

To Whom It May Concern,

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I do not support an attack on Alaska's constitution for political purposes, like this one. Our Constitution is meant to outlive each of us. Opening it up to fit the political whims of the day is a dangerous precedent, one that should be allowed to happen. Political tides always turn eventually. One day conservatives will once again control the Legislature. None of us want that future legislature to change the Constitution to fit their political whims. But, if you allow this constitutional amendment to move forward, you will be enabling them to do just that.

I oppose HJR 15 because it is targeted towards this one Governor. Our Constitution is meant to outlast every Governor, every Legislature, every Alaskan. This attempt to open it up to fit the political whims of the day is a dangerous precedent, one that should not be allowed to happen.

Sincerely,

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Gary Gudz, Alaska

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