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From: Carrie Topp <carrietopp@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 1:40 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: House Finance Committee (CSHB2001)

HB 2001
HFIN
7/17/19 FBX
hearing

17 July 2019

House Finance Committee
State Legislators

Thank you for listening to Alaskan's concerns on current budget cuts.

My name is Carrie Topp. I was born and raised in Fairbanks. My parents came in the early 70s because of the University. They loved the community and stayed to raise a family. I had many opportunities as a child. I was in the Fairbanks Children's Choir. I learned life skills through 4-H (leadership, record keeping, money management, public speaking, community service, etc.). I was involved in the Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre. My parents saved our PFDs for education. I went to UAF and met my husband there. We both credit our jobs in Alaska on skills and contacts from UAF. Because we both love Alaska and the opportunities in Fairbanks we decided to raise our family here, with the idea that they might also attend UA and be a part of Alaska's future.

Alaska will no longer be a good place to live with current line item vetoes and the following drastic cuts to important state programs (The University of Alaska, Early Childhood education, K-12 education, Performance Scholarships, the State Arts Council, Homeless services for adults and children, Assistance for the Elderly, etc.) Cuts to UA will cause campus closures, thousands of jobs and many programs will be lost, students and faculty will leave and many that might choose to come to Alaska will go elsewhere. The Cooperative Extension Service will close and no longer develop future leaders through 4-H. Educational opportunities in arts and sciences will be gone. Cuts to UA and the State Arts Council will lose hundreds of millions of grant dollars that might be brought into Alaska through federal match dollars. Jobs will be lost and people will leave for better opportunities elsewhere. Homelessness will increase. People will literally die without shelter, food, and heat.

We need to make the oil companies pay more to take our resources. Alaskans should not lose everything that makes this state a good place to live in order to get a PFD. The PFD should be modest and not controlled by the governor. We need a long term plan for the future, not a single large payout.

If the current budget cuts stand my family may need to look elsewhere for our kids future. My children and the children of my friends and neighbors need educational opportunities. The elders in our communities need help to buy medicine, food, and heating. We all need the arts to lift us and bring us together as a community, we all know how long and dark the winter is. We can't afford to be the only state without an Arts Council. All of these things together make Alaska a great place to live.

Please save the future of Alaska so that my family, and my friends and neighbors can keep living in the State we love. Please pass CSHB2001.

Thank you, Sincerely,

Carrie Topp

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Karisse Ackerman

From: Angela Schmidt <angelaschmidt.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 4:11 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Committee Substitute for House Bill 2001 (CSHB2001)

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for your all your hard work and sacrifices during this very dynamic and stressful time. I do NOT support the governor's vetoes, and ask that you restore funding to areas that have been cut. The legislature advanced a very well thought out and workable budget plan to the governor prior to his vetoes - please restore that budget. I believe a moderate PFD of \$900 to \$1,500 is wholly acceptable.

It is imperative to restore funding to the University of Alaska as soon as possible. The university is an enormous economic engine that brings millions of federal dollars into our communities. It attracts the best and brightest here with their families to live in and contribute to Alaska. It provides an avenue for the youth of Alaska to develop their aptitudes and to live their fullest lives. It serves as a factory of ideas for diversifying our economy. Cutting funding to this institution is cynical and short-sighted and will have detrimental effects that will last for generations.

This current crisis is a political crisis - not a budget crisis. We do not need to slash and burn all that makes life meaningful within the next two weeks. We as Alaskans must tighten our belts and work together to build a future that continues to be bright, despite declining oil revenues. I believe the legislature's proposed budget (prior to the governor's vetoes) would allow us to do that. Please restore funding to those levels. It is imperative if this state is to continue.

With respect,

Angela Schmidt

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Fairbanks, AK

(24-year resident of Alaska, current University of Alaska Fairbanks employee and part owner of private businesses in Fairbanks and Palmer)

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From: Jeffrey Rothman <jlrothman44@gmail.com>
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To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: HB 2001

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Dear house finance committee members,

Please support HB 2001 and restore the funding vetoed by the governor. The governors reckless actions put the economy of the state in jeopardy. It rewards his extremist supporters at the expense of the rest of the state.

His gutting of the university will make it impossible to get a quality education in Alaska. It also puts \$140 million dollars a year in federal research grants from the Geophysical Institute at risk. Established by congress in 1946, the geophysical institute is a huge economic engine for the state. Putting that funding at risk is simply economic vandalism and must be stopped. Similarly, Alaskans recognized the need for the ferry system long before anyone received a PFD. That need still exists.

At a time when the state is rich enough to be giving away money it is inexcusable to to be cutting vital services.

Sincerely,

Jeff

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee
Committee on HB2001 Committee Name
Dated 7/17/2019
Bill / Subject

I express my support for HB2001. The governor's veto's are greatly detrimental to the health of this state, its people and its future. They are reckless and without consideration toward the most needy and vulnerable among us. Although I agree

that we need to procure a more sustainable budget this is the improper way of doing so.

Given that generous tax cuts were given to the oil companies not too long ago then that should be one of the first things to re-evaluate rescinding.

Last, thank you all for coming together to both listen to us as well as formulating a bipartisan budget.

SIGNED:

Charles Foster III
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

HFIN

Committee on

HB 2001

Bill / Subject

Committee Name

Dated

7/17/2019

Please reverse the budget vetoes brought forth by Dunleavy.

Solution: Decrease or eliminate the tax subsidies to the wealthy + profitable oil companies.

It is an abomination to gut the state while funding these companies.

I am a 19-year Alaskan resident, and these vetoes/cuts affect me.

Thank you!

SIGNED:

Anna Rutkowski

Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

Committee on HB2001

Committee Name

Dated 7/17/19

Bill / Subject

Please pass HB2001. I am a Fairbanks resident, born and raised. I personally benefited hugely from the University of Alaska, graduating w/ bachelors degree in Nursing. This possible because of the reasonable tuition. I was the first grandchild, first child to go to the University and graduate. I am gravely concerned with the massive cuts vetoed by Governor Dunleavy and the economic and public impact that will reach far into the future. Research shows that where we live, work, and play have huge impacts on health incomes. Communities w/ unstable housing, low income, unsafe neighborhoods, substandard education have poorer health outcomes. I am very concerned about all of the vetoes. I ask everyone to come together and compromise. It's time to implement a payroll or income tax statewide. Cap the PFD ^{payoff} and use part of the money to support the important services of early childhood education, homeless shelters, domestic violence programs, Medicaid, senior benefits, UAF, etc. Thank you for your service to Alaska and thank you for this opportunity to testify. Please remember your service to all Alaskans.

SIGNED:

Joanne Spears

Testifier

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HB2001
HFIN 7/17/19

July 17, 2019

House Finance Committee Testimony

Good afternoon, committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on the future of our great state. My name is Brenda Riley and I am a life-long Alaskan, an alum and supporter of UAF.

In my role as the Executive Director of the United Way of the Tanana Valley, it is my job to raise money to provide funding to health and social service nonprofits operating in our community. I have the privilege of seeing the work that our partner agencies do every day for every member of this community. It breaks my heart to see that a sudden collapse of our most vulnerable community members' safety net is just around the corner. The impacts of these cuts will be visible in every area of our town.

The United Way has a motto. United We Win. I firmly believe in that and support a culture of philanthropy to support nonprofits. When I realized that the governor's expectation is that private citizens and corporate donors will fill the gap that has suddenly been created by these vetoes, I wanted to yell. While we Alaskans are well known for our generosity, we know that this gap cannot be filled by private donations. We know that the state support and investment into its citizens is absolutely crucial to the well-being of our entire community. We cannot do this alone.

Please support and pass HB 2001. Please continue to fight for what is right for ALL of the citizens of Alaska.

Brenda Riley
United Way of Tanana Valley / FNSBD
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance

Committee on HB 2001

Bill / Subject

Committee Name

Dated 7/16/2019

I attended the part of the public hearing here in Fairbanks today, but am not able to stay long enough to wait my turn to speak (I'm number 290 and we are now only on #150). What I'm witnessing today is democracy in action: Citizens are providing comments and testimony to their elected representatives and those representatives are listening. What I've seen with the Governor's vetoes and the failure to override them is a near total failure of democracy. In numerous previous public hearings throughout the state, and in thousands of an unprecedented number of public comments, an overwhelming number of Alaskans spoke out in opposition to the Governor's budget and to his vetoes. Thousands said they are willing to contribute their share to protect valuable programs and services. Yet, the Governor and the 22 legislators in Washle completely ignored ~~the~~ ~~Alas~~ the testimony of the many thousands of Alaskans who do not subscribe to the narrow-minded ideologies of the Governor and the legislative minority. Refusing to listen to the public is not democracy in action. Thank you to the House Finance Committee for your willingness to listen to Alaskans and to support a budget we can accept.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee on HB 2001 Committee Name
Dated 7/17/2019
Bill / Subject

I am a lifelong Alaskan, a UAF graduate, a home owner, a husband, a father, and an active citizen in our community.

The veto's of HB 2001 by the Governor threaten ~~every~~ the quality and # of opportunities for every aspect of my life. This holds true

for most Alaskans, even though some do not fully grasp the negative impacts that would come if these outrageous cuts were to stand.

Use other tools:

- less oil & ~~gas~~ giveaway!
- Sales tax on the appropriate things (2x alcohol?)
- Income tax Keep up the hard work, don't burn AK down!

SIGNED:

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Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

Committee on HB2001

Committee Name

Dated 7/17/2019

Bill / Subject

My name is Leila Pyle and I reside in Fairbanks. I support HB2001 and returning funding fully to all the vetoed budget items. I am a lifelong Alaskan - I grew up in Kodiak and have also lived in Anchorage - and I am only 24. Alaska is my home and I plan to live here and build my future here. I ask you all to please help make that future possible for me and countless other Alaskans that feel our families and our lives and futures and communities are in jeopardy right now.

I am an educator and I want to pursue higher education in the UA system so that I can work within the public school system and give back to my community. Because Alaska is a community worth building and fighting for. Living in Alaska and benefiting from programs like our public education system, public radio, and Alaska State Council on the Arts has made me the person I am today ~~and~~ a person with conviction that there is nothing more important in life than caring for each other and our communities. As I begin my career and life in Alaska, I try my best to live up to that - but we need these programs and community services to hold each other up and make our communities healthy & whole. We are already facing so many challenges as Alaskans - not least of all climate change - that we need to be bold in our decisions now. We need to fund all of our state programs that support communities and consider long term options like ending oil tax credits and a progressive income tax. It is not radical to take actions that take care of our communities for the long run. It is necessary for our survival.

SIGNED:

Leila Pyle

Testifier

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Thank you for
your work
and please
take these
words into
consideration &
support HB2001.

Governor Dunleavy created a political budget crisis over the amount of the PFD handout. You, the Legislature, passed a budget that provides cuts at the same time preserving the fabric of our society while ensuring a \$1600 per person PFD. It is a good budget. Governor Dunleavy's insistence on a \$3000 PFD is a distraction with the real goal, pulled from the Americans for Prosperity's playbook, to do away with government. Look at Kansas and Wisconsin. They don't care about our education system, our university, our village's fuel costs, our seniors, our health care. They promote a mean spirited greedy Alaska. Don't accept that and put the vetoed money back into the budget as called for by Representative Neal Foster.

This is my 2 minute statement & does not address all my concerns. Preserve our Alaska community. The PFD can be means tested for people in need.

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From: **Anne Hanley** hanleyanne@me.com
Subject: My testimony
Date: July 17, 2019 at 3:30 PM
To: HouseFinance@akleg.gov



Greetings House Finance Committee,

Never in all the 43 years I have been an Alaska resident have I felt so threatened and so disheartened. There is no budget crisis here. There is a crisis of confidence. We, unlike any other state, have \$65 billion dollars in the bank, the corpus of our Permanent Fund. We have options to deal with the downward trend of oil prices: Reinstitute an income tax and/or other forms of taxation; reduce or eliminate the Permanent Fund Dividend which was a nice perk when we could afford it, but has always been a handout; restructure oil taxes so oil companies pay their fair share. These are all reasonable measures which, working together with an efficient state government, can keep us spending within our means.

There is no need to dismantle state government in order to pass out free money. No one in the state has earned that dividend. The intention to share the wealth was a good one back in the early 1970's, but the people who thought up the idea of the Permanent Fund intended it to be mainly for supporting State government when needed. We need it now and we should use it for the purpose for which it was intended.

Crippling Alaska's economic drivers is the worst idea. A friend who is a research scientist at UAF asked: "When I'm applying for a grant and I come to the 'facilities' section meant be a statement of all the resources my university brings to the project, what am I going to write? I could have the most innovative idea in the world, but having nothing but caretaker support from my university puts me at a great disadvantage."

Remember that the first research pointing to climate change was done at UAF (polar ice cores and tree rings) and UA has been a leader in the field of climate change ever since. Are we going to just throw that all away? The Governor has abolished the Climate Change Panel. Where are we going to get the information we need to make plans to mitigate the effects of climate change?

I urge you to reintroduce funding for UA and the social services networks that connect us. If there's one thing this fake crisis has shown me is that when you start pulling threads out of our social network, everything starts to break down. We've spent over 40 years with the state, federal government, non-profits and volunteers all working to build things up. All the major business and civic leaders, educators, spokespersons, former governors that I've heard have said going into debt and dismantling state government services to pay out a \$3,000 handout to every person in the state will deal us a blow it will take decades to recover from. Governor Dunleavy has remained "unavailable" to refute these predictions or to tell us his plan.

Don't let this debacle happen on your watch. Put your differences aside. Red line the vetoes; reduce or eliminate the Permanent Fund handout. Save our State.

Sincerely,
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Representatives of Alaska

Committee on HB 2001 ~~representation~~
Bill / Subject

Committee Name
Dated July 17, 2019

I am here on behalf of my other UA students. I am a full time UAF student studying Biology with a concentration in biomedical sciences, following a pre medicine track hoping to one day practice as a physician here in Fairbanks where I was born & raised. I conduct research on Parkinson's Disease as a part of UAF's BLAST program - which is funded by the NIH to help equip underserved populations with the financial aid for them to attend university. Our program reaches out to rural students and/or low income students to engage in research & attend college. Many programs like ours require their UA match the federal funding to operate, unfortunately this budget cut leaves many students faced with tough decisions regarding the continuation of their education.

As a pre-med student, I, like many others was planning to apply to NWACM1 & serve in community as an OB/GYN. I mention my passion for women's health because the protection of our women is at risk.

59% of Alaskan women have reported they experienced domestic violence or sexual assault. The UPC ranked AK as #1, having the highest rates of female homicide by male offenders. Removing VPSOs and women's shelters will only make these numbers worse. These devastating cuts will create a tragic domino effect of destroyed education, public safety, & healthcare.

SIGNED:

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

Committee on HB 2001

Committee Name

Dated 7-17-2019

Bill / Subject

To the members of the House Finance Committee,
Thank you for the opportunity to testify
today. I urge you to pass HB 2001

I am a lifelong resident of Fairbanks and
alum of UAF. I fear that failure to
pass this bill will irreparably damage
the economy and community of Fairbanks,
damaging our ~~own~~ livelihoods, our friends,
and our ability to ~~make~~ continue to
make Fairbanks our home.

The economic ripple effects of this will
be far-reaching, long-lasting, and utterly
devastating.

I urge the passage of HB 2001. It is nothing
less than critical.

SIGNED:

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House Finance

Committee on

HB 2001

Bill / Subject

oppose

Committee Name

Dated

7/19/19

My name is Jess and I oppose HB 2001 because I need funding for private schools. Public education has become a place that promotes LGBT values. This violates my constitutional rights as a teacher and it violates my constitutional rights as a student.
 (and conservatives in general) sons
paraphrase

- Large PFD so that I can have more control over how the finances of my son's education are spent. The socialist/communist agenda has hijacked our education system. No thanks

to the NEA and Fairbanks Resolution

partisan promoter of LGBT schools need to be partisan.
 Oct 2018 (LGBT)

SIGNED:

Jessica Vaudreuil Kim

Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee on HB 2001 Committee Name
Dated 7.17.2009
Bill / Subject

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS. I KNOW YOU ARE BUSY. OVERRIDE THE VETOS ANYWAY YOU CAN!

MY FIANCE & I ARE BORN, RAISED & EDUCATED ALASKANS. WE LOVE ALASKA & WANT TO STAY TO RAISE OUR DAUGHTER HERE. WE WERE ALL SET TO CLOSE ON A HOUSE ON JULY 19TH. HOWEVER, WE SIGNED A RECUSSION AGREEMENT AND ARE NO LONGER BUYING A HOUSE BECAUSE MY FIANCE MAY LOSE HIS JOB AT UAF. OUR REALTOR TOLD US HE HAS HAD COUNTLESS CALLS OF PEOPLE WANTING TO SELL THEIR HOMES NOW BEFORE THE MARKET COLLAPSES. WE HAVE PUT OUR DREAMS ON HOLD, WAITING TRYING TO DO WHAT WE CAN & STAY HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN RESUME WORKING TOWARD OUR DREAMS SHORTLY.

I WORK AT FMH AS AN RN & AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE MEDICAIDE CUTS & HOW THEY WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO GIVE PEOPLE THE CARE THEY DESERVE.

MY FIANCE IS A UAF ALUMNUS AND HEAD COACH OF THE MENS HOCKEY PROGRAM. HE IS DEDICATED TO THE PROGRAM, HIS PLAYERS & THEIR EDUCATION. HE WORKS HARD TO HELP THESE YOUNG MEN LIVE THEIR DREAM OF PLAYING DIVISION 1 HOCKEY WHILE EARNING A GREAT EDUCATION AND LEARNING HOW TO BE GREAT ALUMNI, CITIZENS, PROFESSIONALS AND MAYBE LIFELONG ALASKANS.

THE PFD IS NICE BUT ITS VALUE PAYS IN COMPARISON TO THE PROGRAMS THE GOVERNOR HAS CUT FUNDS TO.

CAP OR ELIMINATE THE PFD. TAX US (SALES & INCOME) TO DIVERSIFY STATE REVENUE. RESTORE FUNDING TO THE VITAL PROGRAMS THAT MAKE ALASKA A PLACE THAT IS WONDERFUL TO LIVE IN AND RAISE CHILDREN IN.

PLEASE CANCEL THE GOVERNORS CUTS. SO WE CAN BUY A HOME, RAISE OUR DAUGHTER HERE & CONTINUE TO WORK TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY BETTER EVERY DAY. IF YOU DONT WELL HAVE TO LEAVE.

SIGNED:

ANNA R. O. BURR

Testifier

MYSELF, FAMILY & DAUGHTER FUTURE

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Finance

Committee on

Budget cuts HB 2001

Committee Name

Dated 7/17/19

Bill / Subject

1st question - Do you have children/grandchildren?
Because the Governor's ^{Budget} cuts is extremely shortsighted.
Aired now! When the ^{governor} brought the Koch Bros
to town/state we already knew the playbook.
Cut the education system, cut social services,
privatize, deregulate - create a crisis and
rip us apart (resources, etc). This is happening
around the country and around the world
by Corporate "fat cats". The Shock Doctrine -
"Rise of Disaster Capitalism" by Naomi Klein
explains it all. We need an income tax,
and less ^{tax} credits to the oil companies. We
need to support education, head start, Medicaid,
~~senior~~ senior benefits, programs that help people.
The governor's cuts will create a disastrous
recession in the state. The University and the
State will probably not recover. Vote yes on
HB 2001. Restore the budget.

SIGNED:

Cathleen Dennis
Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

Committee Name

Committee on HB 2001

Dated 17 July 2019

Bill / Subject

To the esteemed members of the Alaska House Finance Committee,
Thank you for your time and consideration. Our Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article I Section 2 Source of Government reads as follows: "All political power is inherent in the people. All government originates with the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the people as a whole." You of all people know that there is a difference between what is legal and what is moral. So I'm going to focus on the will of this Alaskan and what so many of my compatriots agree is good for the people as a whole. I support House Bill 2001.

Like many of my friends and neighbors, I have been worried sick over the state budget these last few weeks, but I realized only today that it isn't just because of the direct effects it will have on my friends and neighbors through the loss of jobs and services. It isn't just because investing state money in our institutions makes economic sense by bringing a return on investment, growing business, and developing a healthy and educated workforce. The part that really gets to me is that I've seen too many loved ones and fellow Alaskans affected by violence, sexual violence, addiction, and suicide. And I ask myself, what could have been done? How could I, we have prevented it? The answer is: through the programs Governor Dunleavy says are not a priority and vetoed funding for.

I will not directly benefit from re-funding the vetoed items, but the indirect benefit is absolutely overwhelming. In fact, I feel that passing HB2001 is fundamental to what it means to be an Alaskan. I have benefitted hugely in the past from the state funding public institutions. I would not exist had my parents not come from great distances to attend UAF where they met. My father was an educator both at UAF and in the FNSB School district (and he never broke his commitments to serve his terms). My mother was a substance abuse counselor for a program that receives state funds. I grew up seeing the work they did help people and strengthen the community. I attended UAF and earned a degree in civil engineering while competing on the UAF Rifle team. This experience not only set me up for a solid in-state career, but it also gave me an opportunity, on multiple occasions, to meet late Senator Ted Stevens and then-President George W. Bush, who both expressed their appreciation for our university and its athletic successes.

I exhort you, please fund the vetoed items through passing HB2001, and please seriously consider other forms of revenue or savings such as repealing SB21, enacting a thoughtful income tax, or finding cuts that don't send a shock wave through our economy and belittle so many Alaskans who rely on them. Finally, I'd like to say that I support a reduced permanent fund dividend check.

Please stand up for what is moral, merciful, and compassionate... and what is ultimately the WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE.

SIGNED:

Ida Ruth Petersen

Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House Finance Committee

Committee on

HB 2001

Committee Name

Dated

7/17/19

Bill / Subject

I support HB 2001 and thank the legislators who voted to override the Veto. The services that were cut are essential and critical to a standard support of a quality of life for all life, including environmental, aquatic, animals, humans across ages and stages in life. It's inhumane the level of impact the cuts would have to all effected. We don't have to endure these cuts because there are alternatives to the cuts that are sensible, effective credible and bring the quality of life to a better standard. Education is essential pre school through post high school. Income tax sales tax especially helps tourists are willing to pay - and out of state workers need to contribute.

SIGNED:

Amya Brown
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance

Committee on HB 3001 / Budget Committee Name
Bill / Subject Dated 7-17-19

Please do everything in your power to override all of
Dunleavy's vetoes via ^{passing} HB 2001. His budget line-item veto
cuts are devastating to the governmental structure and
social fabric of Alaska. There are so many options
available for funding state government such as
auto gas tax, head tax, payroll tax, income tax, and most
important of all, capping the PFD at a reasonable amount,
not to mention lowering oil company credits. We don't
need to slash and burn Alaska's budget to balance
the budget. One personal impact in Fairbanks - I can
guarantee that the value of my home will drop by far,
far more than even a ~~\$~~ \$3,000 PFD check if the Governor's
vetoes prevail. And so will everyone else's. Thank you for
your hard work developing a good budget. Please support UAF.

SIGNED:

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee on HB2001 Dated 7/17/19
Bill / Subject

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to support HB2001. We need to restore the budget to what the legislator put forward.

I grew up poor. I know what it is like to fall asleep listening to my mother cry, wondering how she was going to pay the bills. I made life choice to avoid that fate for my own child. But this means I ~~know~~ don't want to hurt the poor. And cutting the PFD is regressive, whether it is a tax or not is debatable. However, these cuts are even more regressive. There is no way this magical \$3000 PFD will be sufficient to cover the added expenses that these cuts will translate into.

And that's if there is a \$3000 PFD. But these vetoes only ~~add~~ ^{add} an additional \$600 to the PFD. So we will drain the fund and shorten its life on a absurd campaign promise. Unleavely lied. And this PFD is blood money to placate ^{the masses} ~~us~~ when people die because of these cuts. Because people will die. I don't want that and I hope you don't either.

SIGNED:

Jacay Pichil
Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee on AB 2001 Committee Name
Dated 7/17/19
Bill / Subject

I want to express my support for HB2001. The Governor's recent line item vetoes of the Budget passed by the legislature is appalling. The damage done to our state by these vetoes will be severe. The loss of funding to the University of Alaska will be devastating to the institution and likely put thousands of people out of work. This will translate to a significant decline in our local economy with people having far less money to spend in our community as well as a potential collapse of our real estate market as people try to leave or fail to pay their mortgages. Not to mention the damage to reputation of the university causing faculty, staff, and students to look elsewhere for a university.

The numerous cuts to services around the state are severe as well. How many people will find themselves without health + dental care? These costs will be passed on to our citizens both directly ~~and~~ by health care providers raising prices and the loss of productivity.

I urge you to support HB2001 to restore funds to the operating budget, reverse the budget sweep to restore promised funds + scholarships. I support a dividend but I think we are far better off supporting our economy + people of the state through funding programs than giving people large dividends at the expense of the things that make our state great.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Committee Name

Committee on HB 2001

Dated 7-17-19

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MY NAME IS SAMUEL S. DEMIENTIEFF,
MARRIED, 79 YEARS OLD. LIVED IN ALASKA
ALL MY LIFE, MY WIFE MANY AND I HAVE
CHILDREN, GRAND CHILDREN & GREAT-
GRAND CHILDREN.

I RECENTLY MET A LADY, WHO LIVES
IN THE PIONEER HOME IN FAIRBANKS, SHE
IS OVER 100 YEARS OLD! SHE EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT IF ANY FUNDING IS CUT
TO THE ELDERLY, SHE WOULD BE IN
TROUBLE. SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHO LOOKS
OUT FOR THE SENIORS?

I SUPPORT HB 2001 AND FOR MANY, MANY
PEOPLE, I ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT ALSO!

SIGNED:

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While I believe the solution to our state budget is appropriately taxing big oil companies, the current proposal suggests lowering the PFD to save state services that had been vetoed. So instead of Big Oil paying their fair share, taxpayers are forced to squabble over PFD amounts. But now it's too late and we must act quickly to save our fellow citizens from losing services and programs for the elderly, disabled, poor, sick, homeless, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, students, and children. Do we really have to do public testimony every year in order to save these state services in Alaska?

Now I'm going to get personal about an Alaskan I love. After 25 years as a full-time worker and taxpayer, my fiancée was fired for coming out as transgender, then forcing her onto Medicaid. Shortly after that, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer and Medicaid has literally been keeping her alive by paying for chemotherapy. However, we have had to fight to get PCA services and anti-nausea drugs covered. Further cuts to Medicaid dental care have impacted her because chemo literally rots your teeth. At this point, we couldn't even afford to have them pulled. She is already fighting cancer and fighting for her life, so I am here fighting to save Medicaid. There are plenty of other Alaskans in the same boat and they're not going away.

While I'll gladly give up my PFD so that my fellow Alaskans can keep their jobs, education and healthcare, unfortunately, the Alaskans who can least afford a smaller PFD are disproportionately affected by this solution. Yes, we have no choice but to vote for a reverse sweep now, but in the very near future we must have real sustainable solutions like a graduated state income tax and an end to Big Oil tax credits.

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