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I will be brief: I don't approve of our government cutting much needed programs like the independent pollution monitors. Our Governor says it help stimulate our economy; I disagree. When a timber industry can hardly make profit because they can't move their logs from Tenakee springs to their buyers, we don't see growth. When we under fund our schools and force our students to out of state for better education and job opportunities, we don't see growth. When we cut jobs of land resource managers and environmental scientists, we don't see growth. There are better ways that we can pay our debts and stimulate more commerce.

① We can diversify our economy more instead of being dependent on the oil industry.

② We can pay our part as citizens. Our state charges little to no taxes, and every citizen has a chance to get money from the state via the PFD program. As an Alaskan citizen, I made 25,000 in income and paid none of it to the state.

③ We can take some of it out of the PFD. If I never get another PFD check, but I get to see a functioning Ferry system and a better funded state, I would never complain.

I appreciate you reading my written statement, and I encourage you to take it to heart.

- Gustav Bruhl