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**Subject:** Spending Cap

Gentle people,

We are very much in favor of a spending cap. Especially the ADOT&PF and Alaska Railroad. I have documented evidence of years of wasteful spending. Just last year alone on several of these highways with unwarranted closures of weeks which affected users with delay cost. The cost saving funds within the Federal matching could be used in other areas and budgets.

With proven cost saving innovation not being accepted or considered, (specifically in the Central Region) the ADOT&PF must be forced to explore other alternative construction practices.

I have been doing projects all over the lower 48 in the past several years and with the many railroads. Many States and Canadian Provinces have MSA or CMGC agreements with Contractors that get creative to manage the budgets presented. This State needs to have the same and remove the special interest who want paid for we contractors to do the work.

I have documented letters of acceptance and have been told that value engineering would be accepted. That was a lie. Just last year I presented a price of \$47,000.00 plus pipe to install a 60 inch pipe on the Sterling Highway with no traffic control and would have completed this in only 5 days. Just like always, I was refused and the Highway was closed for weeks and then just one lane for more weeks.

It is very unnecessary with technology to do this continued practice. Products are also longer lasting than what the State continues to sole source from the supplier here in Alaska. However I was told many times that this State does not sole source. Another lie!

I am the developer of technology and live here. The technologies are widely used in the lower 48 and other countries. The entitlement of those who have told me, IF you don't allow us to be in this then you will never do anything in this State again. You know what, there is not enough competition in this State to make special interest people legitimate. It's so stupid that a person would believe that I would have to commit to those demands. The world is a big place. I did suffer to some of this when the ADOT and some of its contractors never paid me over \$4.6 million since 2010. They tried to starve me out.

When I travel across the USA, am involved in Committees and other events when thousands come, I am asked questions about Alaska. I always tell the factual story about how this State is. Alaska has its budgets so upside down that you all see that investment groups have little or no interest in investing in Alaska.

The Governor is right and you need to listen. The money will stop and is along with revenues from oil and gas. I have patents on other revenue generating products currently being processed world wide. However, Alaska refuses to acknowledge or listen and hurts its self and we the people.

Until Alaska gets its budgets in order, allows cost saving innovations, and manages itself better, there will be little or no outside investments. Just remembered that another issue is the funding Bill for 5 G rural development. Because this is very mismanaged by Alaska Telecom's, I did request that investigations be conducted and better managed before funds are released. There is no reason for Alaska to be 3 times higher on its cost than what the same thing is being done in the lower 48.

Thank you,

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