From:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Sent:

Friday, February 12, 2021 6:49 PM

To: Subject: Aaron Weaver FW: SB14

#### Senator Reinbold

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

From: Lance Lampert

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:50 PM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>

Subject: SB14

Hello Senator. I support SB14. I believe it provides better options for choosing judges. Please support the passage of this bill Thanks for your wonderful service to Alaska.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Jake Libbey

Sent:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:59 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Lora Reinbold Supporing SB14

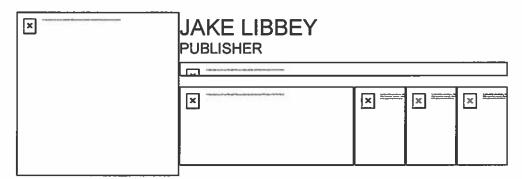
Hi Lora,

It goes without saying that SB14 is a much needed change in the Alaskan political landscape. I just wanted to reach out and (I assume you are wholeheartedly supporting it) encourage you to be strong.

Please see it carried through committee and to the Senate floor. The Alaska Watchman will be a strong advocate of its supporters having the courage to make a change that improves Alaska for a change.

Warm regards,

## Sincerely,



From:

Dean Cannon

Sent:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:17 PM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert

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Cc:

Sen. Mia Costello; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rachel Ries; Bart Aylward; Irene Quednow; Dan

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Subject:

SB14 - please vote YES

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Please support SB 14 as it gives elected officials, chosen by the people, a greater voice in choosing judges, rather than the unelected and unaccountable Alaska Judicial Council.

#### **VOTE YES ON SB14!!**

Dean Cannon

From:

Tim Agosti

Sent:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:23 PM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Cc:

Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Peter Micciche

Subject:

SB14 - SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES

Dear Senator Reinbold, Senator Shower,

I would like to express my support and approval for the referenced senate bill 14. This would be a first step in wrestling control of the Judiciary selection process back from a special interest group and putting it back into the hands of <u>ALL</u> the voters of the State of Alaska.

As a life long resident & small business owner, I ask your support of, and to vote for, this bill.

Thank you.

Tim Agosti



"If we are not different, we will not make a difference in this world"



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From: Jeffrey Houghton

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:33 PM

To:Sen. Lora ReinboldSubject:SB 14 - Pass it!

Senator Reinbold,

Please pass SB14 out of Committee during your hearing tomorrow.

I support SB14 because it gives the people a greater voice in selecting the Court of Appeals and District Court judges, and it removes the unelected and unaccountable Alaska Judicial Council.

Thank you in advance!



From:

Janet Johnson

Sent:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:29 PM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject:

SB14

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I am writing to urge you to pass SB14. I support SB14 because it gives elected officials, chosen by the people, a greater <u>voice</u> in choosing judges, rather than the unelected and unaccountable Alaska Judicial Council. Thank you,

Janet Johnson



From:

Rachel Ries

Sent:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:56 PM

To:

Ries Rachel

Cc:

**Subject:** 

Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. Mia Costello; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Bart Aylward; Irene Quednow; Dan Pixey

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**VOTE YES ON SB14!!** 

From: Jenny Hanestad

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:08 PM

To:Sen. Lora ReinboldSubject:Vote YES on SB14

I am writing to urge you to vote yes tomorrow in support of SB 14! I love that it gives elected officials, chosen by the people, a <u>greater voice</u> in choosing judges, rather than the unelected and unaccountable Alaska Judicial Council. Thank you for being a voice for the voice of the people of Alaska!

Sincerely, Jenny Hanestad of Palmer-Fishhook area

"Those who leave everything in God's hand will eventually see God's hand in everything" - unknown

From:

Jerel and Kimberly Price

Sent:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:12 PM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject:

In Support of SB14

Importance:

High

Senator Reinbold,

We urge you to pass SB 14.

We support SB 14 because it gives elected officials, chosen by the people, a **greater voice** in choosing judges, rather than the unelected and unaccountable Alaska Judicial Council.

Thank you for your time, Jerel and Kimberly Price Anchorage, AK

From:

Benjamin Hunt

Sent:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:14 PM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject:

SB 14

### Greetings Senator Reinbold,

As an Alaska resident and someone who truly cares about the government of our great state, I urge you to support SB14. For too long has the judicial branch of Alaska's government been an outlier, leaving constituents in the state scratching their head as to how these judges could pass down a continual stream of decisions that goes counter to the values and voice of the vast majority of people in our state.

Ultimately, a constitutional amendment is needed to remove the selection power of Supreme Court and Superior Court justices from the unelected, liberal trade organization, the ABA. It's crazy that this group was ever allowed to have to power to require our executive to select only their pet favorites. However, changing this process for District Courts and Court of Appeals, which is within the power of the legislature, is a step in the right direction. The ABA should serve in an advisory capacity only, just like any other private, trade group in the state.

I strongly support this action to make the rogue Alaska Judicial system accountable to the people

Very Respectfully,

Benjamin D. Hunt 3640 Darvin Ave North Pole, AK 99705

Sen. Lora Rembola	
From:	Liberty Communication of the C
Sent:	Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:51 AM
To:	Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. Jesse Kiehl
Subject:	Pass SB14 - Judicial Reform
Senate Judiciary Committee,	
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Thank you Senator Shower for your work in bringing this forward.

Sincerely,

Brian Endle

BCC - my email list

From:

Simon Gilliland

Sent:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:38 AM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert Myers

Subject:

Please support SB14

Please support SB 14 and reform the judiciary process to rein in activism within the unelected judicial system of our state.

Thank you,

Simon Gilliland

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 7:07 AM

To:

Daniel Pixey; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. Mia Costello; Irene Quednow; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Bart Aylward; Sen. Mike

Shower

Subject:

Re: SB14 - please vote YES

From: "RMRies49" <rmries49@gmail.com>
To: "RMRies49" <RMRies49@gmail.com>

Cc: "Senator Lora Reinbold" <Senator.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>, "Senator Mike Shower" <Senator.Mike.Shower@akleg.gov>, "Senator Jesse Kiehl" <Senator.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>, "Senator Shelley Hughes" <Senator.Shelley.Hughes@akleg.gov>, "Senator Robert Myers" <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>, "Sen. Mia Costello" <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>, "Rep. Sara Rasmussen" <rep.sara.rasmussen@akleg.gov>, "Bart Aylward" <barbaylward@gmail.com>, "Irene Quednow" <wupdidup@protonmail.com>, "Daniel Pixey" <danpixey@gci.net>

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:56:19 PM

Subject: Re: SB14 - please vote YES

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**VOTE YES ON SB14!!** 

From: JAMES PAZSINT JAMES PAZSINT

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:54 AM

To: Liberty

Cc: Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen.

Jesse Kiehl

Subject: Re: Pass SB14 - Judicial Reform

Dear Senators. We too want you to get passed SB 14. Alaska is long overdue correction in the process of judicial selections. Thank you. Jim and Holly Pazsint of Wasilla Alaska, 907-745-7577.

---- Original Message -----

From: Liberty

To: Senator Lora Reinbold <Senator.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>, Senator Mike Shower

<Senator.Mike.Shower@akleg.gov>, Sen. Shelley Hughes <Senator.Shelley.Hughes@akleg.gov>,

Senator Robert Myers <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>, Senator Jesse Kiehl

<Senator.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>

Sent: Wed, 10 Feb 2021 09:50:46 -0500 (EST)

Subject: Pass SB14 - Judicial Reform

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From:

Ken Mueller

Sent:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 11:03 AM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject:

SB 14

Senator: Please support SB14 to increase confidence in our institutions. Many voters feel disenfranchised.

Thank you,

Royce Mueller PhD

From:

Lacey Libbey

Sent:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 11:22 AM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen.

Jesse Kiehl

Subject:

Senate Judiciary Committee, SB14

### Members of the Judiciary Committee -

I am a constituent of Shelley Hughes and have been a lifelong resident of Wasilla, Alaska. I support Senator Shower's bill, SB14. It is time to change the process of selecting judges so it includes more transparency and accountability by including the governor and state legislature. The Judicial Council has too much power. The power needs to transfer back to the people, and by passing it through the legislature, our voices can be heard through our elected leaders. That is what a representative government should do.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to include my statement as public testimony for the hearing later today.

Sincerely,

**Lacey Libbey** 

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From:

Sent: To: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 11:22 AM

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject:

SB 14!

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Thank you!

Nancy Kaufman Anchorage, AK - District 28

From: Florie Wilcoxson

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 11:38 AM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject: Support SB 14

## Senator Reinbold,

Thank you for your service to Alaska on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Please support SB 14. This bill provides the change needed to bring the judicial branch into greater accountability to the people through their elected officials. Thank you for your support of SB14.

Dave and Florie Wilcoxson

From:

Jon Agosti

Sent:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 11:46 AM

To:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Subject:

SB14

Senator Reinbold,

Please support SB14 to reform the current, highly-partisan process of selecting Alaska judges.

Thank you, Jon Agosti Anchorage

From: Irene Quednow

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:04 PM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Robert

Myers

Subject: Please vote Yes on SB14

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**VOTE YES ON SB14!!** 

Irene Quednow

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

From:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Sent:

Friday, February 12, 2021 5:27 PM

To: Cc: Aaron Weaver Scott Ogan

Subject:

FW: SB14 Review of the judicial council - Thanks for the hard work!

Please include in public testimony for Monday feb 15

Senator Reinbold

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From: Christine Hutchison

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:41 PM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Robert

Myers <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes

<sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>

Subject: SB14 Review of the judicial council - Thanks for the hard work!

Thank you senators. Just like SB9, review of the judicial appointments and the judicial council is critical work of revamping and updating statutes, and the like, that have been needed it for a long time. I understand that it takes a lot of work. Hopefully a dent can be made on this critical issue this year.

I understand the alcohol and drug statutes took a long time. Hopefully judicial will not take so long, but I for one appreciate this long and hard work. I told Senator Micciche staff I thought a project like this was needed to come forward every few years, or one such project every session to be finished up in 3 or 4 sessions. I also think it should include a sunset clause for periodic audit and possible sunset.

I listened in to a judicial council or conduct session on zoom fairly recently. I think it was in January. After they voted to literally call the supreme court on the carpet and ask them to account for themselves, I was <u>very surprised</u> when Marla Greenstein said she would not merely send the invitation for them to come and discuss the subject with the council.

I believe that Judicial council could use some serious legislative direction for their work. Somehow it does not seem right that they can just flip off the public and act like dictators.

Again thank you for doing this housekeeping renovation work. Christine



Christine Hutchison

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From:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Sent:

Friday, February 12, 2021 5:46 PM

To: Subject: Aaron Weaver FW: SB14

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From: Sandra Powers

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:54 PM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>

Subject: SB14

Please support SB 14. We need to have more oversight in how Judges are selected.

Sandy Powers

From: Sen. Lora Reinbold

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:47 PM

To: Aaron Weaver

Subject: FW: Support for SB14

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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:38 PM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>

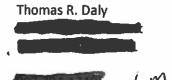
**Subject:** Support for SB14

### Good morning Lora,

Alaska needs the most qualified people in positions of authority. Senate Bill allows the administration to choose from a wider more competitive talent pool than the current system allows.

Please pass SB14 to allow Alaska to hire the most qualified people not just insiders.

Respectfully submitted,



From:

Sen. Lora Reinbold

Sent:

Friday, February 12, 2021 6:48 PM

To:

Aaron Weaver

Subject:

FW: SB14

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om: Daviu Fraziei

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:19 PM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley

Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>

Subject: SB14

Dear Senator: SB14 is long over due. Please recommend and pass this bill out of committee. Thank you for your service.

Sext Email

David Frazier

2636 Shepherdia Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508

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