Senator David Wilson

Please submit my following testimony into public record.

As with many other Pioneer's of Alaska, my mother has been locked down in a senior center on the Kenai Peninsula since March of 2020; eleven months. My mom was an active 91 year old senior who went swimming three times a week, excercised at the center two times a week, walked, played bingo, watched movies, played other games provided, went for van rides, as well as rides with myself and grandkids, went out to eat, and stopped for an occassional coffee. This virus and the Governor's executive orders have changed all of this.

By April of 2020, my mom began experiencing fluid retention in her legs, along with heavy breathing while walking. The fluid retention and heavy breathing not only had to do with her heart functions, but being sedentary and forced to wear a mask within the confins of the center. By the end of May, I started taking her to the family doctor and eventually the heart specialist.

In just a few short months, I listened and saw her mental and physical health decline. Her mild dementia worsened, her stress and worry increased, her struggle to breath was more noticible, her legs are weaker, she's lonely, and she misses hugging and kissing me and her grandkids. She has stated to me twice, and to two out of four of her grandchildren that, "I am sitting her waiting to die." When I picked her up for an appointment to go to the heart specialist in Soldotna, she said, "it feels like I've been just let out of prison."

While staff at the Center come and go home to their families, go shopping, and participate in other activities, we are being forbidden to see or touch ours. I am "allowed" to take her to doctor appointments, but I am not "allowed" to pick her up and take her for a 30 minute ride. (There is a doctors order for me to take her at least three times a week for rides, which I was informed it was NOT ALLOWED. Her doctor also increased her medication for depression) I was not "allowed" to visit her on her 92nd birthday that was in July. We are not allowed inside the facility/apartments to see how they are living and if they are being properly cared for. There was a short period of time in the summer of 2020 that the center opened up visitation outside, but we had to sit 6' apart and we were watched over like a prison guard would watch over an inmate. We did bring my mom to our home for the Christmas holiday. But in doing so, she was required to quarantine for 14 days. So far, that I am aware of, there have been approximately four staff members that contracted the virus, one resident that ended up having a false positive, and one resident that was positive. To date, my mom has been isolated/quarantined to her small living quarters four, possibly five, times in 11 months. Each time her mental health suffers further.

Now with the experimental vaccines, the Center states they must have 80% of the staff vaccinated

before they will allow us to visit our families. The visitation guidelines they have adopted are from Colorado's Visitation Guidance for Residential Care Facilities, that Dr. Anne Zink said came from "our long-term care workgroup" in an email to me, dated January 28, 2021. The Center's goal is to have 100% of residents vaccinated. It was also stated that residents have to have received their second dose at least 14 days prior to any visitation.

My mom lives in constant fear, not of contracting Covid-19, but of being evicted from the Center if she chooses not to get the experimental vaccine. This should be a choice and not forced on us or our family members.

While I can appreciate that these senior care facilities are trying to keep our Alaskan Pioneer's safe and healthy, they are also killing them from Ionliness, depression, and fear. How many more of the elderly have to die alone? How much longer do the elderly have to be separated from their families? How many more rights will be taken away from the elderly and their advocates/family all in the name of "safety?" These are supposed to be my mom's golden years. Our family does not have that much more time with her, and we've already had almost a year STOLEN from us.

I have reached out a number of times to Jenna Greenfield, who oversees the Peninsula care facilities, as well as the Ombusdman, Karol Collyer, regarding the decline in my mom's mental and physical health. I also informed Mrs. Collyer of the doctors orders and how my mom was being denied at the facility. To date, nothing has been done or changed in regards to my request.

People are suffering from lonliness, suicide, abuse-both physical and substance, and losing their jobs and businesses. How much more must we endure for a survival rate that is approximately 99.5%?

I strongly oppose SB56! Please END these executive orders and return Alaska back to normal.

Regards,

Jill Hockema Homer, Alaska

From:

Louis Imbriani <

Sent:

Friday, January 29, 2021 9:04 AM

To:

Sen. David Wilson; sshss@akleg.gov

Subject:

I Strongly Oppose SB 56

Senator Wilson,

My name is Louis Imbriani, and I am an Eagle River resident. I am emailing you today because of my strong opposition to SB 56 and the Governor's request for an extension to the emergency declaration. This is the perfect example of "Your failure to plan does not constitute an emergency on my part."

While I know that we cannot plan for every possible outcome or situation and that a lot of the planning happened before the Governor was elected to office. This emergency declaration is the opposite of what the Governor said in his State of the State Speech last night. Where he wants the government to get out of the way and let the private sector get to work.

This Emergency Declaration makes personnel management easier and makes the red tape of Bureaucracy easier to cut. So, I ask, if we need to cut it then why bother putting it up in the first place? The emergency declaration has also paved the way for cities like Anchorage to enact strict and coercive mandates that violate the rights of its citizens and makes those same citizens more reliant on the government.

Is COVID real? Yes

Is it an emergency? No. If there is some underlying reason to keep the emergency declaration going, we need to look at that because COVID has a very high recovery rate and a very low death rate. For people ages 0-60 the threat is miniscule with only 36 total deaths recorded in Alaska in that age range. Yet this "emergency" has caused this group of people to suffer greatly. Seeing a 90% raise in Careline calls and in 2019. The suicide rate for people ages 14-25 was 42.3 per 100,000. Where's the emergency declaration for that?

This needs to end now.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Louis Imbriani

From:

Robert Rubey <

Sent:

Sunday, January 31, 2021 1:30 PM

To:

Sen. David Wilson

Subject:

Disaster Declaration

I have lived in Alaska for 64 years and I can give you a list of people hundreds long that are no longer alive that would lose their collective mind over the idiocy that has been government response to a VIRUS. The virus is here for the duration, nothing is going to kill it, people only live for a limited amount of time, everyone dies. Bureaucrats that have their hooves in the trough count on the last two so they can advance their brand of BS of the moment. There is zero reason to screw people out of their life experiences and the possibilities they hold by insisting there exists any positive result from shutting down their lives. Stop clawing to keep the federal largess coming into the coffers so politicians can blow through more money. All you are doing is killing people and their ambitions. Open up the state and get to the serious business of reducing government and the welfare programs, instead of perpetuating more on them. We are in for a rough 4 years, if not more, and the State is just making it worse.

From:

Donna Marsh <

Sent:

Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:17 PM

To:

Sen. David Wilson

Subject:

Emergency extension bill

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I understand the AK legislature is going to vote this week to extend the state's emergency declaration until 9/30/21.

Please vote NO on this egregious, ridiculous, and tyrannical piece of legislation. There is no emergency now, if there ever was one. This is a huge overreach of government authority by every standard. Its extension will further destroy the economy, businesses, families and individuals to the point where they may NEVER recover. Have you studied the reports and heard the anecdotal evidence regarding the increase in suicides, domestic abuse, increases in both drug and alcohol abuse since this insanity started and people have been put out of work, their businesses crushed and travel restricted to the point that loved ones cannot be with family in their last stages of life??

Case counts for covid are less than accurate. PCR testing cycle thresholds for accuracy are valid with 16-18 cycles. Most of the tests run in Alaska are cycled near 35+ or more cycles. That is no way to test for a so-called deadly virus that has a 99.7% recovery rate!

Please consider the direction and advice you are getting from your experts. I do not doubt they are intelligent and even brilliant, capable people in their fields. However, they are business people who are very aware that if they continue to promote emergency status, the federal government will continue to feed them funding. Interesting how much money (\$20,000,000) is so incentivizing to passing this horrible proposal. Follow the money.

The state of emergency that exists in Alaska and in the United States is not due to a virus; it is the insanity of shut downs, testing, masking (that is entirely inconclusive in its effectiveness), restrictions and mandates. We are walking the road to complete fascism, communism and entire destruction of freedom and the Constitution. Stop it now.

Please vote NO to pass this bill. Stand for truth.

Thank you for your time. Donna Marsh

From:

Kimberly Kennedy -

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 9:23 AM

To:

Sen. David Wilson: Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

End Governors Covid 19 Disaster Declarations

I would like to state that I think it is time to end the restrictions in Anchorage for small business to be limited in capacity and schools need to open up. The result of these restrictions is worse than the virus itself. The amount of business being shut down permanently and the economic hardships on families is causing emotional and mental distress to levels that haven't been seen ever. People of all ages, from the very young, to the very old, are isolated and distraught and contemplating suicide. To continue this and allow it to perpetuate seems abusive. I believe these restrictions are an abuse of power. Your job is to represent your constituents, not to use power to fulfill your ideals. Americans have inalienable rights of freedom, including the right to earn a living and to prosper. Americans have the God-given rights to education our children openly and allow them to have real relationships and fellowship with their peers. You do not have the right to keep our community isolated and shut down. We understand the risks and how to keep each other safe. Americans are smart enough to navigate through these challenging times safely, and judge when we need to social distance and stay home if the situation arises. Thank you for all your service and all you do for our community. I urge you to resist the temptation to exceed the power you have been granted for this short period of time and do the right thing, which is to end the Disaster Declaration.

Thank you for reading this email and allowing me to be heard, Kim Kennedy Lifetime Alaskan

From: alaskagirl •

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 11:20 AM

To: Sen. David Wilson; Senate Health and Social Services

Subject: End Governor's Covid 19 Disaster Declaration

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Thank you for reading this email and allowing me to be heard,

Cyndy Karras Lifetime Alaskan This is testimony from a small business, a lodge near Denali National Park, Denali Lakeview Inn. My name is Daryl Frisbie. My wife and I own this business.

Our family owned business is hemorrhaging to death because of the governor's travel mandates. We have drained our life savings to zero and are now hanging on by a thread. If travel mandates continue and visitors are deterred from coming to Alaska, we will not survive.

Straight up facts and numbers. I'll start with winter. Winter is always much slower than summer, as we rely mostly on a few international travelers chasing the aurora during winter. We have been completely empty for much of this winter. Summers have always been fully booked. When covid mandates hit last summer, we lost 90% of our bookings. Thank the Lord for Alaskans who drove to Denali and supported local business; we ended around 80% down. In real dollars, that was about 500 thousand dollars for us. It was devastating.

By this time of year, we are typically booked full for the upcoming summer. Most people calling are waiting to see if the state opens up. Most of our bookings at this point are conditional. With continued mandates, visitors will not come. At this point, the summer of 2021 is looking quite grim.

Small businesses are on life support, many have forbearances from their banks. These forbearances end soon. Although a life saver for us at this time, this certainly was not a handout, as the additional interest added thousands of dollars to our business loan. In addition to a forbearance, we had to take an emergency loan to make it through the winter. A loan with interest; again, an added burden down the road, if we make it down the road.

I have been told, "just apply for the PPP." We did early on. Because we are essentially seasonal (we only hire employees for the summer months), we were approved for about \$20,000. This is about 1 month's mortgage and utilities. Senators; understand most PPP dollars have to be used for employee wages; businesses are essentially an unemployment agency. We really don't need employees when there are no tourists. So those of you who think the PPP is the cure, it's not.

Senators, please understand the motivation for administrators to keep this crisis going. Covid mandates have been devastating to the state's revenue sources; devastating to borough revenue sources (Denali tourists mean revenue); devasting to school districts that have lost students (students mean revenue). These administrators are looking at a financial crisis, not a covid crisis. Their only hope is to keep declaring an emergency to be eligible for federal covid funds. No covid crisis equals no funds. Our youth and family owned businesses are paying dearly for this. This cycle must end, or we all go down.

Senators, there are thousands of doctors and experts, with nothing to gain and so much to lose, giving a very different picture of this situation. Many are only listening to state hired experts; experts receiving covid funding and huge pressures from a revenue starved state government and local governments. There is no incentive to look at or consider alternative research, no incentive to consider a different conclusion. Why do we start every discussion with the foundation that

this is even a crisis? There are more hopeful researched conclusions out there. Please consider them.

Senators, please compare locked-down and masked Anchorage with the opened-up and maskless Mat Su Valley. Look at South Dakota. I have a friend who posted a video of a recent high school basketball game, it looked like a game from 2019. Why can South Dakota be open, and Alaska cannot?

Congress must do something! This virus should not be getting the attention it has. Please look at all the numbers and all the data with clear eyes; this is not a situation that deserves the response it is getting. I have fortunately not lost anyone I personally know from covid. Now this past year, I lost my dad to ALS, I've lost friends and acquaintances to cancer, heart attacks, one to a brain aneurism, and other to a car accident. Please understand that the covid crisis and covid deaths are flashed in our faces over and over; a person cannot open a computer without something covid and some sensationalized outlier covid death. My dad just died of ALS, probably caused by a government approved chemical he sprayed all over Vietnam, no media ink for all those thousands of terrible deaths. Death is 100 percent and there is a 99 many many 9's percent chance it will not be from covid.

Senators, Alaska can send a message to the nation. Tell the Feds to keep our children's and grandchildren's money. Alaska needs to take its hand out of the pockets of our children. I often hear people falsely declare that the federal covid dollars are their hard-earned tax dollars; those dollars have long been spent. We are now stealing money from future generations. Alaska needs to step up a just say no! Open the state completely this year and we will experience a record tourism season. Americans want out! Americans want to travel. How about we add a small temporary tourism tax? Use those funds to protect those few individuals at risk. Turn the army of contact tracers into an army implementing protections at our nursing homes. Encourage individuals at risk to wear state supplied double masks or n95s. Give businesses incentives to have open hours for those who are at risk. Let Alaskans self-govern. Give help to those very few at risk and let the rest of us live and help fill the coffers of the state. There are millions of Americans who want their lives back. Stop the tyranny and stop the fear mongering before this truly becomes the new normal...the end of our republic.

I genuinely invite any member of Congress or the Governor to my empty lodge for further discussion.

Thank you-

Daryl and Tara Frisbie Denali Lakeview Inn

From:

Gee Denton

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 9:30 AM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

Fwd: PUBLIC Testimony NO on SB56

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From: Gee Denton <

Date: Mon, Feb 1, 2021 at 9:18 AM Subject: PUBLIC Testimony NO on SB56

To: <sshs@akleg.gov>

Senator Wilson, Reinbold, Begich, Costello, Hughes,

My name is G.L. Denton. I am a senior citizen living in Homer, Alaska since 1999.

I am strongly and adamantly against **SB56**. The damage to our state, country and the world with the loss of individual freedom is criminal.

Listen to the people you represent and let's get back to living and truth.

We should never have lost our freedom and we should have freedom to choose for ourselves. We are human beings.

The greatest suffering has certainly not come from a virus with over a 99% recovery rate. It has come from control and manipulation. Seniors dying in nursing homes and the sick in hospitals isolated and alone. Love and care is our answer. Sharing burdens always makes them bearable and lighter.

This isolation and removal of our freedoms to be with friends and families is not what we have elected you for.

Again may our voices be heard NO on SB56.

G.L. Denton Homer, Alaska 99603

From: Sherman Tank

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 3:34 PM

To: Senate Health and Social Services; Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject: SB56

To whom this may concern and to Sen Reinbold id like this to be public testimoney for the upcoming SB56 hearing. Please include this in the hearing.

First I wanna say I completley oppose SB56 as it is no longer needed and we need to get on with our lives. I manage a business that for last year was closed for 8 months. This business has been an active part of Anchorage for over 40 years. Our competitor was also closed down for the same amount of time. Extending the Emegency order not only embolden the Anchorage assembly and unelected Mayor but also set an example that anytime we think we need money all we have to do in this state is scream Emergency. I myself and my wife have both experienced Civid 19 personally. My wife spent 6 days in the hospital and we almost lost her. Luckily on the 5th day she turned a corner and was saved. With thay said neither one of us stopped our lives and continue doing everything we did before.

Those people who are at risk should take measures to protect themselves but they don't need the government to do it for them.

Governor Dunleavy has compete lost the faith of the people who put him in the office he now holds and he really needs to understand those people never wanted this to begin with. This past year I lost almost \$30,000 dollars in pay. Not only that but my wife and I had just bought our first home in Anchorage. All we want to do is work. And live our lives to the fullest. If you pass Sb56 you set a very Dangerous precident that the next Governor who ever that is. This emergency order needs to stop now. Open us up there is no longer any Emergency.

As you can see by the numbers things have taken a turn for the better. But I want you to understand it's not from the Emefency order. The same people who weren't wearing masks 6 months ago are still the ones not wearing masks today. Nothing in that respect has changed. The PCR tests have. The stringently of those tests have been brought down considerably. The cycles have dropped according to the CDC. Research it. Don't be fool in to only seeing one side of the news. Also the testing push has stopped. Back in November you hear everyone and every news agency screaming go get tested. Now nothing anywhere. This has to stop now.

From:

Adam Hykes 4

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 4:11 PM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

No on Sb56

Hello Senate Health and Social Services Committee,

My name is Adam Hykes, and I represent myswlf and my wife Kayla Hykes from District 31 in Homer. And we are both opposed to 5B 56.

We have come a long way from 2020 and now have multiple therapies approved by the medical community (Hydroxychloroquine, Ivermectin) and multiple experimental vaccinations. There is no reason to continue the emergency declaration any longer.

It has been a full year, and we now know much more than we did at first. There is no longer any justification to limit people's lives, businesses and civil liberties. Let people take responsibility for their own lives and let the future unfold.

Respectfully, Adam & Kayla Hykes

From:

Deva Johnson <

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 4:42 PM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

Public Testimony No on SB56

Good afternoon,

I will keep this short and to the point. People are suffering because of this. Lives have been destroyed and lost because of this. Please stop interfering with our livelihood and our freedom.

Thank you for your time,

Deva Johnson

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[&]quot;Be excellent to each other."

[~]Bill S. Preston, Esq.

From: Ross Perrine

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 4:41 PM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject: SB 56 - Please Include in Public Testimony

Senator Reinbold,

I'm opposed to extending the Governor's Declaration of Public Health Emergency as written up in SB56 and I'm asking for your help to end this lock down and to open up Alaska! I don't believe the current situation warrants our businesses being shut down, our schools being closed and sports being cancelled! It's past time for us to Open Up Alaska and let our citizens get back to work, resume their lives, and for our kids to get back to school and playing sports!

There is clearly a difference of opinion in the medical field as to the best policies relative to this viral outbreak. In my humble opinion the advice offered by Dr. Simone Gold, a spokes person for the group America's Frontline Doctors, is the most reasonable, and they do not advise shutting down businesses, and closing schools as the best means to deal with this viral outbreak! Their advice is for the elderly and those at high risk to take extra precautions, students and teachers, who are sick should stay home, and the rest of us should be allowed to resume our normal lives while taking some reasonable precautions!

The Frontline Doctors have also drafted an excellent document entitled: a Vaccine Bill of Rights, that I would encourage our Governor and State Legislature to take a good look at and to consider adopting here in our Great State of Alaska. This Vaccine Bill of Rights would protect everyone's right to both: 1) Informed Consent, the right to know all the ingredients and potential adverse side effects of any vaccine and also 2) Protection from Discrimination or Persecution based on a person's decision, for whatever reason, to decline any vaccine.

www.america'sfrontlinedoctors.com

I'm not oppossed to vaccines that have been tested and shown to be both safe and effective and free from significant long term side effects. Having said that, these vaccines that have been rushed to market in the last year and approved for emergency use by the FDA, are not yet known to be either safe or effective. In addition the Pharmaceutical Companies have been relieved of any and all liability from wrongful deaths or serious long term side effects as a result of these vaccines! This should be a serious red flag concern for all of us!

I'm also very concerned about the wording in SB56 Bill regarding directives from the CDC and OMB, and the implications for our State's Rights Granted to us by the Constitution Of The United States. It is my humble opinion that public policy decisions in the State of Alaska, should be made by Our Governor and Elected Officials in our Alaska State Legislature and not by unelected bureaucrats in Atlanta, and Washington DC!

Thank you for taking the time to consider my humble opinion regarding SB56 and may God Help Us remain a Free and Prosperous State in a Free and Prosperous Nation!

Ross Perrine
Palmer, Alaska 99645

From:

DeAnna Koranda

Sent:

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 9:13 AM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

Public testimony SB56

Senators

There is absolutely NO reason whatsoever to extend the Governor's Emergency Order.

This is crippling our State and Cities. Open Up our State. NO Mask Mandates. Let Alaskan folks decide for themselves, whether or not to wear a useless mask. This ruse must end.

Stop the mandatory testing at airports.

We also need to somehow ensure that in no way will we be required to be vaccinated in order to travel.

No Extension of Emergency Orders.

Thank you.

DeAnna Koranda

Wasilla

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Testimony of Bruce Cain, Glennallen Alaska February 2, 2021

Chairman Wilson, members of the committee. My name is Bruce Cain I live at 185.5 mile Glenn Highway in Glennallen Alaska. I have been an Alaska resident for 51 years. My wife Shirley and I have seven children and 17 grand children who reside in Fairbanks, Glennallen, Wasilla, Cordova and Valdez. I am testifying on behalf of myself and as head of this family.

I would urge the committee to vote no on moving SB56 out of this committee.

Justification.

- The Alaska constitution requires emergency declarations by the Governor longer than 30 days to be reviewed by the legislature. This is a good protection of the people. I want to thank the committee for its role in doing this required review. It is a very serious matter.
- 2. An emergency declaration comes with the suspension of many constitutional rights as we have seen in order to allow a direct response to overcome the threat to society. In this case it has included the right to assemble, the right to worship and subjected the people to many disruptive administrative social and economic orders. The emergency orders have resulted in the closing of entire industries, forced bankruptcies and has led to increased social unrest, suicide, family violence and many other social and economic tragedies. For this reason, an emergency declaration is required to be temporary and should only be in effect while the threat cannot be addressed without it. The constitution writers were wise in requiring this review that you are now in the process of and I thank you for considering it carefully.
- 3. The reasons stated in the findings for SB56 do not justify the extension of the declaration and I urge you to vote against it.
 - The end of the federal fiscal year is not a justification for declaration of an emergency, although sometimes it seems like it should.
 - b. The Novel Coronavirus is no longer Novel. There are vaccines and procedures in place to deal with it. An emergency declaration is not needed to proceed effectively.
 - c. Temporary changes to licensing and fingerprinting can be done without the declaration of an emergency.
 - d. Allowing online charitable gaming is not a justification for declaring an emergency.
 - e. Access to federal funds is not a justification for the declaration of an emergency. These funds can be made available through other means effectively.
 - f. Suspension of rules on wills, unfair or deceptive trade practices and meetings of shareholders is not a justification for the declaration of an emergency. If these rules are ineffective, then we should amend or repeal them through the legislative and regulatory process. Not by declaring an emergency.
- 4. The fiscal notes I read all stated a zero fiscal note. I respectfully disagree and would debate this. Any citizen can tell you that there will be significant fiscal impact to agency budgets and society to continuing a statewide declaration of an emergency through September 30, 2021. I would not move this bill until the fiscal note reports are sent back to the agencies and they do the research to provide the committee with an accurate and true fiscal note. A zero fiscal note is not accurate and should be rejected.
- 5. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and thank you for your service to the people of Alaska. I ask this committee to vote no on moving SB56.

From:

Lauren Simpson <

Sent:

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 9:07 AM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

Public Testimony NO on SB56

My name is Lauren Simpson, I am a resident of Homer Alaska, and I'd like to urge legislators to not support SB56, Extending COVID-19 Disaster Declaration.

It wasn't COVID that put tens of thousands of family-run operations across our nation out of business, it was our local and federal government forcing them to close that did so.

Please let Alaska be open for business and do not extend emergency powers.

Thank you.

From:

Sent:

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 8:54 AM Senate Health and Social Services

To: Subject:

Open the state

Follow Up Flag:

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Follow up Completed

Good morning,

This has gone on long enough - you MUST open the state. With Biden in the presidency, and closing options for our major income base both with oil and tourism we can not continue to remain closed! Losing businesses daily, people moving out of state, and lack of interest from the elected individuals will leave Alaska in a HUGE recession and to think that we can sustain the level of government spending is unrealistic. The longer the state stays closed if only partially needs to be opened completely! The vaccine is available, it has been proven less than 10% of the people pass away from this virus. STOP the excuses and open up!

Carl & Vickie Clay

From: Scott Imlach -

Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 7:14 AM

To: Senate Health and Social Services

Subject: Public Testimony SB56

Please vote NO on SB56. We need to end the lockdowns and promote health care. We need to allow our Drs to prescribe effective prophylactics like ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine if they believe them to be effective and appropriate care. Contrary to popular belief, there have not been long term studies that show either of these medicines to be ineffective or dangerous. There was one negative 'study' that was politically motivated and flawed, that has since been retracted.

The best way forward today is to open businesses and allow our doctors to provide safe and effective care.

Scott Imlach Anchorage, AK

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone Get Outlook for Android

From:

Theresa Imlach

Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 1:05 AM

To: Senate Health and Social Services

Cc: Sen. Mike Shower; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Sarah Vance

Subject: SB56

To Whom It May Concern,

Vote No on SB56.

Alaskan businesses, livelihoods and families have been destroyed in the name of "safety".

In April 2020, President Donald Trump touted the benefit of hydroxychloroquine and zinc to help treat COVID-19.

The media immediately killed the story and assassinated Donald Trumps character calling it "dangerous"/ "deadly". And Americans were left to die. Lockdowns continued.

Fast forward to today, there are multiple studies that show hydroxychloroquine and zinc successfully treat early diagnosis of COVID-19. There are multiple studies that Ivermectin and steroids work as well for treating COVID-19.

Simple science, therapeutics and working, lockdowns are not. Say no to SB56 and start teaching people about options for treating COVID19.

No fear. Science.

I have one sincere question about this experimental vaccine you are pushing on Alaskans. If it doesn't prevent transmission, why are we allowing it to be even called a vaccine?

Please stop pushing an experimental mRNA vaccine not approved by the FDA at the Alaskan public without knowing the long term side effects.

Please open up Alaska.

"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are; I'm from the government and I"m here to help." - Ronald Reagan.

Thank you for serving us,

Sincerely grateful,

Theresa Imlach

Theresa Marie

From:

josh bloink -

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 10:43 PM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

public testimony NO on SB56

Hello Alaska State Legislature,

Below is a copy of an email I sent to Senator Tom Begich who is my representation to the Alaska State Senate.

Hello Tom,

I am one of your constituents. I live in Government Hill. I urge you not to extend the covid-19 disaster declaration.

My family and I rely on two sources of income. We have an airbnb. I am also a server in a popular downtown restaurant. Both of these income streams have been extremely negatively influenced by the response to covid-19. I just did my taxes and the income for my family suffered a reduction of over \$20,000 from 2019 to 2020. That's a lot of money for a lower middle-class family.

While I realize that the policies most directly effecting my income have been made at the municipal level, there is effect from the state level as well. The most direct effect comes from the impact on tourism. I can't have another year like last year. We would have to sell our house. It's time to return to a more careful version of normal.

The financial impact that the response to Covid has had on my family is completely unfair. I guess some would say that it's my sacrifice for the greater good. My price to keep people safe. If you would say that, then I would have to ask, "What was your financial sacrifice?" How much did the response to covid cost you and your family?

I'm sure you can rationalize extending the declaration by getting more federal funding. Somehow those funds have failed to make up the financial difference in my life. Look around. We are not in a state of "disaster". Vote NO on SB 56.

Josh

From:

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 8:40 PM

To:

Sen. David Wilson; Senate Health and Social Services; Kelli Toth

Subject:

Opposed to SB56

To whom it may concern,

We would like our testimonies to be placed in public records as opposition to the emergency declarations extension. Since March of 2020, Alaskans have been subject to numerous civil liberties infringements. The degree at which we experienced our Constitutional Rights evaporate was, to say the least, alarming. We have been restricted by everything from the ability to enjoy the fruits of our labors to the right to freely travel.

Typically, Lacey travels outside of Alaska 6-8 times per year. Due to the state travel mandates of forced quarantine, forced medical testing, contact tracing and breech of medical privacy, every business trip she had scheduled for 2020 (and now moving into 2021) has been canceled. In addition, her business suffered a 32% decrease in income over 2020 as that business directly supports businesses which were shut down for several months by the State of Alaska. Though now open again, the businesses which she supports are no where close to the productivity they once enjoyed.

In addition, our family has seen a personal affect to the emergency declarations. We no longer can freely and comfortably work out at our gym, we no longer can provide basic extra- curricular opportunities within our own city for our child without her being forced to cover her face with a filthy cloth. We no longer can enjoy simple activities such as going to a coffee shop or out to eat as a family without being forced to wear masks and to be contact traced. We no longer grocery shop and are basically under house arrest or limited to outdoor activities unless we comply with the Anchorage executive orders of mask wearing. We have been forced to cancel a family vacation we take every year to two years due to those same travel restrictions that have caused Lacey's business trips to be canceled.

Though we understand the state does not directly dictate some of the items we have mentioned, Anchorage isn't alone in declaring the emergency. We strongly feel that if the State of Alaska were to lift the emergency declarations, Anchorage would be forced to lift their restrictions.

The fear and uncertainty this administration has caused by continuing this emergency declaration is unprecedented and should not be allowed to continue. Unelected people have been placed in positions of authority and allowed to make decisions for the people who never elected them to those positions! We reiterate, the usurpation of power can not be allowed to continue. We not only oppose SB56, we *vehemently* oppose SB56 and the extension of the emergency declarations.

Please contact us should you have additional questions or require additional comments/information.

Sincerely,

Matthew D Mattzela

Lacey L Mattzela

From:

Brian Edmondson

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 8:32 PM

To:

Sen. David Wilson; Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

End the Governors Covid 19 Disaster Declarations

Dear Sirs:

I would like to state that it is time to end the perpetrating of the fear of the COVID virus, end the related restrictions in Alaska and to reopen our schools. By continuing to declare a disaster, you are fortifying related declarations and oppressive restrictions within our cities.

The result of these restrictions is worse than the virus itself. The downward pressure of our economy, number of businesses being shut down permanently, the destruction of people's livelihood and of people's ability to retire, and the economic hardships on families is causing emotional and mental distress to levels never seen before. People of all ages, from the very young, to the very old, are isolated and distraught and in some cases contemplating suicide. We are also unnecessarily and possibly permanently instilling fear within our youth. To continue with these policies and to allow it to perpetuate is abusive.

I believe these restrictions are most likely in reaction to overstated politicized statistics and are an abuse of power. The CDC has openly admitted that only 6% of the confirmed deaths are directly attributed to the COVID virus while the remaining 94% has an average of 2.6 co-morbidities. The WHO modified the virus test guidelines and warned against an over-reliance of the test results. It is and should be to all, painfully obvious that this virus isn't as deadly as we were initially told, and yet we haven't changed our perception and approach to it.

Americans have inalienable rights of freedom, including the right to earn a living and to prosper. Americans have the God-given rights to educate children openly and allow them to have real relationships and fellowship with their peers.

We understand the risks and how to keep each other safe. If one feels they're at risk, they have the right to take precautions for themselves as they see fit. This should not be a forced mandate to all people. Alaskans are smart enough to navigate through these challenging times safely, and judge when we need to social distance, wear a mask, and/or stay home if the situation arises.

Thank you for all your service and all you do for our community. I urge you to take a stand against the propaganda and to stop the perpetuating the fear. Enough is enough. Please resist the political pressure and do the right thing, end the Disaster Declaration.

Thank you for taking into consideration this email,

Brian Edmondson Life-long Alaskan

From:

Suzanne Hunter ·

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 6:54 PM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

Public testimony on SB56.....NO!

To the committee members hearing this:

Please do NOT extend the Covid-19 Disaster Declaration. End it NOW...enough is enough!

We are supposed to be free to live our lives...as a senior, my time is limited and I value it...and you should too!

Look at Florida...they are completely open and doing fine. Lets do the same!

A voter from Palmer, AK Suzanne Mittlestadt

From:

Jonathan Erickson

Sent:

Monday, February 01, 2021 5:56 PM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

Public testimony NO on SB56

End emergency orders.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Renee Wellington

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 8:22 PM

To: Sen. David Wilson

Subject: SB56 - Opposition - Please enter into testimony

Senator Wilson,

I am writing to voice my concerns and opposition of SB56. First of all I do not intend to diminish the impact that Covid 19 has had on not only Alaska but the United States and the rest of the world as well. My concerns stem from the time frame requested. The Govenor has been able to extend his emergency powers in an unchecked manner for nearly a year. There are many states who have faced this unchecked continuation of powers to the detriment of their economy and personal freedoms listed in the Constitutional Amendments. In our own state we have local governments who are usurping their presumed power, for example – Anchorage.

Moving onto the Covid testing and numbers. The news sources have done nothing but sensationalize Covid. The news reporting has been very one sided this entire "Pandemic". The only thing we hear is how many cases there are on a daily basis, nothing of number recovered, how mild or how severe the cases were, how many tests have been done to date. The current population of Alaska in a web search shows 728,903. The number of tests done as of 2-1-2021 on the DHHS web site was 1,507,662. That is more than double the population. There has been 52,668 resident positive tests and 1,791 non-resident positive tests for a total of 54,659. There has been 1,205 people hospitalized from Covid. There has been 260 deaths. Any death is tragic but what are the number of deaths from suicide, car wrecks, heart attacks, strokes etc. Of the tests done only 3.62% were positive, only 3.49% was residents with positive test results. Only 0.079% of those tested positive were hospitalized. Those who died from/with Covid was 0.017% of total tests done and 0.49% of Alaska residents who tested positive. Numbers can be manipulated any way anyone wants. This is just simple math and percentages. When I look at the simple numbers and the number of tests done is more than double the population of the state and no basic percentage calculation is over 4% I question the need for continued "Emergency Powers".

Flu versus Covid symptoms from the CDC site - Symptoms of both Flu and Covid

- Fever/feverish chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Runny/stuffy nose
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Vomiting/diarrhea

For both Flu and Covid

1 or more days can pass between a person becoming infected and when they start to experience illness symptoms

Differences

If a person has Covid it could take them longer to develop symptoms than if they had the flu

Flu

- Typically symptoms from 1-4 days after infection

Covid

 Develops symptoms 5 days after being infected but symptoms can appear as early as 2 days after infection or as late as 14 days after infection and the time range can vary

Biggest difference "NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL"

The biggest reason we are getting. Covid positives is that we are testing everyone before any procedure or surgery, people go get tested at the slightest cough or sniffle, close contact – list everyone you have "been in contact with" then they have to go get tested or be put in "Covid Jail" for 10 days – 8 if you test negative – if you test positive 10 more days or more if you have anything that can be related to a symptom. It used to be if you were sick stay home and isolate. Now we have to test just to live our lives or we test to see if we are sick. Do I want to test positive – no. Do I see a lot of inconsistencies in the testing and information listed on the CDC Web Site – yes. Do the numbers validate the Govenor's Emergency Powers being extended through September – no. Does the strain on our economy and the forced limitations on businesses in cities with overreaching governments, and what our state will be facing with the current President validate the continued Emergency Powers – no.

The Govenor has stopped short of issuing a mandatory mask/face shield mandate but that has not stopped local governments from forcing this on their residents and those who travel to those locations. If the Emergency Powers are allowed to continue .the mandaoty wearing of masks/face shields will be forced on those who are unable to wear one. I am not referring to those refusing to wear one but to those with medical conditions that make wearing a mask/face shield a risk to their health and well being. People with clausterphobia and PTSD are unable to tolerate a mask/face shield. I have been a Registered Nurse for almost 29 years and I have lost count of the number of times I have attempted to place an oxygen mask on patients where I was unaware of these underlying conditions. It is impossible to relay in words the look of panic on their faces and the reactions I have encountered. Then we have the patients with severe respiratory disease and those with cardiac issues that masks/face shields have a negative impact on. Masks and face shields are not a one size fits all option. Face masks and face shields should not be required to enter businesses that during the entire time of the shut down were open and listed as essential businesses. Local governments should not be able to regulate businesses in that manner. If a privately owned business requires masks/face shields to enter then that is their decision. Currently in the Mat-Su Valley the grocery stores and other businesses have opted to follow ADA/HIPPA Laws and allow entry to anyone not wearing a mask, the same is not true in Anchorage. Those with disabilities have the same right to shop for food and medicine unrestricted as those without disabilities. Extending the Emergency Powers will only worsen this.

It is time to really think about the citizens of Alaska and how these Emergency Powers really effect people. People have been isolated, schools have been closed, jobs have been lost, businesses closed, all in the name of flattening the curve back in March. Here we are almost a year later – people have been isolated schools have been closed, jobs have been lost, businesses closed and now we have the backbone of Alaska being threatened by the Federal Government. It is time to open the state up and end the Emergency Powers and let people earn a living, let kids back to school, and focus on other health issues – not just Covid. We do not know the long term effects of Covid and I don't mean the virus itself, I mean the collateral damage to the mental health of all Alaskans, especially the children and teens who will suffer the consequences for years to come.

Respectfully	١,
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Renee Wellington

From:

Mike Alexander

Sent:

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 9:22 AM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services; Sen. David Wilson; sen.shelly.hughes@akleg.gov; Sen.

Mia Costello; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject:

SB56

I would like to have my views and questions included in public testimony. My opposition is centered on three aspects. First there is no pandemic to justify the continuation of emergency powers. The total number of deaths has not increased enough to justify a pandemic status, per the John Hopkins public health stats.

Secondly, these measures will continue to cripple the economy and any money coming from the federal government will be insufficient to offset the financial devastation to small businesses and their employees.

Finally, these emergency powers are an unwarranted attack on every Alaskan's constitutional rights,.... not privileges, to move freely and unencumbered in society.

Sincerely Mike Alexander Big Lake, Alaska

From:

Alaskan Amber

Sent:

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 9:51 AM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

Public testimony-NO ON SB56

Hello.

My name is Amber Sward and I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB56! I am submitting this statement as public testimony.

This has gone on too long! The WHO has stated that long term masks wearing is bad for us. Long term masks wearing has been linked to breathing issues, mask induced asthma is now a thing. Additionally, the increase in poverty, suicides and mental illness far outweigh the deaths caused by this so called pandemic. Which does not bother 99.96% of people.

The Great Barrington Declaration is a statement signed by thousands of medical professionals sharing the studies that show this method of "disease fighting" is ineffective at best, and truly damaging in reality. We will be seeing the damage for years, so why are we doing this?

Is this a power grab? Do you people really have this delusional of an opinion of yourselves?! Are you trying to push everyone into poverty?! CAN YOU EVEN READ?!

We are all wondering, due to the fact that our state Constitution gives clear definition of an emergency and that criteria has not been met.

The people are tired of following orders issued by folks that obviously have no clue what they're doing. If you can't be bothered to do some research (or at least read what's already been done) then be amazing by stepping down and letting someone who at least knows how to read run for your office.

We, The People, Are Pissed!

This is truly ridiculous,

Amber Sward

Your Boss Anchorage Resident 99501

From:

Kirstin Hills

Sent:

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 10:07 AM

To:

Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

public testimony NO on SB56

I am writing to request that the legislature end this emergency declaration. This declaration has been incredibly damaging to my life personally. It has been nearly a year since Alaskans were told it would be two weeks to "flatten a curve and prepare hospitals." Over the past year, I have been more isolated than I ever have in my entire life. When Dunleavy ordered his unconstitutional lockdown, I found myself sitting alone for weeks because my loved ones were afraid of breaking the social distancing rules for the lockdown. I cannot tell you how damaging this was to me. I am not able to wear a mask, and due to the mask hysteria, I was forced to take a leave of absence from my school district. Until this "emergency" is ended, I don't know when I will be able to find work again. I have had to place my mortgage in forbearance. Every day I am stressed with worry. I cry almost every single day, and some days I start and I do not stop for hours. The government has taken my right to provide a living for myself and I worry constantly that I will lose my house and what will happen to me. In November, I lost my grandfather and my grandmother followed in December. Both my grandparents died alone. My grandmother was in hospice for four months knowing that she was dying. She was alone, scared, and depressed and her family was not allowed to visit her. Because of Alaska Airlines mask enforcement, I was not able to fly to Washington to be with them or for the funeral. While I understand that Alaska's emergency has little to do with airline policies, or hospital policies in Washington, I share this because I know there are many Alaskans who have been denied the right to be with their loved ones in a hospital or nursing home. There are days that I tell myself that this will soon end. However, it doesn't have any end in sight, and now Dunleavy wants to extend this all the way until September? No, thank you! That just makes me feel even more hopeless.

I challenge the legislature to make a list of pros and cons of the continued emergency. Afterwards, look at your pro list and cross out every item that is related to funding. If we are only doing this for money then we are doing this out of greed. Look at the cons list. Examine the amount of small businesses who have closed and will never reopen their doors. Think about the number of people who have died alone, or have been isolated in nursing homes. Think about the people who have lost hope and died from suicide. Think about the statistics that suggest that domestic violence and child abuse have risen because of all of this. It is time that the legislature allows the people of Alaska to decide for themselves how they want to live. Think about how the tourism industry has been decimated.

Furthermore, I would like for Dunleavy, Crum, Johnson, and Zink to produce hard evidence that the emergency is needed and will not further damage Alaskans. Can Commissioner Crum produce evidence that the children in school are performing better under this emergency? I have a former student who attempted to commit suicide twice in November. I know many other students who hate the fact that they have been forced to wear a mask (which by FDA definition is a medical device and should be a parent decision and not left up to the school districts), have been denied school sports, and other gathering opportunities. Perhaps Crum is in over his head since his background is in construction training and had previously told the Associated Press that is not a "health care policy guy"? Can he demonstrate that his policies are not leading to a mental health crisis in the state of Alaska? I would like Zink to clearly show how many Alaskans had more than one co-morbidity, and I also want to see a detailed list of the side effects of the vaccine that she is pushing. I would like Zink to show why focusing a health policy solely on Covid and ignoring all of the other negative health effects of this "emergency" is best for ALL Alaskans. Finally, I would like Dunleavy to explain how continuing this emergency will not further damage small businesses and industries such as tourism.

What we are seeing is a policy based on the "collective," but is not best for all individuals. It is past time to end this emergency and allow Alaskans to decide for themselves. I have not seen anything good come from this emergency declaration.

From:

Sherman Tank

Sent:

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 10:35 AM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold; Senate Health and Social Services

Subject:

How Covid has affected us! I oppose SB56

My name Is Dustin Sherman. And I would request this to be used as public testimony.

My name is Dustin Sherman and I manage Jewel Lake Bowling center here in Anchorsge Alaska. I'm writing you this as a way to show you how covid has impacted our lives. My wife Angela is a teacher here in Anchorage as well.

First off on March 16th 2020 we were told to lock down and close the business I manage and we not allowed to reopen till August and then only for one weekend. All of our employees were laid off. Keep in mind this business has been operating in Anchorage for 40 plus years. As well as our one and only competitor. During this shut down I myself lost I about \$30,000 dollars worth of household income. Not to mention we were in our first year of buying our new home. It's been a stressful time but our choices were taken away from us.

In November 2020 my wife and I came down with covid. We always wore pur masks in stores and places we went. We complied. It didn't matter we still got sick. Mine wasn't as bad as my wifes as she has Asthma. She spent 6 days in the hospital and we almost lost her. On the 5th day she turned the corner. 4 hours was what the doctors said was the difference between her being on a ventilator or not. It was very close. We know covid is real but also know it's not going anywhere. We can't keep doing what has been happening the last year.

The same people who haven't worn masks are still not wearing masks and the numbers are going down. The pcr tests have been changed as well so common sense should prevail and the emergency orders need to stop. We aren't in an emergency. Sb56 needs to go away as I oppose it emphatically. Let people go back to thier daily lives.

From: Sent:

To:

Alyssa Maxwell

Tuesday, February 02, 2021 8:51 AM

Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Mike Cronk; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. David Nelson; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. James Kaufman; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Ronald Gillham; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Josiah Patkotak; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Roger Holland; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Lyman

Hoffman; Sen. Donny Olson

Subject:

Vote yes sb 39 and No for COVID emergency powers!!!

To the members of the legislative body-

Please vote YES in support of SB 39, for legislative integrity! We need transparency and accountability!! Also, vote NO on extending the emergency powers for COVID!!! It is NO LONGER AN EPIDEMIC that needs this abuse of power and focus!!!

Thank you,

Alyssa Goulet