Governor has used this amount as a means to divide Alaskans and tear at our social fabric. Alaska cannot afford a \$3,000 PFD in any case, you will have to draw down too much to do it. Alaska certainly cannot afford a \$3,000 at the cost of a well functioning state government, a working university, and basic services for our most vulnerable citizens. Stop this nonsense! Pay out a \$900 PFD, pay out at \$1,600 PFD is you must, but do not pay out \$3,000.

I implore, step back from the brink, restore what the Governor has cut from our budget, protect Alaska and her people from his reckless and cruel agenda, stop the coming recession, and do not pay out a \$3,000 PFD!

Thank you,

James Sandoval

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK
99515

From: Lin Davis <[REDACTED]@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 3:29 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony for House Finance

Thank you, AK House Majority for taking Monday testimony on HB 2001. I am traveling. Here is my testimony:

- 1) HB 2001 is a reasonable alternative to what the Governor proposed. I support this.
- 2) I am horrified by the Governor's 182 vetoed line items. They harm every aspect of AK life. They terrorize all Alaskans, especially those who are rural, vulnerable, elderly, disabled, low income, and those who are students trying to move their lives forward. Please find avenues to restore funding to these valuable services.
- 3) Please complete the reverse sweep to restore funds to higher ed scholarships and grants, to Power Cost Equality Program, and to WWami.
- 4) Please lay groundwork for other sources of state revenue: progressive income tax; ending oil company tax credits and viable revenue ideas.

Thank you, House Majority, for your hard work and steady courage. Magnificent you are!

I have been calling, sending emails to The 22. Encourage their wisest best work all Alaskans.

Sincerely,
Lin Davis
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

From: Suzette Mizelle <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 3:46 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: House Bill 2001: Approp; Era for Permanent Fund Dividends.

I am personally all for a \$1600.00 dividend.

From: L@ ~ Lauren Allen <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:00 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Lower PFD

Personally, we would take a zero PFD. Please fund education for all levels, safety in our rural areas and support for the elderly.

Thank you for your time.

David and Lauren Allen
Owners, Allen Marine Inc
Allen Marine Tours
Alaskan Dream Cruises
Sitka, AK
907. [REDACTED]

From: Walter Martin <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:07 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: FULL PFD OR YOU'RE FIRED

Thank you to all of our elected legislators who actually followed the law and went to Wasilla as directed by Governor Dunleavy. THANK YOU!
And to everyone of the dishonest law breaking legislators who went Juneau; you should have been arrested. You do not have Alaskan's best interests at heart, you're only looking out for your special interests. SHAME ON YOU!

THE ONLY TWO ACCEPTABLE PFD ACTIONS:

1. Restore the Full PFD; Protect the Full PFD in the state constitution; Give us back the money stolen from us by Worthless Walker & his band of thieves.

OR

2. Cash Out every Currently Eligible Alaskan with a one time check of \$50,000.00 or more for every man & women & child; Make the pay out tax free; End the PFD program all together. Responsible parents will invest their children's pay out check in a protected high interest earning account and let it grow until their children are adults.

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO ACCEPTABLE CHOICES. IT'S UP TO YOU TO SAVE YOUR JOB.

From: Mary Cuzzocreo <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 3:06 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Avoid decimating our state

To the members of the House Finance Committee,
Please consider a compromise to the vetoes that Governor Dunleavy has proposed. The drastic cuts to programs will start a domino effect of worsening conditions. Cuts to education would create a loss of jobs and that would lead to higher unemployment or people leaving the state. The revenue lost from tax paying citizens would create issues in banking, housing, and retail to name a few. Cuts to health care would create a greater burden to the state when people who don't have health insurance/coverage go to the emergency room for services. The governor has stated that the three thousand dollar dividend would fill in part of the revenue/services lost. There must be a more equitable way to go about balancing the budget.

Thank you for your time,
Mary Cuzzocreo

From: Paul Bless <[REDACTED]@aptalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:23 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

House Finance Committee,

I support in the strongest terms HB2001 to set the 2019 PFD at \$1600. I believe that a substantially higher PFD would be reckless and very likely damage the state of Alaska for a generation.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Paul W. Bless
Petersburg

From: dwalkden [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:29 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Please restore entire PFD and have a vote by the people you represent if you want to change the formula.

From: Colin and Michelle BOYDEN <[REDACTED]@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:31 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for the \$1600 dividend

We would respectfully like to share our support for the reduced, \$1600 PFD. We do not feel a fully funded PFD is fiscally responsible when there are basic services being cut. If Alaska were to implement an income tax - it would more fairly share the burden of the state's expenses. Then, and only then, would we even consider a fully funded PFD. The dividend isn't a right of the Alaskan people. It's money for a "rainy day" when oil royalties reduced to the point where they weren't enough to fund the government. That day has come!

Michelle and Colin Boyden
Alaska residents for 44+ years

From: Christopher & Janet Wright <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:31 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Cutting the PFD

Hell, no on cutting the PFD in half. In the first place, the legislature is unable to fight the Governors cuts so we'll all be in a financial spin and the public will need all they can get to survive or possible move.

Secondly, I have not heard of a firm number that the Legislators have voted to agree on. If you don't define it clearly, it then gives you Carte Blanch to change the numbers as you desire and we just aren't that stupid.

As the legislature doesn't appear to have the power, or the will, to override the present situation, I see no reason to help them reduce

my PFD when I'm going to need to use it for my own needs that they have help create.
Christopher G Wright
Janet D Wright
Copper Center, Alaska

From: andersonbee <[REDACTED]@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Pass a legitimate budget

I am against giving out a \$3,000 PFD, we need to balance our resources so that our state will not enter a deep recession. Presently the budget crisis can be resolved by 1 – an affordable PFD or none at all, 2 taxes to pay for services, and reduce the drastic cuts that will destroy the education of our young generation. University of Alaska is our lifeline to solving the global warming in our state and help provide data for scientists all over the world. Please reinstate their budget so that they can survive and remain accredited.

Cindy Anderson

From: Margaret Tyler <[REDACTED]@mstwork.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:41 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD Funding

Please limit funding of the PFD to not more than the amount we can afford (not to exceed \$1600) without drastic cuts to our government funded services and Universities. The governor's proposed cuts need to be evaluated fully before implementation, and we cannot pre-spend the dividend without knowing the full cost of this action.

Thank you,
Margaret Tyler
Lifelong Alaskan and investor

From: Melinda Eggleston <[REDACTED]@alaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:50 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

No extra payments should be made to Alaskans out of the Permanent Fund!

*Gene Eggleston &
Melinda Eggleston*

[REDACTED]
Delta Junction, Alaska

99737

(907) [REDACTED]

From: Linda Saito <[REDACTED]@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:51 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

If it is possible to pass HB 2001, that is awesome. If you can't- please prioritize the veto's and compromise somehow with MD's legislators in order to preserve the needs of the state. Above all- the state needs legislators that are voting to keep:

The University operable
Scholarships
Equitable utility costs throughout the state
Police, troopers, VPSOs, etc.
Assistance for Homeless

Please do NOT let this happen on your watch! It will affect all of us and all of our children and grandchildren. Just because Dunleavy once was an educator does not mean he is educated or cares about the lost opportunities that will happen for all of the Alaskan children.

Thank you,
Linda Saito

Linda Saito-present address:

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907-[REDACTED]

From: Contessa Gossett <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:54 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Red pen cut to the APS- Restore it.

Dear Alaskan House Finance Committee, in addition to the red pen vetoes across the board by Gov. Dunleavy, that includes \$133 million in cuts to the ONLY college system in AK, that will force the UA system to declare financial exigency, the Gov. also red-penned cut the APS.

Our son recently returned to AK to finish his Mechanical Engineering degree at UAF, and was still eligible for the APS, because he worked his butt off when he attended Colony High in Palmer.

Then we find out last week that with one cruel strike the APS was cut. Now we will have almost \$9000 more in parent loans other than funding the remainder.

This Gov. graduated from UAF & this is what he does? I now regret our son returning to AK & will have to seriously consider leaving. Contessa Shade Gossett, Palmer AK.

From: Lori Landstrom <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:00 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

Please restore the governor's vetoes, before paying out any PFDs.
If you must pay out a PFD, consider a \$1,600 cap.
Restore the vetoes, get going on restoring funding for our state.
Thank you.

Lori Landstrom, Seward voter

From: Jennifer Ansley <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:19 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Vote for \$1600 dividend

Dear Representatives:

First let me state how disappointed I am that the so called "Wasilla 22" were so easily manipulated by the governor. Stop fooling around and exercise the power given you by the state constitution. The Governor's vetoes are ridiculous and thanks to the time wasted in Wasilla, his actions continue to damage Alaskans.

As a step towards putting the governor in his place, I want the legislature to insist on a \$1600 dividend or nothing. I want my daughter's earned UA scholarships and the scholarships awarded to every other UA student reinstated. I want the faculty and staff at UA to continue to have their jobs in which they serve our communities faithfully. I want our k12 schools fully funded. I want our seniors cared for and our villages to have public safety officers.

Don't waste any more time and do not allow the governor to continue his power play. He is only a governor not the supreme leader.

Jennifer Ansley
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: BILLIE HAAN <[REDACTED]@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:25 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please restore the funding

Dear Representatives of the House Finance Committee,

Please find a compromise on the budget instead of these draconian cuts. I felt that the legislature presented and passed a well thought out budget that would help with the budget and preserve highly valuable and cherished state services.

I have received a PFD since the very first one. I, and my whole family, are willing to receive a smaller PFD if it means it can help reverse these budget cuts. Especially hurtful to our family are the cuts to the University of Alaska system and to health care. I have three children in various stages of degrees

at UAA and UAF. One is just starting out to pursue her dream of being a nurse, one is beginning the nursing program itself, and my oldest is beginning her masters degree at UAF. All three are or have been recipients of UA Scholar and the full APS. They want to remain in state and provide for all their fellow Alaskans. Any amount of PFD we do get as a family will go towards their college tuition.

A big PFD means nothing to anyone if all of the things that make Alaska the amazing state it is are gone. We are a state that cares about one another and always have been. Things have seemed a lot rougher and a bit meaner these days, but we can all do our part to change that.

There is a more balanced solution. Please restore the vetoed funding. Our eyes as Alaskans have been opened and it will help us become more engaged as your constituents. We are willing to do our part to help Alaska in new ways, too.

Thank you for all your time and effort.

Sincerely,
Billie J. Haan

Palmer, Alaska
907-[REDACTED]

From: Billie Haan <[REDACTED]@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:29 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please restore the funding.

Dear Representatives of the Finance Committee,

I, like many of Alaska's elected officials, am alumni of the University of Alaska system, including our beloved governor. I paid my way through with the Army Reserve and by working and taking out Alaska student loans that my parents didn't have to cosign on at the time.

The tuition was low and allowed me like many other Alaskans to get a higher education in Alaska.

Cutting the university budget 40% in one year is not a plan, it is a misguided political sucker punch.

If you are going to cut UA funding do it incrementally and let them know it is coming so they can raise tuition and not fire a bunch of people and have to cut programs.

I was then and remain now a social conservative and was a ranting reactionary in letters to the editor at the UAA newspaper and ADN in the early '90s. I realized that turns people off and don't partake of it on Facebook. The point is not everyone that goes to the UA system is a liberal and cutting funding to the UA system and the Alaska performance scholarship is shortsighted and isn't going to make elected officials liked by parents of kids in the UA system or the kids which will be the super-voters of the future.

A lot of people say we need more trade school type education. Along with professional degree programs, the governor's cuts are going to put technical training out of reach of Alaska youth. Programs will be shut down and tuition will go up. Alaska kids won't be able to get post high school training in Alaska. It is going to also cause a lot of people to lose their jobs. It is short sighted and cruel.

I would rather see the permanent fund earnings used to fund the UA system and the scholarships than receive the yearly populist bribe. I live in Alaska and I won't forget the politicians that hurt my kids education.

Please override the Governor's veto of the education budget. Please fund the Alaska Performance Scholarships. I'd call or show up in Wasilla but I am in Afghanistan, again, until I return home for R&R this hunting season and permanently this winter.

I am a nonpartisan because I don't want to be a prisoner of party politics.

Respectfully.
Scott Haan

From: DJ Thomson <[REDACTED]@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:50 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

I am writing in support of HB 2001 limiting the PFD to \$1600. I would much rather receive a smaller dividend and see some of our vetoed state services replaced.

The governor's vetoes were draconian and only serve to cripple our State economy. I hope the legislature will do everything in their power to restore some funding to those critical services and SB 2001 is a step in the right direction.

Deborah Thomson
Juneau

From: Karen Ouellette <[REDACTED]gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:56 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Veto

I have lived in AK since 1982, 35 years in Valdez, now in Wasilla. I am appalled and disgusted in the direction this governor wants to take our state! We need to keep our university system running, help the elderly, keep the arts alive, etc. We need to keep all of the federal dollars we can, keep money for improving roads. People do not need to have a full dividend, and we do not need to keep subsidizing the oil companies at this level. This is where the money can come from to keep the aforementioned systems running.

Please override the veto!!!!

thank you,
Karen M Ouellette
Wasilla AK 99654
907-[REDACTED]

From: Chris Logan <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 6:00 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD public comments

Hello esteemed members of the House Finance committee:

Please accept my public comment on the PFD. While the PFD is a nice bonus, and it definitely helps some families more than others, I think it is the state's money. If Alaska cannot balance

the budget, and allows disastrous cuts to education and the safety net of the poor, the state should utilize the Alaska's money to pay for services. The price of a barrel of oil no longer supports state services, so something else should be done such as income taxes. Giving away \$3000 per person of Alaska's money, while slashing the budget is stupid and frankly insane. The rest of the country is looking at us like fools, gutting the University system while we have \$65 billion dollars in the bank. Please wake up to the reality that has been happening for the last 5 years and stop worrying that people will get mad when you take away their oil company bribe.

Thank you for your service to ALL the people of Alaska.

Sincerely

Chris Logan

[REDACTED]

Anchorage Alaska

Rep Matt Claman

Sen Mia Costello

From: Lila Trask <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 6:27 PM

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

Subject: Re: PFD

Greetings to all,

I really hope that the finance committee can solve some of the problems that our state is facing right now. I don't envy you your job - but it is your job to do the best for all Alaskans. The governor's veto of so many necessary items in the budget and his promise to pay out a full pfd are going to put us all in a very difficult place as a state. Somehow, along the line some Alaskans have begun to think of the pfd as "their money" when it really is a gift. We didn't earn it. If we all receive the \$3000 and then lose all of the vetoed items - what have we gained. We have truly lost. A state without a viable university system will cause even more of our brighter youth to leave the state. Less money for the elderly, for Head Start, for public broadcasting will affect all of us - especially people in smaller communities around the state.

Please overcome your inability to compromise and solve this for all of us. I think that a majority of Alaskans would be happy with less pfd money in order to keep our state supporting the most vulnerable. And - it seems too late this year, but consider an income tax. Having lived once in a state that had property tax, state sales tax, and an income tax, we are living in the least taxed state in the US. An income tax would also tax the people who work in the oil industry and fishing industry who live outside of our state and take their money with them but use our resources.

I may sound like a Democrat, but I am not. There are many conservatives out here who think as I do. Be brave.

Lila Trask

Petersburg AK

From: dkrajdp <[REDACTED]@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 6:28 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: The PFD is not a budget resource

I was a recipient of the Senior Benefit. It was a great help. However, the State was giving me money that it didn't have, and it should stop. Now I will rely even more on the PFD.

You should push the full dividend out to citizens so that they can put it into the economy through the purchasing choices that they will make. This will be a fair, even way to stimulate the economy. Government spending is only for the preferred few.

Joan Frederick
Homer

From: Liza Lynn <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 7:11 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Restore The Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am writing today to ask you to restore the funding that was lost as a state last week. This is infuriating not only to me, but to the majority of Alaskans. So many people called, wrote, and showed up to spaces to demand an override to Dunleavy's vetoes. We were ignored.

I am very concerned for my daughter and her future in Alaska. I am very concerned for my students and their future in Alaska. I am very concerned for our homeless community who will face even more challenging obstacles as they are shut out of shelters. Furthermore, we have seen a spike in crime in Anchorage, and the loss of services we learned about last week will only make things worse. This frightens not only me, but the thousands of Alaskans who are crying out against this situation. Families are sitting at their dinner tables and processing the loss of their jobs and questioning what they can do. Seniors may be left on the streets because they depend on funding to help house them. How can you ignore these matters? Oh and health care, what about the thousands of Alaskans who can no longer get dental services? This is not ok. I hope that you are listening.

Your colleague, Senator Natasha Von Imhoff presented a very intelligent and moving speech last week addressing these issues. She stated that the state has enough money to continue to fund our essential services. Please take note of this and listen to her speech if you haven't yet. Here is a link to her floor speech via facebook for your reference.

<https://www.facebook.com/natasha.vonimhof/videos/466112557506567/>

I hope that you will shift your focus on what is best for the state and urge each of you to stand tall and restore the funding this week.

Sincerely,

Liza Tran
Public School Teacher
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska

From: Mary Forbes <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 7:12 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I support HB2001 appropriating. \$1600 PFD. In fact, I support an even smaller PFD, a needs based PFD and reinstating a state income tax over the Governor's vetoes and draconian budget cuts. . My son is now likely out of a job, my property taxes will be going up, my local public radio station will suffer, homelessness in Kodiak will increase and many of our fixed income seniors just lost a big part of their monthly income. These are just a few of the consequences of the Governor's vetoes.

Thank you for all you are doing. While I have totally lost respect for the Governor, his advisors and the "GOPFD" faction of the legislature, I have never had more respect and gratitude for the rest of you!

Sincerely,

Mary Forbes
Kodiak

From: Ken Zafren <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 7:18 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Restore the funds vetoed by the governor

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

The legislature should restore all the funds cut by the governor's budget vetoes, if not, Alaska will lose thousands of jobs and go into a recession, the University of Alaska may lose its accreditation and Alaska students may lose their scholarships, early childhood education will be terminated, with devastating long-term effects, the homeless problem will worsen, the Alaska Marine Highway will have to close and many more services that people depend upon and that benefit Alaskans will be lost. The state will lose hundreds of millions more dollars of matching funds, such as the 90% federal subsidy of Medicaid expansion. Alaskans are counting on you to prevent these awful consequences of the governor's shortsightedness.

The legislature passed a sensible budget that Alaska could afford. Please convince your colleagues who have sided with the governor to restore the budget passed by the legislature. They are living in a fantasy land. They should look at what

has happened with Donna Arduin in other states. Kanasa became a basket case.. Some Alaskans are greedy and will be happy with a \$3000 PFD until they realize that increased local taxes and cuts to services will cost them more than \$3000. Eventually most of the governor's supporters will have buyer's remorse when it is too late to undo much of the damage.

Sincerely,

Ken Zafren, MD

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From: Magali Philip <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 7:27 PM

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

Subject: HB2001

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to tell you I rather have a small dividend rather than loose service we all use like library, fait ndibg for school, public radio, university

Thank you

Magali Philip

Ester, AK 99725

From: Scott Spickler <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 7:37 PM

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

Subject: PFD

To the members of the House Finance Committee,

With all the turmoil going on with our state budget, the cuts, and the the size of the PFD, I would advocate for a \$500.00 PFD.

From what I understand, it's sustainable, could fund operations and capital projects well into the future at current oil prices.

If oil prices and production should increase substantially, then the PFD could possibly be increased. While most everyone likes free money, the PFD is a bonus, not an entitlement.

Thank you,

Scott Spickler

[REDACTED]

Juneau, AK

99801

From: Chris Maack <[REDACTED]@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:00 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Comment on PFD

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the PFD decision.

I favor a moderate PFD amount, not to exceed \$1,600. We need to remember that the PFD is a bonus, not an entitlement, and that any statutory formulas were an attempt to make the determination as much of a no-brainer as possible. Unfortunately, regulations and formulas can't always foresee the future and its changes.

I have watched Alaska mature into a thriving, wholesome state where a person can find opportunities, meet challenges, and participate in their community. My volunteer work after retiring has given me the most satisfying years of my life. This is because there was some protection and safety for those less fortunate and educational benefits for all citizens. It's frightening how rapidly all the fundamentals of a civilized society can be upended. Don't let it happen.

Chris Maack
Anchorage, AK

From: gfox <[REDACTED]@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 7:58 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

My mother lives in the Sitka Pioneers Home. Both she and I would rather GIVE UP our PFD **entirely** than have to pay \$9,000 or more per month for her PH room and board. We are not rich, but we are not poor enough to qualify for public assistance. The State of Alaska funds public schools, and does not require parents to pay full freight for their children's education. Our elderly deserve the same consideration.

Greg Fox
Juneau

From: Kevin McCraine <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:07 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

Hello,

Please consider this my response to the public comment about HB 2001 and allocating money to the PFD.

Dunleavy cannot be allowed to get his way and the PFD must not be approved for \$3000. Instead, I'd much prefer to see \$0 and override the governors veto which caused \$444 million in cuts to the budget.

Why not implement an income tax or a sales tax? Or maybe tax the oil companies that profit over 20 BILLION DOLLARS from our state each year? You know, some common sense that has been missing from this new administration.

Kevin McCraine

From: Judith Donegan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:08 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

Members of the House Finance Committee:

Please take this opportunity to start to fix the problems created by the governor's vetoes of the budget you passed. HB 2001 providing for a reasonable dividend is a good first step. I am not convinced that cutting the dividend is the only way to eliminate the need for draconian budget cuts, but it is for the present moment the most practical step you can take. Voting for HB2001 will show your concern for the long-term health of the state. Cutting services in order to pay a large dividend is short-sighted. Crippling our university system will affect our students, our economy, and our standing in the eyes of the country. We want to strive to be better, not backward. Additionally, cuts that involve the loss of federal funding make no sense whatsoever. Cuts to Medicaid, for instance, mean the loss of significant additional revenue coming into the state. What could possibly justify those cuts. I am at a loss to understand why the governor has exercised his veto power as he has.

But he has, and now it is up to the Legislature to save our state. Please support a smaller dividend.

Thank you for your time.

Judy Donegan
[REDACTED]

Palmer
AK 99645

From: Val Svancara <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:56 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 comments

Dear House Finance Committee,

I wanted to write in to share my thoughts regarding HB 2001, which proposes a \$1600 PFD-- Honestly, I do not care if we get a PFD this year (or ever again) if it comes at the cost of destroying our state. No amount of money is worth gutting services, programs, education, and safety. I would like to ensure we can restore funding to the vetoed budget items (all of them). If we need a \$1600 PFD to do it, fine. I most certainly do not want to see a PFD higher than \$1600 if we do have one.

I am deeply concerned with the budget vetoes. Friends have already lost jobs, which has upended their lives. Seniors are struggling to make ends meet. Medical care has been interrupted for many residents. Residents experiencing homelessness are unable to receive the full spectrum of services to help them get their lives back on track. We're now the only state without an arts council (unthinkable!).

Most personal for me is that I am both a master's student and employee (advisor) at University of Alaska Anchorage. I am writing this prior to the Board of Regents meeting so I have no idea what my own future holds along with the futures of so many students that I am so privileged to support. For my own program, I have one class left and was planning on graduating this December. Will that happen? I have no idea.

If this bill can pave the way for vetoed budget items to be restored, great. If not, I'd rather no PFD be paid at the expense of causing total destruction. Restoring vetoed budget line items is all that really matters, and that is the only

way our state will survive at this point (despite damage that is already starting to be seen and hopefully is not irreversible).

Thank you,
Valerie Svancara
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517

From: Dorothy Hall <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:10 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Dear house finance committee:

As a life long Alaskan who marched in the parade when we became a state and has lived and worked in Alaska, I urge you to commit to build up not tear down in Alaska. Please work to give out a more modest PFD and fund essential Alaskan services. Loss of education and care of our more vulnerable populations will lead to greater long term expense. None of us are entitled to a PFD and Alaska has a long and proud history of pioneers who have worked hard and paid state income tax (YES) to establish a state with a wonderful present and future. Thank you for your commitment to public service.

Dorothy Hall
Eagle River, Alaska

From: Jerry Morgan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:22 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD HB2001 -no cutting the PFD -statutory only like it was written for and meant for the ALASKANS!

Full PFD, plus what is owed to us for the last 3 years cut by Walker is due to Alaskans. This FUND was never meant to fund GOVERNMENT!

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> If we made it through the 1980s with a statutory PFD then we can make it now! Back to the basics Alaska ...for Government services!
>
> FULL PFD for ALASKANS!!!
>
> Thanks for listening!
> Shirley Morgan
> [REDACTED]
> Wasilla, AK 99623
> 907-[REDACTED]

From: Penny Goodstein <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:23 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: budget woes

I understand that there is a still a method to save our state from the debacle to which is headed.

PLEASE consider a reasonable PFD, and PLEASE restore funding, or find a way to change the capital budget to provide funding, for the many serious cuts that are threatening.

People lives literally are on the line. People literally WILL die. Besides those travesties, education for youth from preschool to college will be in jeopardy. You know the rest- I don't have to list all the cuts.

Please return our state to a semblance of sanity.

Thank you,

Penny Goodstein

From: Carol Swartz <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:44 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

Dear Finance Committee;

Please restore ALL funding that was vetoed by the Governor. The ideology that he is following will destroy businesses, economic development, communities and the lives of children, families, students, elderly, homeless....and Alaska's future. Truly, people's lives are on the line here including many who are unable to leave the State like so many will be doing.

Thank you for doing anything and everything possible to restore funding to UA, ASCA, Headstart, Medicaid, student scholarships, rural power equalization, homeless shelters, school bond debt repayment, etc. Please do not provide a \$3000/pp PFD; please consider revoking oil company tax credits.

Thank you for all your efforts and dedication to our State.

Carol Swartz
Homer

From: Owner <[REDACTED]gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:52 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Urgent plea to avoid the havoc the Governor's vetoes are wreaking

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

We greatly appreciate your intention to attempt to undo the greatest damage the Governor's vetoes are bound to inflict. We urge you to make every effort to restore funds provided in the budget you passed to the university, to

seniors, the schools, public safety, public broadcasting, and healthcare. We find it unconscionable and irresponsible that the Governor allowed himself to be blinded and/or misguided by his ideology and foolishly thinks individual dividends can address those needs. We urge you to hold fast against his \$3000 dividend plan—we firmly believe that even those who cast their votes for Governor Dunleavy on account of his promise of “restored” dividends will regret having done so when they experience the dire consequences of his decision. We also firmly believe that a balanced budget should not be achieved in such an irresponsible manner, rather that it is time to restore the income tax that was eliminated against Governor Hammond’s advice, to initiate other tax measures, or to explore other income avenues. The Governor seems to be on a slash and burn course—we rely on you and your colleagues in the Legislature to stop him.

Margritt and Gus Engel

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK

From: Lisa Farber <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:53 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Budget

Restore cuts that have been made by Gov Dunleavy!!!! The long term effects of these cuts will cost AK more in the long term in every way. Balancing the budget and reducing spending is important, but it needs to be done thoughtfully and must include ways of increasing revenue from oil companies.

The PFD issue must match the state’s current financial situation. If we have a solid economy statewide, the PFD will become less important, and people will be less reliant on it.

Alaskans are counting on the Legislature to ‘right’ this situation. The current political climate is untenable and not helping Alaskans or our economy. Many vulnerable Alaskans are at risk if these cuts are upheld.

Lisa Farber

From: Kimberly Stephens <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:11 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fw: HB 2001

I don’t care how big the PFD is this year. It should not be given on the backs of children, students, homeless, or seniors. As long as the governor’s disgraceful vetoes do not stand.

My daughter attends UAA and was receiving the AK Performance Scholarship. She did all that was required to obtain it and continues her academic excellence (4.0 freshmen yr 2018-2019). She doesn’t want to leave Alaska but is disheartened by the action to take away this scholarship.

I also received my Masters in Education from UAA using my GI bill benefits. It has afforded me opportunity to build my own mental health and addiction counseling private practice in Palmer to help those in my community.

Respectfully,
Kim Stephens LPC, MAC, CDCII
CW3(retired Army)

From: Heather Preece <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:21 PM

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

Subject: House Bill 2001

Dear House Finance Committee;

I'm writing to express my support for House Bill 2001 appropriating a Permanent Fund Dividend of \$1,600.

In fact, we would be happy with a PFD of \$0 if it would help to fully fund public education from preschool through to the Alaska University system, health care including multi-pronged approach to drug and alcohol addiction, and programs/support for homelessness, domestic violence and seniors.

In any case, we re-donate much of our PFD's every year to nonprofits who we know are trying valiantly to provide such services. Having robust education, comprehensive health care and social supports for all Alaskans benefits us all and keeps our state thriving. Alaskans look out for each other.

Heather Preece
Peter Cummiskey

From: Christina <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:24 PM

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

Subject: Testimony HB2001

Greeting House Finance Committee,

What is important to me and my family is that the State of Alaska legislators restore the responsible budget that the bipartisan legislators built before the governor irresponsibly vetoed it. Alaskans do not need a \$3000 PFD if the Governor is going to cut UA, K-12, and other vital services. I am okay with no PFD as long as the governor's disgraceful vetoes do not stand.

Best,

Christina Sutton
Independent voter

From: rebecca <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:25 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: restore funding

I am a life time Alaskan and care about the future of our state fiscally and morally. If the cuts are to continue our state and our fellow citizens will suffer and we will likely see a recession like in the 80's. Please restore the funding to UAA, medicaid and all the other areas the governor cut.

Thank you for listening to Alaskans!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Davis
Anchorage, AK

From: Emily Florian <[REDACTED]@floriponics.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:34 PM
To: Emily Florian <emily@floriponics.com>
Subject: § FUND THE PFD ⚠ REPEAL SB 28 ⚠ FOLLOW THE LAW ⚫ STOP THE PFD RAID ⚫

Dear Legislator,

My name is Emily Florian, I live in Wasilla and I represent myself.

Thank you reading my request regarding the PFD.

I believe legislators need to follow the law by voting for a FULL PFD.

If we need to CHANGE the law, it needs to go on the BALLOT and we the PEOPLE of ALASKA need to VOTE 🗳 on it.

REPEAL SB 26
Stop the PFD raid.
FOLLOW THE LAW.
Fully fund the PFD.

Thank you.

Emily Florian
[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654
Owner/Grower
Floriponics LLC
(907) [REDACTED]

From: Catherine Sullivan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:34 PM

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

Subject: Impacts of Cuts

Dear Representatives,

Hmmm... Where to begin... These cuts will impact me specifically, because I work at UAA as a faculty member in the School of Nursing. The School of Nursing currently has 15 faculty openings with (according to plans made before cuts) expansion of the Baccalaureate Program and the filling of positions open due to retirements and resignations in mind prior to the hiring freeze put place due to the cuts. Not too many applicants will flock to the job openings, if and when the hiring freeze is lifted... Nursing students who have Alaska Performance Scholarships and are Alaska Scholars are affected, because some may not be able to complete their schooling due to lack of funds... and... importantly, the School of Nursing's accreditation could be in jeopardy with all these funding issues, as well as the accreditation of each University... Let's see... what else... 700 positions in UAA alone will be cut, including those who are tenured, and 40 programs in UAA will be cut... We've been hearing about "student centered" goals for years now... This does not look like it is student centered... or employee centered, for that matter, since I saw in the paper this morning some quotes from my UAA colleague that he's thinking about taking a position out of state, after 24 years at UAA (He built up the UAA Debate Team to an international wonder, and put UAA on the map for this...Sad... His wife is also faculty at UAA... really sad... what a loss...) I know of staff members who are seeking employment elsewhere, even before the "final word" about who will be "cut" is out. Many faculty are deciding to "leave now", because the school year will start in August.

My oldest daughter graduated with 2 degrees and a minor this May 2019... She worked very hard for these degrees... I wonder if she'll have access to a job in Anchorage that will help her to be financially independent... My youngest daughter is starting her third year at UAA... her APS scholarship is not funded... she is about to declare her major, but... who knows if the program she chooses will exist, if financial exigency is called by the UA System Board of Regents.

So lots happening in this family... I thank those Representatives and Senators willing to work together for a budget that will keep Alaska strong and vibrant and will continue to help our neighbors in need. I urge those Representatives and Senators who are "on the fence" or those who have opinions about the budget that are different from those who were in Juneau this past week, to please work your colleges and "fix this mess", because many, many, many people are being hurt by these cuts now.

Thank you,
Catherine Sullivan

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99516

907-[REDACTED]

From: jforshey <[REDACTED]@protonmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:47 PM

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

Subject: Testimony on HB 2001

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee:

I am writing this for my public testimony on HB 2001, about the PFD appropriation for this year and my opinions on the budget. I am a low-income disabled person, and I rely on Medicaid and APA, which have both been drastically cut. I

don't even know specifically how all of the cuts are going to affect me yet. I know I've already lost my dental benefit, so I can't get my problem bridge replaced. I don't know what's going to happen to my mental health provider because of the 6.1 million cut to behavioral health. I'm not even sure how much my APA check is going to be next month. This has been nothing but worry and stress in my life and in the lives of everyone around me. I can't think of anyone I know who isn't affected in some way by these cuts.

The PFD is also very important to me because I use the money for things I would not otherwise be able to afford, such as winter clothing and car repairs. I'm able to do bulk stock-ups of my groceries and replace or upgrade my computer if I need to. The PFD makes a big impact on the quality of my life. It's a wonderful example of a universal program that benefits everyone, regardless of income, and is a way for each of us to personally enjoy a share of the royalties of the resources we commonly own and to decide what we want and need to spend them on. It would be a shame if the PFD were to go away, and would make my life a lot more difficult if it did.

As far as the budget goes, I am really disturbed at this pitting of public services against the PFD, when we actually can afford both. Despite hearing that the budget desperately needs to be balanced from the likes of Governor Dunleavy, I notice that not one penny of the 1.2 billion in oil tax credits available this year has been touched. I'm tired of hearing that we need to make 'tough choices' when there could be plenty of money available. It's a sham. Until we stop giving away our oil for cheap, we're going to keep having this budget 'problem'.

My first choice: Repeal SB21, raise taxes on oil, pay out the full PFD according to the traditional formula, and restore all the cuts that Dunleavy vetoed out of the budget. This would balance the budget, restore the PFD to the full amount, save public services and our University, and boost the economy as well. Why not? This plan is honestly a lot less radical way to balance the budget than Dunleavy's and wouldn't risk plunging the state into recession.

My second choice, though I don't think it will help our long-term problems due to the lack of revenue, is to accept the \$1,600 PFD the legislature has come up with in addition to restoring the cuts to the budget they came up with before Dunleavy's vetoes. Restoring the cuts is the most important thing right now, because if we don't, it's going to be a social and fiscal disaster that will hurt us all.

Sincerely,

Jeanene M. Forshey

From: Stephen Tower <s[REDACTED]@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:48 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>
Subject: The value of education

Alaska House Finance Committee
July 14, 2019

I greatly appreciate the efforts of the legislative to support Alaskan K-12, University, and Post-Graduate programs. I suspect there already has been some attrition of irreplaceable faculty and students given the uncertainty of the present "Mexican Standoff". If a reasonable level of funding is not restored for "in-state" education the damage will be beyond repair, or at best, we will recover to our present level of capability some decades after "regime change".

One Alaskan's 62-year perspective on the value of education

I was born Halloween 1956 at Providence downtown left-handed and dyslexic. 13-years of Anchorage public schools: Chugach (pre-optional, 3rd grade twice), Central-Junior-High, and West-Anchorage-High-School preceded admission to Dartmouth. I fully expected the Eastern Elite Preppies would eat my lunch, the opposite occurred.

I then entered the 4-year WWAMI program, Alaska's Medical School, in Fairbanks. Then after a one-year internship I served 4-years as a commissioned officer in the Alaskan Indian Health Service in Barrow, Bethel, and old ANMC on 3rd Street. Following a 4-year residency in Orthopedic Surgery I returned to practice in Anchorage in 1992. Short of 3 months of mission work in Uganda, Liberia, and Kenya my post-graduate surgical and research career has been within the boundaries of this magnificent state. June 22nd I gave a TED talk on cobalt poisoning by joint replacement, a previously unrecognized problem that I found to be common in my patients. 8 million Americans with Cobalt-Chrome joint replacement parts are at-risk.

Why me and not the Mayo Clinic? I credit my 17-years of Alaskan education and my first 4-years of Alaskan post-graduate medical-surgical experience. Most critically, my unfunded research into the premature failure of joint replacement devices is supported by the University of Alaska and Alaska's Medical School where I am an Affiliated (unpaid) Professor.

Alaska was not a wealthy state 1966-1983 yet it granted me immense primary, secondary, and post-graduate educational opportunity. It grieves me that my grandchildren will not enjoy similar advantages unless the Governor and the Legislature can reach some form of compromise to insure our Alaskan primary, secondary, university, and post-graduate opportunities remain competitive with the "outside".

Dr. Stephen S. Tower

Affiliated (unpaid) Professor Alaska's Medical School

Tower Orthopedic and Joint Replacement Clinic

From: Tina McGraw <[REDACTED]@gci.net>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:21 PM

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

Subject: I'm willing!

To take a smaller dividend and support the most vulnerable of our society, UAF and students. The cuts, as they stand will have a long lasting impact that will cost the state more in the long run. The vulnerable will end up in jails and medical facilities. The students and their families will be forced to leave taking their limitless potential with them. Dividends go quick and do not invest in our future, education does.

Kristine "Tina" McGraw