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April 3-9 11:00 am

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance](#)
Subject: My written testimony- PASS SJR1
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 6:10:30 AM

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Linda Morrison Goss
Fairbank, Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: SJR 1
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:11:01 PM

I am in full support of SJR1, constitutionally protecting an Alaskan's right to receive our share of the mineral rights of the State of Alaska. It's amazing to me how many politicians live in a bubble. Many seem unaware of the suffering out here in the state, and just arrogant enough to think it would be better to ignore the law and spend the money themselves than allowing individual Alaskans to spend it. Why won't you allow Alaskans to make their own decisions and not waste it on a government bureaucracy? Many have lost their elected office over this issue, and many families have been hurt by not receiving a Permanent Fund check. Let's resolve this once and for all.

Please vote in favor of SJR1!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: Pass SJR1
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:57:17 AM

Please pass SJR1

Linda Amodo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: The law - Legislators should keep their hands off our PFD (cut the Budget and Right Size Government)
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:49:19 PM
Attachments: [IMG_8249.PNG](#)

As leaders you are to follow the law not break or modify it as you see fit! Follow the Will of the People!!! Yes we are in debt for we have no work and too many social programs on the books! So figure out like we all do who are living in Reality- We cut our expenses and exit on the basics! Do not expect to collect a tax for food/shelter/Enstar and MEA comes first! Enstar or MEA do not care and they do not accept excuses!

We are going to implode if you do not figure out a fiscal plan and force people accountable (the old adage is nothing in life is free). Do not touch the PFD!!!!



Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance](#)
Subject: Pass SJR1 !!!
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:19:11 PM

Passing SJR1 and persevering the PFD statues is the ONLY right thing to do for the people of this great state.

Traci Donahue

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: Pass SJR1
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:09:38 PM

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Cc: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Pass SJR1
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:01:02 PM

Hello,

I am an Alaskan resident since 1986 and we ask that you pass SJR1 to ensure the PFD remains as intended by Governor Jay Hammond. The full amount needs to be distributed as before. Our State's economy is better served by the consumer spending and investment.

Respectfully,

Rynn F. Burton

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: Support SJR1
Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021 6:28:43 PM

Please pass SJR1

I've lived in Alaska for 56 years, lost 90% of our income last year and will lose 90% this year do to covid-19.

MAINTAINING THE PFD IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US.

Thank you,

jay beedle
Shelter Island, Alaska.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Sen. Lora Reinbold](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Robert Myers](#); [Sen. Jesse Kiehl](#); [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: Public testimony on SJR1
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 2:34:04 PM

Alaska State Legislature Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of SJR1 and apposed to all other Bills being put forward that steal the PFD.

I ask that you vote to pass this through committee and allow the Senate to Vote.

I would like to thank those of you who are fighting hard to protect Alaskans Constitutional Rights, Those of you who are standing strong for Freedom and have tried to increase communications, have been an inspiration to watch and I'm praying that God gives you strength to continue.

I should also note, that I am a private citizen and in no way benefit from government overspending or special interest group funding.....I'm pretty sure the people who want to steal the PFD cant say the same...

I appreciate your time,

Misty Cole
Nikiski Alaska
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: PASS SJR1
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 11:59:51 PM

Alaska residents have a right to the mineral rights of Alaska and need it especially during these hard times. It's disgusting that you overspend every year and expect us to pay the bill everytime. Enough is enough!!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone
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Linda Morrison Goss
Fairbank, Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: PASS SJR1
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:49:46 PM

To whom it may concern,
I, Mandi L Hart a middle class resident of Alaska. Born and raised right here in the interior, am writing because I and my family FULLY support SJR1. We the Alaskans need OUR full PFD, more NOW than ever. This pandemic has hurt the Alaskan people, we have and are working hard every day to ensure our families are safe, healthy, and have what they need. Times are tough! Please consider what the MIDDLE and LOW income families of Alaska NEEDS, please ask us. I do not believe any family would object to OUR full PFD!!!

I FULLY support SJR1 & OUR (the Alaskan people's) FULL PFD!!!!!!

You are seated in the senate and house because WE the people voted for and believe in you!
Prove us right!!!

Thank you,
Mandi L Hart
Fairbanks,AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: PFD
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 4:38:44 PM

The PFD IS NOT your slush fund. How dare members believe that we Alaskans have received money and don't need or deserve this. You the ones WE voted in are to be reminded you work for us not against us. Please be reminded we can vote you out. We were deprived of money that is needed, while you can't balance a budget. Balance the budget without think the PFD IS yours to play with.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 7:42:44 AM

Please pass SJR1

Protect the PFD for the people!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021 9:43:57 AM

I support SJR1 and beg you to vote in favor. Alaska is a hard place to live and the boost of funds makes it doable for a lot of people.

Thank you,

Dori Hollingsworth
Seward, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:41:21 AM

Dear Members of the Judiciary and Finance Committees,

We ask to seriously consider passage of SJR1 that is before you to protect the original PFD in the AK. Constitution with this resolution, SJR1. It is a must to address the two important topics before you, the PFD with SJR1 and reduction of Alaskan's government. Until these two are resolved this legislative season, Alaska cannot move forward. Please take responsibility to accomplish the tasks you were elected for. Thank you for opportunity to comment. Sincerely,

Harry and Elizabeth HolPalmer, AK.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance](#)
Cc: [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: Pass SJR 1
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:36:43 PM

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Loretta Horvath
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: PFD
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 7:40:24 AM

Pass SJR1

The PFD must be for the People of ALASKA, not the Government!

Please protect the PFD and pass SJR1

Katherine Hayes



Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: SUPPORT SJR1
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 7:03:05 PM

I support SJR1!!!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: The RIGHT of the people...
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:45:04 PM

TWIMC:

I am a resident Alaskan and have seen how the legislature has been. Our Politicians want to take The PFD from the people for other uses unbeknownst to the residents of Alaska. On the news one day after they took 1000\$ PFD monies from all the people one legislator was asked what he was going to give and his reply was "I can't afford a dime" that was really big of him! Why do some legislators think they can do what they want and don't go by the LAWS? If every day people did this they would be locked up. Why do they think they can do whatever they want! This just goes to show you THE SWAMP comes all the way up to ALASKA!

I want the full PFD reinstated.

My vote will count on election day,
Bruce Manuilow

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: Permanent fund
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:18:20 PM

Steven Moore 36 year Fairbanksan writes...

Return to honesty. Return the permanent

Fund to respectability. No more pilfering

From the funds payout amount that should

Be allocated to all Alaskan residents.

To the legislature.....oil is \$60 a barrel

NOT \$100 a barrel ! Spend accordingly. To Adam Wool from Fairbanks.....you explained to me the money taken

from the Permanent fund goes towards “ essential services “ ok Mr. Wool does the money taken get distributed

equally -per capita- to ALL 140 ALASKAN COMMUNITIES ?

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:28:57 AM

I support SJR1. I want my PFD back.

David Mount

Ninilchik

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: What about the people of Alaska?
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:33:26 AM

TWIMC:

I am a taxpayer!!! I am very concerned about what's going on in Alaska's government it doesn't seem right that you're taking from needy people, especially with Covid, things are not looking any better for our future right now. I am for the full PFD the Peoples right in Alaska! You were hired to work for the people...get the full PFD for the people figure it out, it's your job. But then when you hear that Alaska State Senate and the State House...the legislative majority then guaranteed automatic pay increases for State of Alaska employees, increased the state budget by \$300 million, and cut the Permanent Fund dividend by \$1,300 last Spring, and another cut of \$2,000 in October. Who put 40,000+ people out of work in Alaska, you did because of Covid, this is a bad time for Alaskans and a bad time for you to take away our money. Why are you disregarding the law that directs you to transfer a PFD of a statutory calculated amount to Alaskans? I really would like to know.

When the PFD fund was set up the intent was to give all Alaskans a share in the wealth. Alaskans own the Fund as shareholders in the Owner State. It belongs to the People, now and future Alaskans, not the government. It was not to give reckless politicians a stash to rob when they can't discipline themselves enough to balance the budget. Nor was it to give state employees raises or bonuses or anything of the like, and that's why I am concerned by what our Alaskan government is doing. My vote is for the for the PFD, for the people, the Alaskan people the ones that you work for that pay your salary!

I will not be voting or supporting anyone that does not work for reinstating our full PFD in the future, that's one thing you can count on.

Sincerely dissatisfied with my Alaskan government,
Lucinda Narcisco

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:31:18 PM

1. Know that Alaskans own the Fund and the PFD is not a government slush fund! Up to Alaskans to protect our PFD/savings.
2. SJR1 Resolution protects the original PFD in the Constitution!
Needed because Legislators don't follow the PFD law.

Sincerely

Renn R Nelson

Craig AK 99921



From: [REDACTED]
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Thank you, Linda Padie

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: Enshrine full PFD in AK constitution
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:51:11 AM

Greetings lawmakers,

As Alaskans we know how hardy you need to be as a person to live here. It ain't no joke! But we do it because we love Alaska and no challenge is too big. One of the benefits of living here knowing that as an Alaskan we are all owners of Alaskas' natural wealth as set forth in the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. For years this fund has helped Alaskan families with some of the struggles of living here, just as it was created to do. In recent years, lawmakers have continuously spent funds irresponsibly and have tapped into the wealth that should have gone to the people of Alaska. This is NOT what the PFD is for, and they know it.

The PFD must be written into Alaskas' constitution so it will be protected from future spending by lawmakers who care little about frugal spending. I urge you today, to do the right thing and safeguard our PFD. You owe it to your constituents and all Alaskans.

Thank you for your time,

Dollynda Phelps

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Cc: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 6:23:31 PM

Hello
Please pass SJR1 to defend our pfd and our fund.
Thanks
Cindy Reed
Big Lake

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 3:17:31 PM

Please pass SJR1.
Reference to the PFD .

Thank You
William Reiner
Registered Alaska Voter.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Cc: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Pass SJR1 and protect Alaska's Permanent Fund
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:14:30 AM

RE: SJR1

I am a born and raised Alaskan. My father was an original homesteader in the Matanuska Susitna Valley. My grandfather was shocked when he came to Alaska from Colorado and was unable to keep his own oil/mineral rights on his property. Our family today still owns mineral rights in Colorado. The Permanent Fund helped make up for this and was an incredible act to give back to Alaskans. I have children and grandchildren here (4 generations now) and they deserve to keep the dividend as its original intent-for the people.

Please pass SJR1 and protect the dividend for the people.

Please stop using it as a government savings accounts and use innovation/creative minds to balance the budget. The PFD does so much to support small businesses in Alaska, fund education savings for our Alaska kids, help pay high medical costs (Alaska ranks as some of the highest medical costs in the nation) and more. I know for years our family has used the funds to purchase studded tires for the harsh Alaskan winters. The rest helps towards high fuel costs and food security for the winter. Our elderly population (on a fixed income) relies each year on the dividend to pay for high cost of living in Alaska. A dear elderly friend used her last PFD to help pay for her hearing aids.

People are leaving Alaska faster than they are coming in. Restoring the dividend to its **original calculation** will help more people stay in Alaska and help our economy thrive. Dunleavy promised a full PFD. There has never been a better time to make this happen for Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lisa Short
Lifelong Alaskan, mother, grandmother and Alaskan educator.

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] [Senate Judiciary](#)
Date: SJR1 Const. Am.
Monday, April 5, 2021 4:53:37 AM

Good morning ladies and gentlemen,

I am writing in hopes that you will seriously consider and pass this resolution to protect our full and statutory PFD. The good people of Alaska have endured quite a bit over the last several years by way of our Legislature taking large portions of our PFD to run state government, while the majority of us protest and disagree with your actions.

It is time to take serious action to protect what was and always has been meant for the Alaska residents. The state has always received it's share for government, and we the people believe that our government has grown way to large by way of the peoples PFD funding it. I would wager that the households of these Alaska residents have all adjusted their budgets to meet their individual financial needs, meaning; WE LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS. That is the only way it works out here in the real world.

May we recommend our Legislature do the same thing? Tighten the states financial belt and start cutting the "wants" vs. "needs". We are tired. Please consider doing what is right and true by your constituents and payout a full PFD. I have been shouting to the Heavens for several years now; give us our full PFD and watch US FIX OUR ECONOMY by injecting it right into the arm of our local communities.

I will do my best to call in to testify on Friday, but if I can make one suggestion? Please listen to, and take into account ALL OF THE TESTIMONY you hear at it's hearing on the 9th as well as the emails that I am sure you are receiving. We are also very tired of being ignored.

I wish all of you the strength, courage and resolve to do the right thing by your people. The Alaskan people who elected you and look to you to represent them and their interests in this beautiful state.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Shupe
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:59:37 AM

I support SJR1 and encourage the passage of this bill so the Permanent Fund is protected by the State of Alaska Constitution.

Cory Jean Sperry-Splees

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From: [REDACTED]
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Pass the SJR1, give us our money.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Subject: SJR1 Enshrining the Full PFD in the Alaska Constiution
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:52:38 AM

Please consider this constituent input for a "yes" vote. The PFD payout belongs to the people of the state and, if you accept well published economic analysis presented thus far, the return on the payout is, by far, the best investment you can make in our state. This vote does not preclude the need to create other sources of revenue to insure the viability of our state economy.

James.M. Robson (Republican)
Gloria M. Kent (Undeclared)