

Jody Simpson

From: Leslie Pheasant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Emergency Declaration

I am sending this email to let you know that I DO NOT agree with extending the emergency declaration for Alaska until September 2021. I want to see Alaska get back to normal with people being able to live their lives freely.

Please add this information to the public record as testimony.

Leslie A. Pheasant
Wasilla, Alaska Resident

Jody Simpson

From: K, E, & E Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 10:06 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Ronald Gillham; representative.bill.wielechowski@aklegis.gov; Rep. Steve Thompson; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Subject: The road to hell is paved with good intentions, No good deed goes unpunished, SB56

Dear Honorable Senators of the Health & Social Services Committee,

SB 56 is an unconstitutional abomination & fraud!

Referring to Commissioner Crum's SB 56 Extending COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Page 7
• Public Health Memo & Disaster Declaration -

May I quote :

"Because COVID-19 is a new disease in humans, no one has an existing immunity to this virus. It appears likely that transmission can occur before the onset of symptoms. As such, some people who are infected could inadvertently transmit the virus to others. COVID-19 can cause severe disease, including pneumonia and death. Older individuals and people with serious underlying health conditions (e.g. lung disease, heart disease, or diabetes) or immune disorders are at increased risk for severe illness. There have been no confirmed cases of infection with the novel coronavirus in Alaska. For these reasons, under AS 26.23.900(2)(E), I certify that an outbreak of COVID-19 has a high probability of occurring in the near future."

It obviously doesn't reflect the current situation. Regardless this extension never was truly warranted please see our rationale response below !

Our analysis to the first sentence : "Because COVID-19 is a new disease in humans, no one has an existing immunity to this virus."

This statement is a 1/2 truth (at best) before the supposed " Pandemic " and appears not to have changed. The 1/2 truth is, it is a " new disease " in some humans, we now know that to be a fact! The completely false part to this sentence is "no one has an existing immunity to this virus." There is absolutely NO proven fact that all humans have been tested to collaborate this statement. In fact, the opposite is true with survivals after contracting it!

Sentence two: " It appears likely that transmission can occur before the onset of symptoms. As such, some people who are infected could inadvertently transmit the virus to others."

Anyone's reasonable concern about this statement would be this is not uncommon, and is for the most part true, but what would be relevant would be without time & study it's just supposition with no basis to declare a emergency! Just fear mongering in an attempt to shore up a false factual narrative from the previous sentence .

Sentence three: " COVID-19 can cause severe disease, including pneumonia and death."

This statement is a clear continuation with additional adjectives "can cause " adding other known common health concerns we have lived with for years quite often treatable with locally known therapeutics...let's move on to any real " possible disaster concerns." Nothing here folks.

Sentence four: "Older individuals and people with serious underlying health conditions (e.g. lung disease, heart disease, or diabetes) or immune disorders are at increased risk for severe illness."

This sentence has the most basis for concern that could simply be dealt with with early locally known therapeutics & care through heightened awareness the assistance which appeared to be undertaken by the CARES Act funding without the hyped kneejerk reactions of potential unknowns!

The cost, in hindsight now, is the loss of care for all those other "serious underlying health conditions (e.g. lung disease, heart disease, or diabetes) or immune disorders" had greater collateral damage we are just getting the statistics of.

Those other resulting "side effects" in the collateral damage may prove an even more longer lasting symptom than Covid itself!

Sentence five: "There have been no confirmed cases of infection with the novel coronavirus in Alaska."

One should ask why is this statement in this document at this time, more fraud in plain sight. Wake up folks!

Clearly no need to reasonably respond to this. Period.

Sentence Six: "For these reasons, under AS 26.23.900(2)(E), I certify that an outbreak of COVID-19 has a high probability of occurring in the near future."

This certifiably unwarranted statement of reckless Gross **negligence created and currently Unconstitutionally enforced** to take the easy money, doctoral power & the "deprivation of rights under color of law" of all Alaskans and the needlessness of the disruptiveness of the peaceful social norm(s) needs to be recognized for what it really was / is. Period.

In summation of this SB 56 request, a vote NO would be the only proper response by the Legislature & further Legislative action to deal with a NON emergency needs to address a commonly normal hectic health situation! Any future "Certificate of Need" request should not be denied!

Please reflect on this quote by Bob Carter "**Poor planning on your part does not necessitate an emergency on mine.**"

"Stephen Garrard Post writing about altruism, suggests that good intentions are often not what they seem and that mankind normally acts from less worthy, selfish motives—"If the road to hell is paved with good intentions, it is partly because that is the road they generally start out on."

May you all open your eyes to see clearly now!

Sincerely, Ed & Kathleen Martin

KEE Construction, LLC

Jody Simpson

From: Mr. Jackson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: public testimony SB56

I urge you to end the Governor's Covid-19 emergency declaration.

Mr. Jackson

Jody Simpson

From: Vicki [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Public testimony SB56

I am asking for Senator Reinbold and others to vote NO on SB56.

Vicki Herman
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jody Simpson

From: Mike Higbee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Public Testimony SB56

Please vote no on this.

Michael D. Higbee

Jody Simpson

From: Don MCQuown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 2:14 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB56

Dear Senator Hughes, I strongly oppose SB56. We do not need extended emergency orders! I can not get through on phone lines to call for public testimony.

Sincerely Donald McQuown
Wasilla Ak 99654

Sent from my iPhone

Jody Simpson

From: Delayna Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: No on SB56

Please vote NO on SB 56
Don't extend the governors disaster declaration.
Thank you,
DeLayna West

Sent from my iPhone

Jody Simpson

From: carol broussard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Public testimony SB 56

Thank you for this opportunity.

I oppose the SB56 COVID-19 extension bill.

I am near 70 years old. I feel this is too much politically pushed and financially pushed.

I feel sad that our children have to use masks in their schools and even sports, not to mention they're having been held out for all these months.

I feel that businesses should be allowed to operate as before the Covid lockdowns and it is all way over blown, in my opinion. I too have researched much about this issue, but I have nothing to benefit from, by these lockdowns as many have, who support this bill.

Sincerely, Carol Broussard.

Nikiski, AK 99635

Sent from my iPad

Jody Simpson

From: Karen Anderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Public testimony sb56

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Hi

As a long time resident of Alaska I would like to voice my opposition to sn56. I see no reason to extend the emergency declaration. The virus is on the decline and we have a lot better treatments and hospitals are not overwhelmed. I am a resident of Wasilla.

Thank you

Karen Anderson
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Sen. Lora Reinbold

From: Brian Plummer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:41 AM
To: Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Sen. Mia Costello; Rep. Kevin McCabe
Subject: SB56 Hard NO

Good Morning!

I recently read of the Governor's proposal to extend his emergency powers through September of 2021, and am taking time out of my day to voice my opposition to this bill.

Governor Dunleavy has put the economy of our state right into the dirt with the continued extensions of his emergency powers. His proclamations, restrictions, and requirements are costing businesses in Alaska millions of dollars to comply, if they were even able to stay open, and their continuance justifies the government overreach seen in the Municipality of Anchorage, Juneau, and other small locals.

We are rolling into summer quickly here and our tourism and fishing industries need a positive return to business, not another 8 months of undetermined "emergency" that they cannot plan around and may never end. There is nothing so permanent as a "temporary" government measure, and granting these continued emergency powers sets a dangerous precedent. As a lifelong Alaskan I can't believe this has gone on as long as it has, and am absolutely disgusted at the restrictions being placed on the citizens of this state and the country in general.

Recently the World Health Organization has changed PCR testing requirements for CV-19 due to the high number of false positives, and mask use has shown to have miniscule positive effects at best. We can look to other States that did not shut their economies down, or have a major CV-19 response, and their numbers are no different than the areas that went full government draconian lockdown.

In conclusion it is time to put the Covid hype to bed, and get back to being Alaska again.

Thank you

—
Brian Plummer

Sen. Lora Reinbold

From: Donna Marsh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Sen. Lora Reinbold
Subject: Emergency extension bill

Dear Ms. Reinbold,

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
[REDACTED]

Kelli Toth

From: Marie Caswell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:59 PM
To: Kelli Toth
Subject: Testimony for our cause

One positive change is getting involved, educated, finding so many others with common ground/beliefs, and no longer being content in my apathy.

My son is no longer in ASD as of today, I should have pulled him sooner but I simply didn't have the strength. He was part of an amazing Montessori program, there was A LOT of work and energy spent on choosing an education style for our family. I am pretty disappointed he won't be there anymore, and it isn't the schools fault necessarily, it's the foolish district. He has fallen behind in math but SOARS with reading. I feel like all of our effort was for nothing. I planned on all four of our children attending this school, I sincerely was looking forward to it. That dream is lost and must evolve.

I have had many medical issues delayed and not completed yet because of mask or testing requirements, my health continues to suffer. I have had endless hoops to jump through to get help with my mental health, those hoops sadly continue even though we are in the valley.

My family was involuntarily discharged without warning from Latouche Pediatrics after bringing our children there for SEVEN YEARS.

Every single errand becomes a chore or a battle field. I don't look forward to anything anymore because of the various ways our family has been treated.

In the winter, I typically enjoy taking our kids to play lands or something like it so they can get out of the house and run off energy, I can't do that anymore, my youngest is a year old, I have 3 toddlers, it is too risky and too much work to take them anywhere outside in cold temperatures.

I fear my children will grow up trusting everyone or trusting no one because of the mask issue. How are they to know if anyone is safe if they cannot truly see them, how does any parent take a child out of the house in a mask and feel completely confident that child won't disappear with another masked face, and there would be absolutely nothing they could do.

Another issue I ran into, I would like my toddlers in a head start or something so I can have a few hours to really focus on school with my older son, his siblings are WILD, it's a wonder he or I can accomplish anything. I refuse to put my kids in a program with strangers who are going to wear masks all day. This in my opinion would send them a message that it's ok to go with a stranger, especially if they are masked, and that's the total opposite of what I want them learning.

I'm sure I missed some things.

Please feel free to call me anytime.

[REDACTED]

Kelli Toth

From: sboyer2101 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Kelli Toth
Subject: SB56

Hello,

I am writing in regard to my opposition to SB56. This bill seeks to extend the Governor's emergency declaration until September.

Enough is enough. We are no longer in an emergency and the longer we behave as though we are, the longer you encourage people across the state to live in fear. If people are afraid - they can take their turn & stay home, while the others get back to living our lives. Anchorage has been locked down - to some degree - for 10 months. Businesses are closing, people are losing their jobs, and people are losing faith in their government to manage something in a manner that doesn't infringe on our constitutional rights.

All of you have had 10 months to figure out a path forward that has the most minimal impact on your citizens. It has been more of the same - over & over, and the plan cannot & should not include continued lockdowns and emergency declarations. Let us live and get back to normal.

Thank you to the few representatives that have been vocal about the unconstitutional lockdowns - we hear you and we appreciate you. I would appreciate it if our Governor, Mr. Dunleavy, would do the same. He's been fairly quiet about the government overreach that continues to happen in Anchorage. Extending the ED just adds fuel to the leadership in Anchorage to continue the lockdowns & mandates.

I am very fortunate to have not lost income from the lockdowns and mandates. However, I know dozens of people that have. We continue to testify at every assembly meeting, we send emails and make phone calls. It has done NOTHING to change the local government's direction with regard to their handling of COVID. The song remains the same - lock down healthy people in the hopes of protecting the vulnerable. For 10 months. No change. Why has there been no effort to try another approach? Why has the decision been to continue treading on the citizens' civil liberties month after month after month? The goal, after all this time, should not be to impede on our constitutional rights as US citizens, and if it does - you better have a damn good reason. In my opinion - a virus that has a 99% survival rate is not a good enough reason.

I urge you to please stop the madness.

Thank you,
Sara Boyer
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: Kelli Toth
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Jody Simpson
Cc: Sen. Lora Reinbold
Subject: FW: No on SB56

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Please add to BASIS for public testimony opposition to SB56. Thank you

Kelli

-----Original Message-----

From: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Kelli Toth <Kelli.Toth@akleg.gov>
Subject: No on SB56

Senator Reinbold

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From: vickiherman.ak@gmail.com <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB56

Dear Senator Reinbold,

I have recently moved back to Eagle River after living in the Mat-Su for the last 28 years. I'm not excited to be controlled by the Muni again, but I'm sure excited to be represented by you!

I just listened to the testimony from yesterday's hearing on SB56 and I am so happy to see that someone has the fortitude to stand up against the Dunleavy administration and Commissioner Crum. Every question you

asked, and point you made, was spot on. It is apparent that Senator Wilson is in the pocket of the current administration and supports the destruction of the Alaska economy and the mental health of its residents.

I am 64 years old and in good health. I, for one, will not be taking a vaccine that has not had long term testing and no proven efficacy rates. Please continue to push for the answers to your questions that your constituents deserve an answer to. I am following you on Facebook, but I don't ever post comments, so I hope email or Messenger are good options for contacting you. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Vicki Herman

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Vicki Herman.

Sent from my iPad

Jody Simpson

From: Doreen Broderick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 8:12 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB 56

For the public record, I vote NO for Bill SB 56.

Sent from my iPhone

Jody Simpson

From: HM Herndon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 7:23 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Public Testimony SB56

NO to keeping the mask mandate and other mandates such as restaurant occupancy.

End the mandates NOW!

Thank you,
Heather Herndon
4th Generation Alaskan

Jody Simpson

From: William broussard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Sb56

I see no reason to extend the Governor's Covid 19 disaster declaration. Our state has overreacted to the "pandemic" and it is putting our future at severe risk.

I have talked to several business owners in the tourism industry as I am currently considering starting a business aimed at tourism and they have made it clear that unless our state opens completely back up their businesses will be closing. Logically what we should have done was requested old and at risk personal stay home with the guarantee that we would ensure their livelihood would be taken care of.... but we didn't. We shut down our state economies, forced people into large box stores, tested everybody multiple times for Covid even if they had no symptoms, and created a "fear pandemic" that has been used to grab power away from individuals and give it to the "ruling class".

I am sick and tired of it, and so are most people I talk to. We are ready to get back to our lives and businesses and we want the government to stay out of the way. Do NOT vote to extend this nonsensical disaster declaration.

William Broussard
[REDACTED]

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Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: SB56 Public Testimony

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 8:06 AM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB56 Public Testimony

Good morning Senator Hughes,

I urge a no vote on SB56. I'm not an anti-Vaxer person, all my kids and myself are vaccinated however, the COVID vaccine is experimental, during the HSS ECHO calls, questions were asked, is this shot supposed to protect from COVID or simply reduce symptoms, the answer was- we don't know. I asked if a person already had COVID and then gets the shot what are the protections, the answer was I don't know. I asked several other questions and the persons answer was "I know you'll be tired of me saying this, but we don't know a lot because this virus has only been around for 7 months, so we don't know how it will perform long term." All of these calls are recorded, have you watched them? All of this uncertainty surrounds the vaccine yet, the government is leading people such as seniors to believe they will be protected, that somehow the vaccine is their key to freedom, to visit loved ones, travel etc. unfortunately the messaging provides false hope. Senator, have you heard that this vaccine will provide these freedoms and protection for those who get the vaccine from HSS leadership? Maybe I missed something, but allowing the government to continue the disaster and allow HSS and the Governor to suspend laws are adversely affecting schools, jobs, industry etc. please consider the negative impacts to people, and perhaps think about the saying "an ounce of prevention is a pound of cure" but conversely "an ounce of cure could cause a pound of harm."

I know I'm staff, I've been studying COVID response all year. You are my Senator and I believe I still have the right and duty to provide testimony to you. I can't be silent when I see and hear the devastating affects the declaration and health orders have caused. There are other ways to manage COVID, we have therapeutics and preventative measures that are not as heavily promoted, why not? HSS spent well over \$2 million in promoting hand washing, mask wearing and social distancing only. I don't know what sort of deals have been made among you, but I do believe HB56 needs to not pass. Thank you Senator and your staff for all the hard work and dedication to the state and operating in the best interest and will of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Kelli Toth
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Mandate

From: Robert Warren [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Mandate

Good afternoon Mrs. Hughes;

As one of your constituents, and a nurse practitioner by trade, I am strongly against the COVID-19 disaster declaration in SB 56. I do not see a compelling reason to continue the mandate. Businesses and people are hurting, not only financially, but emotionally as well. It is time for us all to lace up our boots and move forward.

Sincerely,

Robert Warren

Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Mandate

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services <Senate.HSS@akleg.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Mandate

From: Robert Warren <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
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Sincerely,

Robert Warren

Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: We need MORE public testimony for SB56!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 5:09 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Subject: We need MORE public testimony for SB56!

Honorable Senator Hughes,

Thank you so much for your dedication and commitment so far in attempting to provide the citizens of Alaska with every opportunity to speak publicly about SB56 and how a continuation of the Emergency Disaster Declaration will affect our lives.

I was listening to the SenHHS hearing on Tuesday and I so appreciated how you put them on the record as to the possibility of effecting the same change through separate legislation without a continued emergency declaration.

I was terribly disappointed to not have a chance to speak today at the Senate HSS meeting. This topic is too urgent to only allow the input of +/-10 people. We need MULTIPLE hearings on this; the likes of which are given to hearings related to the PFD and Board of Fisheries appointees!

Alaskans have been through hell this past year and it would be unacceptable to not have the fullest opportunity to speak before we go through another 7 months of this.

Please let me know ASAP when another opportunity will be given.

Respectfully,
Adam Levi Hykes

On a personal note: I GREATLY appreciate you continuing to press for the use of prophylactic treatments and therapies for COVID-19. I have been studying Hydroxychloroquine since the initial "frontline doctors" video was censored by Youtube. I have spent weeks reading scientific studies about its safety and effectiveness. I have been very vocal about the "cure" that has been available for a year now, and I am heartbroken by the truth coming out only after a change of administration and the deaths of 440,000 Americans.

I have been saving these studies, and have all of the links available. I could, with time, put together a comprehensive file. Please let me know if that would be helpful to you. I could begin to organize it as soon as Monday the 8th. I am in Juneau, and could eventually present it to you in person, though the scope is broad. I'm just incredibly passionate about this topic and I hate the deception that has come to even the highest halls of science.

You are a Champion and I am praying for you.

Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: End the disaster declaration

From: Jamar Perry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:57 AM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Subject: End the disaster declaration

As one of your Palmer constituents, I want this nonsense to end. What's the point of all this?

Jamar Perry

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Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: SB56 - Opposition -

From: Renee Wellington [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB56 - Opposition -

Senator Hughes,

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 Governor 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 Governor’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 Governor 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 mandatory 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 claustrophobia 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,

Renee Wellington

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Jody Simpson

From: Chris McMullins [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: SB56 2021

Senator Wilson,

I am taking a moment as your constituent, concerned Alaskan, and small business owner, to encourage you to NOT SUPPORT SB56. We are at a time when the dreaded corona virus infection rates are declining and it doesn't seem that the expanded powers of the executive branch are required any longer.

I believe it is important to return to the intended balance of power intended by our constitution and pave the way for a resumption of stability and normalcy.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Daniel McMullins

Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: Letter to Senator Reinbold ref. SB56 & Vaccine Bill of Rights
Attachments: SB 56 - Please Include in Public Testimony.eml

From: Ross Perrine [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 5:14 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Subject: Letter to Senator Reinbold ref. SB56 & Vaccine Bill of Rights

Senator Hughes,

Congratulations, so proud to see that you're now our Senate Majority Leader in the State Legislature and thanks for all you're doing for our great State of Alaska! I wish you the best of luck in charting our State's Course through through these perilous times we live in!

I wrote to you on Sept. 4th of '2020 regarding my urgent concern over the looming possibility of mandatory vaccinations, and I've also been in contact with your Aide Lisa Hart on this issue.

It looks like SB56 is now the Elephant in the Room, that the Legislature needs to deal with, and I wanted to forward to you this letter that I've written to Senator Lora Reinbold regarding SB56.

I'm grateful for our Governor's wisdom in opting to make some reasonable public policy decisions regarding the Covid pandemic without going overboard with draconian state wide lock downs, and leaving the details for the Mayors of our major cities to define on their own! Having said that I think the time has arrived to Open Alaska Up and I don't support extending the Public Health Emergency at this time! Thank you for your time and for giving consideration to another point of view regarding the best public policy for dealing with this viral pandemic.

Ross Perrine

Jody Simpson

From: Ross Perrine [REDACTED]
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.

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I'm not opposed 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
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: Emergency extension bill

From: Donna Marsh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:12 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>
Subject: Emergency extension bill

Dear Ms. Hughes,

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
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: My original thoughts re:SB56

From: Katie Botz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>
Subject: My original thoughts re:SB56

Greetings Senator,

Here is what I actually prepared to Testify Before the Senate Health and Social Services committee. As you may see, I've cut this drastically short already, just to be cut off. I added a few things in last paragraph just tonight. To be honest, it doesn't include things that I wanted to share in Senate Judiciary, but guess won't be doing that anymore.

My name is Katie Botz and I am a concerned constituent from Juneau.

I respectfully request the Senate Health and Social Service Committee members to REMOVE the Declaration of Emergency as well as fine the Administration staff a high amount for the following reason:

Each health mandates were barked to the people of Alaska to be in compliance as a puppet, were done WITHOUT State Legislator's approval. It is the State Legislators branch who is the law appropriating branch, NOT the Governor.

From the very first mandates that the Governor barked to the people, Led me to believe that we are now under a dictatorship government, NOT the Government that I've been raised to believed.

In the very first mandates, the following words are all in capital letters far away from the rest of the words are the following: it is so ordered! I'm sorry, Mr Chair and members of the committee, I was under the impression that we are not in a communist state.

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So please, end each and every mandates and request the Administration to have a serious consequence!! I ask that each Legislators not to conform to the Administration's wishes and to listen to individual constituents no matter how tiny or irrelevant they may become. For it is the irrelevant constituents, such as I, who needs a voice this day in history.

Thank you

Katie Botz

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Jody Simpson

From: K, E, & E Martin - [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Sen. Mike Shower; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Ronald Gillham
Subject: What is going on Alaska Hospitals, ASK ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VFngRmp1HE> Please add this to SB 56 as it is related thru the misspending , fraud ,waste & abuse in the Cares Act money spent thru the guise of an emergency ! This should be part & parcel in the follow-up of state past thru money! Sincerity , Ed & Kathleen Martin

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Jody Simpson

From: Katie Botz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Written Testimony for Sen Health&Social Services on SB 56

Thank you Mister Chairman and members of the Health and Social Service Committee members, My name is Katie Botz from Juneau.

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Thank you
Katie Botz

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Jody Simpson

From: JD Brink [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: Sen. Shelley Hughes
Subject: NO! to SB 56

Greetings Senators,

My name is Jeff Brink and I write you today to voice my opposition to the Governor's bill SB 56 which extends the Covid-19 emergency declaration until September 30th.

I want our state open now, because I firmly believe our state is suffering unnecessarily.

I accept the risks of Covid-19, I want my freedom back now!

Sincerely,

Jeff Brink

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK

[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: Deb Bergmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Open up our state

I would like to no longer have anymore emergency orders closing our state due to Covid. We have already been devastated business wise by all these mandates and orders to close. After operating our business for over 40 years we aren't sure we'll be able to keep our doors open. The loss of another cruise ship season was the final straw!

Deb Bergmann
Juneau Ak

Sent from my iPhone

Jody Simpson

From: Brian Chalifour [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: AGAINST extension of lockdowns!

Dear Whomever is calling the shots,

I have heard that Anchorage is attempting to extend the Lockdown in the Municipality of Anchorage and I am ABSOLUTELY against this... The people of Anchorage and frankly the people of this country have had ENOUGH!

The continued lockdowns have massive impact on mental health and livelihood... Not to mention the onset of things like depression, anxiety, and therefore suicide rate... Poverty causes crime to go up and the longer we keep these small businesses closed down, the less likely they are to open back up.

DO YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU PEOPLE!?!

We've had almost a year of lockdowns and I have talked to so many people in our community, they will agree... it is time to reopen!

As a resident in the Municipality of Anchorage, in the Chugiak area, this has affected thr seniors drastically in my area and their ability to carry on everyday life. As months go by I see their cognitive decline from lack of activity and socialization. (Not even going to get started on the kids and their lack of education, physical activity and socialization themselves)

Listen to whom you serve in the community.

In this day and age, anybody who is in fear of this virus hace the technology to take personal responsibility for themselves and their loved ones, LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS HAD.

This is about our freedoms and our livelihood and our nation as a whole! We must reopen!

Sincerely,

Brian Chalifour

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Jody Simpson

From: joshua hanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: sen.shelly.hughes@akleg.gov
Subject: SB56

I would like to submit for public testimony my opinion on extending the disaster declaration. Over the past year this declaration has had many major negative impacts on our economy. Today though I'd like to bring up the social impacts this declaration has had. Suicide rates have gone up. Domestic violence has gone up. But I think most notably child abuse rates have gone up. Children who are victims of child abuse are now stuck at home with there abusers more than ever before. Children who relied on the meals that they received from the school system are going hungry. I have been told that extending the declaration will provide money to hospitals and other non profit organizations. I must ask the Senators Rienbold, Begich, Wilson, and Hughes is this money really worth it? I don't think so. Please do the right thing for the children and vote to end the emergency declaration.

-Joshua Hanson



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Jody Simpson

From: Christina Freitag <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: PublictestimonySB56

My name is Christina Freitag

I am a health 40 year old woman. I received the Pfizer vaccine as I work in home healthcare, on sat 1/30/2021. Within 10 minutes my whole body was on fire and covered in hives. I received an epi pen and was transported to the hospital via ambulance. More than a week later I am still reacting. Hot/ cold flashes, Difficulty breathing, heart palpitations, hives, weakness, itching and swelling. I need to take heavy doses of Zyrtec and Benadryl to keep from reacting. I now live in fear of what else I could be allergic to and carry an epi pen at all times, because I want to live.

Christina Freitag
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone