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From: Scottanderson@gci.net <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 5:16 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Stop stealing from us!

Hello,

I'd like to direct you to use the statutory PFD law and payback everything you have stolen from us over the last ten years!

Balance your bloated budget with cuts and reduced spending, NOT by raising the people's constitutionally guaranteed resource, Permanent Fund!

Thank you,

Scott Anderson

From: Corinne Conlon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: comments on state budget

Good afternoon,

Unfortunately, I am not able to go down to the state capitol to give my testimony in person, but thank you for this opportunity to allow my voice to be heard on the fiscal situation in Alaska. As a state, we have run out of options, Alaska needs to re-institute the state income tax. We can talk about reducing spending for all it's worth and it's a popular talking point, but without a tangible, written or verbal address of those reductions, it's just a talking point. From the press conference at the start of Governor Dunleavy's term in office where Donna Arduin listed those harsh cuts to services, most notably creating hardship in rural areas of the state, there has not been enough specific information about budget cuts from the Dunleavy Administration. From the fallout of that press conference, it is clear that there is no area that will be easy to reduce or eliminate funding without seriously impacting the health and safety of Alaskans. No one is a fan of taxes and everyone wants a full PFD, but we all must contribute to our state and the services and resources that it provides - to do that, we need a state income tax.

Thank you for your time,

Corinne

From: Donald Trometter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 5:30 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fwd: PFD issue

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From: Donald Trometter <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 4:10 PM
Subject: PFD issue
To: <>

To whom it may concern:

Alaska residences need the full dividends for current and past years paid to them! The government needs to live within a budget instead of pissing the residents' monies away. Pay the people who continue to suffer at the hands of elected officials.

Thank you,

Rita Trometter

North Pole, AK

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From: shalena wilson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 5:48 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

To whom this concerns.

I'm sending this email to express my frustration with you guys trying to justify the stealing of Alaskans PFD. What you are doing is not right and it's selfish. It's also financially hurting a lot of Alaskans. A lot of people need the PFD to buy school clothes and supplies. They buy winter gear and extras they otherwise can't. It helps them offset the cost of inflation and rising costs of utilities, gas and food. They buy Christmas gifts, catch up on bills, support local businesses etc, and you all act like it doesn't matter. It may not matter to you, living high on the hog, getting kickbacks from your special interest groups, but for most of Alaskans, it matters.

We've heard you joke and laugh about how financially well off you are, how stupid you think us Alaskans are. We can see your manipulation tactics as you justify things and refuse to answer questions and passing off the responsibility to someone else.

Give Alaskans their FULL PFD! Every stinking penny. Then you can give us back everything you've stolen over the last 6 years. Just because you refuse to balance our states budget, and make the appropriate cuts does not give you the right to steal from us. You are not entitled to our half!

Business are hurting. People are financially hurting. Give us back what is ours and put your hands back in your pockets, and do your job.

One of many frustrated Alaskans,
Shalena Wilson

This is my letter

Sent from my iPhone

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From: jennifer sampson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 5:49 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Full PFD!!!

The PFD is doing great. Give Alaskan citizens the full PFD now!!!

Jennifer Sampson

Fairbanks

From: Paul Adasiak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:07 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony to Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Working Group

Dear Representatives of the Fiscal Plan Working Group:

Please, fund effective government by taxing us fairly.

I look forward to a state able to adequately fund education, transportation, justice, public safety, and public health — and able to fund them without being beholden to extraction industries. That means citizen-funded government. I want a state government paid for by and beholden to only (as much as possible) the residents of Alaska.

I want for us to have full ownership of our government, and I think that broad-based, progressive taxes are the best way to do it. Some favor an income tax — say, a percentage of your federal income tax — and that would be a massive step forward; I would not complain. But I would also favor statewide property taxes based on land area rather than building value, raised gasoline taxes, and raised taxes on second (and Nth) homes.

Please, however else you choose to raise revenue, put broad-based progressive taxes on the table. Let us own our government.

Yours Truly,
Paul Adasiak

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska
(House District 1)

From: Ryan Ackels <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:11 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD restoration

I would like to express some frustration with how you our representatives fail to represent the people of Alaska.

Leave the PFD formula alone.

There are a lot of people who depend on the dividends for the winter.

All I keep hearing is how the state mismanaged it's money now there broke and need to reach into the PFD fund to make up for there waste.

120\$ trash can comes to mind when oil was a 140 \$ a barrel. Or the hydro damn that has been studied since the 80s

The gas line right way and easement. The list goes on and on.

So when the legislature can figure out how to stop the waste and quit wasting money on stupid projects or studies of the studies to do another study then threatening to cut schools and infrastructure.

There could be conversations with the public.

I was born and raised here I've seen the smoke mirrors the state has used for decades I've even been approached by John Harris who was the speaker of the house in the early 2000 about dipping into the dividend then.

The 5% we talked about then was supposed to go to more teachers , smaller class sizes. Instead it went to Lathrop getting a paved parking lot, west valley a new sign.

These are just some examples the

government wastes all the way around I have many more examples.

The people want there whole dividend and past dividends made whole cause of the disgusting misappropriation of money the state has let go on for to long.

Thank you for your time in this matter and you need to make it right to all Alaskans

Ryan Ackels

From: kathleen shoop <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:11 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Dear Alaska Legislatures;

My name is Kathleen Shoop and I am representing myself here in Alaska since 1992.

Back Owed PFD Amount close to \$14,000, is due to the failure to follow several statutes including AS 43.23.025 (historic PFD formula) and Sec. 37.07.014, the budget process where they set performance criteria in the budget to contain government expenditures. The PFD is at over \$80B, it had a rate of return last year over 28%, gas is at over \$70 a barrel, and the 5 year rate of return on the fund is over 11%. They should take a POMV overdraw, pay us the back owed with interest, and use Sec. 37.07.014 to cur the size of government. This money will give a great economical boost to our State which is exactly what we need at this time.

PFD is the best thing that the State has going for it and by taking this money from the people you are destroying the Alaskan economy and truly are hurting the people.

I wanted to show up in person last Friday in Wasilla but after having to work in Anchorage all day and then having to drive the 30 miles to get to the LOI (with a lot of road construction) I was just too tired. I watched what the people said and realized if I was there and tried to speak I would have ended up in tears, crying and inaudible.

The Alaskan State Government has truly hurt me by eliminating my job at API after I spent thousands of dollars on higher education to help this State solve issues and improve quality of life for the people who live here. From my experience the State does not want to improve anything in Alaska and likes hurting the people.

Why does the Board of the Rasmussen Foundation live on the East Coast? This group wants all the people's money to provide programs to that do not work to help people, they only keep people dependent of Government spending with no accountability. I would like an answer to this Board question.

I support Mike Shower's ideas and am asking you to please work with him.

Sincerely;

Kathleen Shoop

From: DeAnna Koranda <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:18 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: My PFD

Dear Legislators

Alaskans are hurting. Pay the PFD that is owed to each man, woman and child. There is no excuse for not paying our dividend.

I want the Full PFD. We don't negotiate from the bottom! The least I would accept is the SJR6 proposed by the Governor.

Do the right thing!

Pay what is Owed!

Thank you

DeAnna Koranda

Big Lake

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Stephanie Gaiser <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:26 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Hello,

My name is stephanie gaiser, I am a lifelong Alaskan and mother of four. As a child my mother worked two jobs and went to nursing school full time, but still struggled to fully provide for my brother and I. The PFD gave my mom the opportunity to buy school supplies and school clothes, provide food for thanksgiving and Christmas meals, and even give us a few Christmas gifts. Without the PFD my brother and I would have gone without the proper tools needed to learn and excel in school, clothes that fit, and our holidays would have been filled with sorrow rather than the joy my mom was able to create out of the little we had.

As an adult I used my PFD to buy text books for college and saved many of my PFDs for a down payment on my first home. I now save my children's PFDs for college to ensure that we continue to break the cycle of poverty that my husband and I both grew up in.

Please give Alaskans the full PFD owed to us and repay previous withheld dividends. It is no secret that Alaska has a high level of poverty and those dividends save many families from an even darker future.

Thank you

Stephanie gaiser

From: Joshua McHoes <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:30 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Fiscal Policy

My name is Joshua McHoes, I currently live in Anchorage, I have been an Alaska resident for 25 years and have always called it my home. My family moved here when I was only 3 years old because they thought they would be able to live a more free life in Alaska. Unfortunately, over the course of the past couple decades the size and scope of government in Alaska has only grown.

Over the past 7 years the Alaska Legislature has confiscated over \$13,000 from each Alaskan. It is high time that the legislative bodies understand that the Alaska people can handle their own finances if the State does not treat it like a slush fund and returns to the statutory amount. The reason why the People's PFD was to be a check on the size of government. The permanent fund is at an all time high.

The only reason why the legislative bodies want more funding is that they are beholden to special interest groups who rely on that funding. Those that claim that the universities need the state funding they receive don't realize that the state funding only accounts for about 14% of their total budget.

I'd like to see a budget cap and a return to the statutory PFD. The real reason why the legislature is in such a financial mess is the fact they use the general fund for all appropriations while setting aside funds in discretionary accounts that merely only collect deposits and are never disbursed from for their intended purposes, instead like I previously stated the legislature uses the general fund for ALL appropriations including those that should be withdrawn from discretionary funds. This is the financial state we are in.

From: Alaska Outdoor Alliance <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:37 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Fiscal Policy Public Comment

Right now, as I read reporting in the media, it feels like legislators are aiming at a fiscal solution that does little more than keep the state treading water.

We need solution(s) that allow state government to provide basic services for the welfare of Alaskans and not at the expense of passing down the burden to munis and boroughs. The state needs funds and institutions - that are transparent and accountable to the people! - to invest in infrastructure and our communities to set the state up for success that attracts investment and inspires young adults to plan to raise families and launch careers here.

Every session, the partisan debate over the PFD and oil taxes completely sucks the air out of the room leaving little to no room for legislating on behalf of the people, their kids and grandkids. Every day we continue to wallow in this partisan quagmire, other states gain competitive advantage, money and opportunity are left on the table and the future looks more bleak.

Thank you for your selfless service to Alaska.

--

Lee Hart

Haines AK
[REDACTED]

From: jim hadlock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 7:01 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

The PFD is the people's money. Full statutory PFD. If you want to change it put it to a vote of the people.

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 4:28 PM Cindi Lagoudakis <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Representation Kreiss-Tompkins,

Briefly I want to address the State budget situation and express my support for some key items, and concerns regarding others. To begin, I do not support an overdraw of the Earnings Reserve Account-- even one time. Once that line is crossed, it will be too easy to do it again. The point of the reserve was to keep it sacrosanct. Though we are at a rough juncture, there are options. Dipping into ERA shouldn't be one of them.

I am also not in favor of expanded PFD payouts. While PFD's are an important input to income for a number of Alaskans, bankrupting the system and the State is not a viable option for program longevity.

I applaud and support the key indicators selected for Healthy Alaskans 2030. In particular, measures that addresses mental health, substance abuse including alcohol, access to prenatal health care, and improving high school graduation rates are key items on which to focus funding.

I support restoration of funding for Public Broadcasting. Especially during response to COVID, public broadcasting has played a key role in getting important information out to the residents, visitors and entities doing business with the State. It should be treated as the vital function that it is, especially when notices are transmitted via the emergency broadcasting system.

Ferries continue to be critical to the economy and quality of life in Southeast Alaska and throughout the State. They need adequate funding just as other parts of Alaska's transportation infrastructure are funded. There continue to be opportunities for revenue generation and marketing that the AHMS has thwarted or ignored. We've hand-wrung and studied and committed and haven't yet made progress. Let's get to it. As the director of a small museum, I see visitors to the State that use that system. It has also been integral to student travel opportunities. It used to be a reasonable cost for families traveling within the State and to the Lower 48. It allowed small businesses to thrive that required travel between communities. It moved State vehicles and personnel to projects around Alaska. And it brought large numbers of visitors to the state, whose social media and personal contacts generated free advertising for Alaska communities and businesses.

Finally, it is time to re-institute a state income tax. If we are looking at possible short-term solutions, that is a much better method of capturing revenue than it would be to impact the ERA. Propose a 5 year tax program, to be re-evaluated at the end of the term. That is a much more fiscally responsible option that will also capture revenue from those working seasonally and then leaving the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Cynthia Lagoudakis,

Petersburg, AK

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

From: Timothy Steiner <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 7:21 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Hello,

Return to the original PFD distribution method that worked fine for 35 years and quit taking my PFD.

Tim Steiner

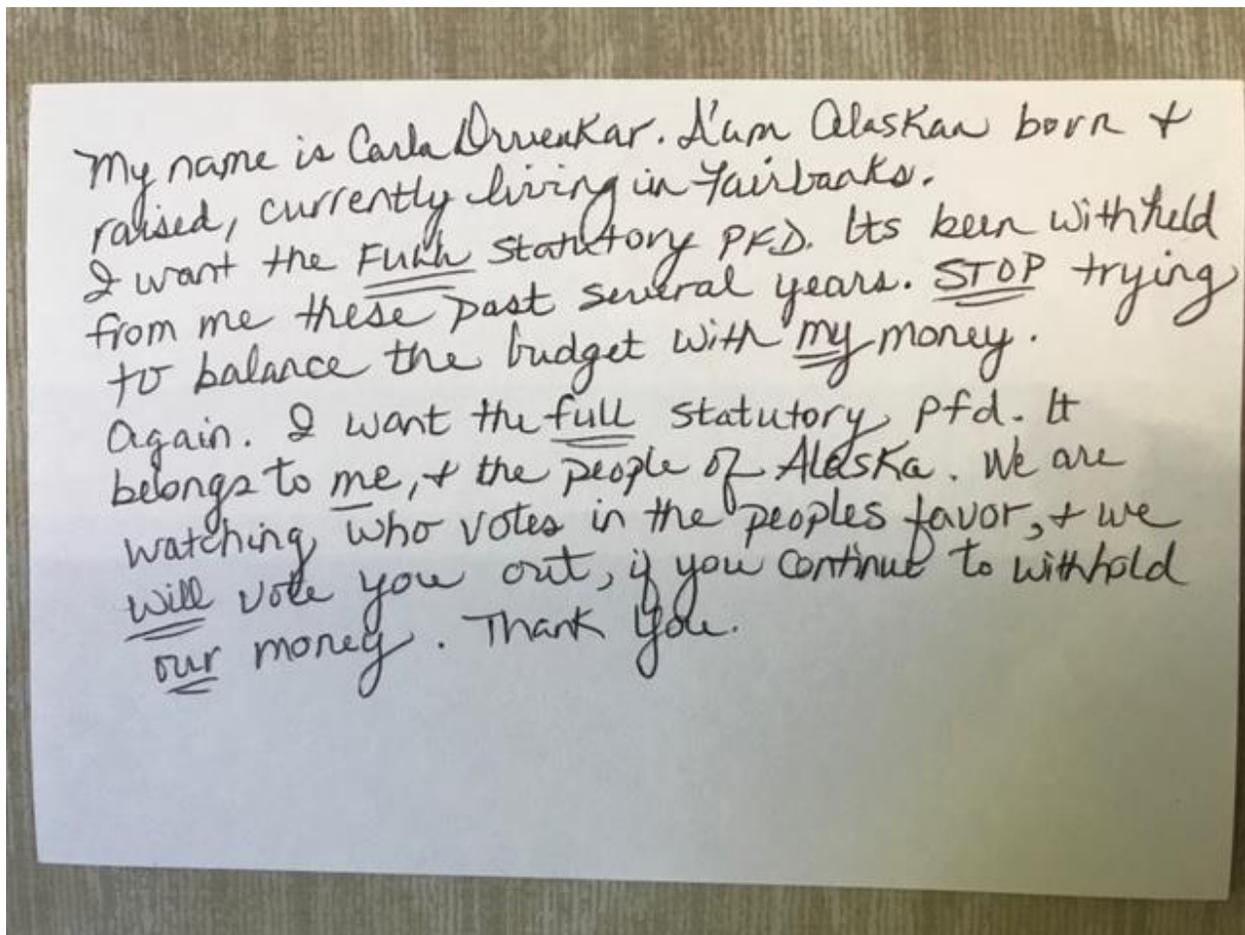
25 year Alaskan resident.

Homer Alaska

From: Linn McCabe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 7:43 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Written testimony from Carla Drvenkar

Working group members,

Carla had intended to testify via phone tonight but was unable to do so because she has an aversion to public speaking. She does not have email so she asked that I please submit her testimony on her behalf:



My name is Carla Drvenkar. I'm Alaskan born + raised, currently living in Fairbanks. I want the Full statutory PFD. Its been withheld from me these past several years. STOP trying to balance the budget with my money. Again. I want the full statutory PFD. It belongs to me, + the people of Alaska. We are watching who votes in the peoples favor, + we will vote you out, if you continue to withhold our money. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mark Sowers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 7:50 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Cc: Marcy L Sowers <[REDACTED]>
Subject: PFD Public Testimony Comment

Good evening,

I've been listening to the testimony my fellow Alaskans have been providing over the last hour or so, and would like to add this missive to the record. The PFD is, in my opinion, akin to Social Security in that Alaskans (largely) view it as sacrosanct, untouchable, the third rail. Because former Governor Walker and his lackeys in the legislature did touch it, we are now in this position. This entire problem could be solved in a matter of minutes if this legislature were to simply adhere to the statutory formula and pay everyone the PFD that state law requires. I heard plenty of other people talk about how the budget has been "cut to the bone" and that there is no money left. I don't know where those people are getting their news (probably the ADN), but the Permanent Fund made \$18 *billion* dollars last year. I think there's quite enough just in last year's earnings to give everyone a full PFD this year, and repay what was stolen from them in previous years dating back to Walker's original theft. But many members of this legislature are too beholden to special interests, too inculcated and rigid in the ways and methods of big government to perform their legal responsibility. I wrote and recently published a book called 'Society's House of Intractable Tension', and while it is about many things, one of the primary themes is lackluster and feckless government. This legislature and its inability to do what's legal (and right) reminds me of a legislative body in my book, one which used to be called Congress. Its name in my story is Magisterial Organization of Revolutionary Omnipotence and Necessitated Substantiveness - otherwise known as MORONS.

Very Respectfully and Sincerely,

Mark Sowers

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

From: Pamela Bickford <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 7:50 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Roger Holland <Senator.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov>;

Rep. James Kaufman <Rep.James.Kaufman@akleg.gov>

Subject: Statutory PFD

As this is titled, I insist the legislature return to calculation, used for 30 plus years and still law - found in both statutes and regulations, for this year (and past 6years). I do not hold any hope that inserting language into the Constitution will protect the PFD from the ideations of legislators. And, I am unwilling to compromise the standing statutory provisions for any promises by legislators or the Governor.

Repeal SB 26, reduce the government to a sustainable budget, and follow the law that has operated for many years and will work as designed for years into the future!

Signed, Pamela Bickford (99516).

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

From: Mary Siroky <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:14 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fiscal policy input

Please accept this as my input testimony for your consideration as you develop a fiscal plan for the state.

I believe that the permanent fund was established to prepare Alaska for the days when oil would no longer be bringing in the most revenue. I do NOT believe that the permanent fund dividend is inherent right - that would be socialism. I believe in government and I want a government that plows our roads, takes care of children who are in unhealthy homes, manages our fish, game and natural resources and provides for people in need.

I believe we need to develop new revenue streams for the state. A re-evaluation of oil taxes is in order. I support a state income - that is the least regressive method of having citizens participate. I do not support a sales tax - there are many communities that have instituted sales taxes in order to develop their communities and adding state sales taxes penalizes them.

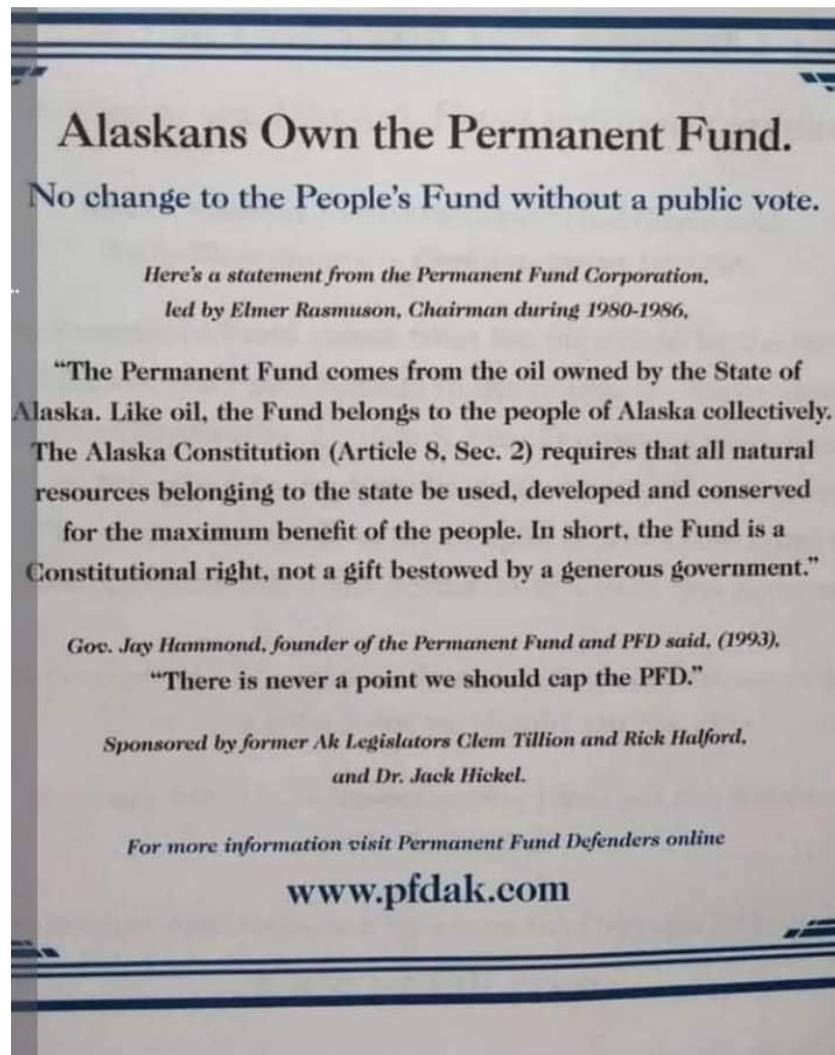
Thank you for your consideration of my beliefs. If you would further input I can be contacted at the email address below.

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Mary Siroky
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: Dolly Horton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:16 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD



Stop taking our PFD!!

The people of Alaska need and use that money. It belongs to Alaskans!! We need it for bills, subsistence trips, school supplies, future education for our children!

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

From: Kelly Grace Fishler <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:17 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Dear Committee,

The PFD belongs to the people, it was set up that way and the structure should continue to be honored. Taking it away from those who depend on it and utilize it to meet their individual and family needs is stealing and is unconscionable.

Respectfully,
Kelly Fishler

From: James Mabry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:21 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD-Keep it and use the Statutory Formula

Hello,

I write to encourage you to vote to keep the PFD. Please follow the statutory formula for the dividend calculation!

Thank you,

James Mabry

Anchorage

From: Kristen Thompson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:30 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD payments/votes

To Whom It May Concern;

Pay us our statutory PFD & every penny you have stolen from us over the last 6 years plus interest. So far you owe each Alaskan approximately \$14,000 for money you've taken from our PFD's over the last 6 years. For this year you owe us approximately \$3,800.

It has never been the purpose of the PFD to supplement our budget. It was for managing the "Fund's" investments. The PFD was specifically made to protect the money in the fund from being spent by the Legislature, without a vote by the people. Our state constitution does not allow for dedicated funds, so we had to rewrite our state constitution for the sole sake of protecting our PFD from our Legislature. To keep them from doing what they're trying to do now.

<https://apfc.org/who-we-are/history-of-the-alaska-permanent-fund/>

The budget needs to be reigned in, and that we need to diversify our state income. We are owed our monies from our PFD's from the last 6 years and our full PFD for this year. Our elected officials have a job to do to balance our budget without the use of our PFD.

Kristen Thompson
[REDACTED]
Soldotna, AK 99669
[REDACTED]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaska_Permanent_Fund

Sent from my iPhone

From: Don Fritz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:33 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: The Permanent Fund, the PFD, and budgetary issues

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

My belief is that the Permanent Fund was established to share the wealth from a non-renewable resource with future generations of Alaskans. Not to pay a PFD. Protecting the Permanent Fund should be of utmost importance, and I am pleased that a few years ago the legislature passed a POMV statute to protect the Permanent Fund, although I believe the 5% draw limit should be reduced until the Permanent Fund reaches \$100 billion. If a constitutional amendment is necessary to protect the Permanent Fund, then I would support that. I am against any overdraw of the Permanent Fund. I am glad that the fund value has increased tremendously over the last year, but this is not a reason to break the POMV statute.

The PFD should not be constitutionally protected. Paying a PFD is not nearly as important as the many services that the State provides. The PFD does not have "First Call", it is one of numerous budget items and should compete against other government programs for prioritization and funding. Our Supreme Court has already determined that the PFD is subject to appropriation, thus any PFD amount paid is a full PFD. I do not feel that I am owed any back pay for historical reduced PFD's. Governor Dunleavy decided to reduce the PFD to \$0.00 this year, I am satisfied with this PFD amount and believe that he should be credited with the \$0.00 2021 DUNLEAVY PFD. The current PFD statute should be eliminated, and replaced with a statute that commits to attempting to pay a PFD as money allows. Perhaps a \$500 PFD cap should be included until the Permanent Fund reaches at least \$100 billion. While I believe that we should seek to receive the maximum compensation for our oil, I am not in favor of any income tax or sales tax to pay a larger PFD.

While I am against constitutionalizing the PFD, if this is pursued I believe that it should not be a 50/50 split. For the first 30 plus years the state has not used their portion of the 50/50 split, rather this money was left in the fund and continued to grow. My belief is that this non utilized money, as well as income from this money, should be subtracted from the Permanent Fund balance to determine an amount of money available for splitting.

I am of the belief that there are still minor savings to be found in the State of Alaska budget, and that as these savings are found they should be implemented. I am not naive enough to believe that we can find enough savings to allow for paying what some feel they are entitled to. There are some reductions that I would support that many others would not. The legislature was structured to balance the desires of the public and to provide the services that the citizens collectively desire. I am satisfied with that.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to testify!

Don Fritz

From: holly mothershead <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:44 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: My testimony

My name is Holly Mothershead of Palmer Ak and I support a full statutory and back pay PFD payout. Put it to the vote of the people.

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

From: Donald Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:49 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Pfd

Dear Alaska Legislature,

Any legislator or resident Alaskan who believes they can just take another person's pfd just because they don't want theirs is lying to themselves. If an entire family of 6 sat down to dinner and one kid said I'm not hungry please give the food to the dog. Would it be right for the parent to just tossed the entire family's meal to the dog because one kid didn't want dinner? Would it be right for one kid or a parent to force the entire family to go hungry just because one kid didn't want his dinner? You may rightfully throw your pfd to the dogs, donate it to anyone or anything but you do not have the right to donate or spend your neighbors pfd. And it does not matter if a court says you can starve your family or donate your neighbors pfd you would still be wrong trying to take your neighbors pfd.

You can argue and fight over the pfd forever but those arguments will never give anyone the right to steal their neighbors pfd. Legislators need to get real, follow current pfd payout law and forget their attempts to steal their neighbors pfd or they will be voted out of office. You can ignore this warning but Alaskans will vote you out of office.

Donald Johnson

[REDACTED]

Soldotna Alaska 99669

[REDACTED]

From: Sandra Marks <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:54 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

I am a mother and a wife and we depend on the PFD to pay for fuel. Gas and fuel charges have skyrocketed in this past year. Last year was tough enough with affording fuel. I fear having to choose between fuel for the house and gas to drive to work and feeding my children. The PFD is supposed to be for the citizens not the government. I work really hard to not depend on government so I depend on the PFD to survive. The PFD if given full amount or the 50/50 plan would help our economy grow. By you cutting the PFD to \$500 is insulting and shows how little you care about your constituents. You would rather starve us and then give us free food than sending us our PFD so we can rely on our own and make our own choices.

Sandra Marks

Cowles St in Fairbanks

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Becky Ranger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:56 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: State Budget

Gov Dunleavy and I have both stated unequivocally

PEOPLE FIRST
GOVT SECOND

You seem to be off track again! When the AK Municipal League commands your attention to receive more bucks for their projects than the citizens of Alaska it comes down to this.

YOU HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ALASKA CONSTITUTION TO BREAK THE LAW REPEATEDLY.

I EXPECT YOU TO BE UNDER THE AUTHORITY AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN, and not your lack of respect for all Alaskans. We are all to receive our portion of the PFD, and that included, at a minimum, the \$2,108 of interest earned during the 5-6 years of underpaid dividends in recent history.

R Crelley

Anc

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

From: Windy Perkins <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 9:06 PM

To: Me <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please vote to cap taxes and protect our PFD

Hello,

I unfortunately was not able call into the meeting this evening. However, I ask that you do everything in your power to reduce taxes and make Any increase of taxes something that we vote on as property owners. Our taxes are already so high!

Praying God gives you his wisdom and understanding as well as strength to do the right thing for Alaska.
Thank you!

-Windy

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

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

From: Katie Botz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 9:11 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>

Subject: August 2 public testimony

Greetings,

For the record my name is Katie Botz and I am a concerned constituent of our beautiful Capital City Juneau, Alaska. I am writing to you representing myself.

I understand that we are in a huge deficit, but the People's PFD is NOT the problem!! As you are well aware, if you paid attention at all, majority of the people were talking about the PFD. The REAL problem is Legislators isn't budgeting the paycheck properly. I'm 150% certain that if each of you were to have to budget the exact SAME amount of funds in your personal account, you'd probably manage the paycheck much differently. Please do a better job at managing the State's paycheck FOR THE PEOPLE. I respectfully request that the State Legislators place the PFD into our Constitution and place an END to the Political Football game which is being played each year. It shouldn't matter who wins the final field goal, either Legislators or Governor, please place an end to the Political Football Game to the PFD!

Alaskans are now used to the mindset of entitlement when it comes to the PFD. If I am understanding correctly, PFD was never supposed to be an entitlement by Hamilton. As a constituent, I had my PFD every year until my adulthood. I spent 10 years where my PFD was confiscated, and guess what? I survived!!!! If Alaskan Legislators can stop with this political football game, then perhaps we can end this entitlement with our PFD.

As a constituent, almost 34 of age, I live alone in a one bedroom apartment. My car is 20 years old, and I seriously question how safe my neighborhood is these days. Have approximately \$6K debt in dental, \$25K debt in hospital bill due to a bad accident in 2018, and numerous \$ amount of debt in credit cards bills. I have to request extra hours each day at work just to stay afloat. The sole reason why I am sharing with you is because I understand some of the difficulties which people have on a personal level. Life in Alaska is brutal expensive to live in, but is a beautiful State!

I do have some what I hope is helpful suggestions for each of you to consider. It is crucially painful for me to say, that taxes is a MUST in Alaska. As a State, we are one of the FEWEST State of the Country which doesn't have a State tax. I have to work hard for each penny that I get, and in Juneau we have a 8% municipality tax. Taxes should help with the deficit which we have, IF legislators can balance the checkbook correctly.

It may also benefit Alaskan's deficit if we can have a fee for vehicles crossing the borders of Alaskan/Canada. If we can have a \$5 for compact vehicles, a \$15 for next size up vehicles, and a \$25 fee for commercial vehicles crossing the border may actually help. Let me explain where the idea came from. I was asked to drive buses in New York for 3 weeks. After completing my agreement, I was given permission to use company car to drive from New York to New Jersey. One of the state between those

two, I had to pay a fee of \$3 for each vehicle both ways to cross the border and drive through that particular State. If a State on the east coast can charge a fee, why can't we do the same, just a bit more expensive due to our cost of living?

I could say more, but I don't want to place you to sleep. I'm more than willing to talk more later, if you wished. Please let me repeat myself just once when I ask to budget the paycheck properly, and that we have a spending problem above everything in our beautiful state.

Thank you,
Katie Botz
Juneau

From: David Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 9:13 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support for WWAMI Program Funding

I am a now-retired Alaska physician who came to Alaska in 1970 with the Indian Health Service, then spent two years in residency training in Seattle before returning to practice in Ketchikan in 1974, where I practiced until retirement in 2018. I believe that the WWAMI program is more important than ever in addressing medical manpower needs in our state.

Where a physician train is one of the most important factors in determining where they will practice. Even if every WWAMI student and resident returned to Alaska to practice it would not meet all of our needs, but without it the situation would be dangerously inadequate. For many years many of us first came to Alaska with the Indian Health Service or the military, but the ways that they are staffing have changed dramatically and there is not that constant flow of folks into the state from which to draw.

The direct interaction with academic medical centers outside the state that come along with the WWAMI program provide important benefits to the practicing community in Alaska, as well. Continuing medical education on both a formal and informal basis is helped significantly by the relationships fostered between the practicing community and the academic centers.

Providing opportunities for academically capable Alaskans to enter medicine through the WWAMI program makes medicine a tangible career opportunity that extends incentives all the way down to high school level.

We already rely on other states to provide training for much of the medical manpower we need. Please continue to fund the WWAMI program as a means of our resource-rich state doing its part to provide needed medical care for Alaskans.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my opinion.

David E. Johnson MD

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Sitka AK 99835

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From: miles cobbett <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 9:21 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Pfd

Quit screwing around with our children's pfd. Pay the statute amount as it was designed.

Miles Cobbett, Fairbanks Alaska Citizen since 1982.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Elizabeth Nudelman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 9:33 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please fund services before dividend.

Alaska Legislative Joint Fiscal Working Group:

I am opposed to large dividends at a time when the residents of Alaska need basic services. I am opposed to putting the dividend in the constitution. Alaska's resources are owned collectively. We do not have individual mineral rights.

The dividend is simply one of many programs in statute to be funded, and not a sacred cow.

So How do we move forward?

First)We know that the state budget has already been cut.

State of Alaska employee wages account for only, approximately 3% of the state's total personal income, this is not a material item. If we want transportation, schools and other basic services some government is necessary.

2)I believe a 5% POMV draw is too high. Markets change rapidly and the endowment is a young fund.

3)I am opposed to a 50/50 split because the dividend is just one program of many competing priorities.

Legislative enactment of the 50/50 split was from a time when the permanent fund generated interest income. Today we have a very different diversified and sophisticated endowment. fund.

4) I am opposed to a sales tax. The sales tax is regressive, unfair to low-income households and fails to collect from out of state workers and industries.

And, responsible Alaska communities are already collecting sales tax for local government operations. Alaska is meant to be incorporated into municipalities across the state and a sales tax is an important tool for those areas that incorporate. If the state intercepts the sales tax revenue streams from the municipalities, this will further burden the state to prop up local governments while discouraging the growth of our state into municipalities.

Finally, If Alaska wants a dividend, it should be an affordable component. If additional revenues are necessary, a review of the oil tax structure and other industry tax structures should be reviewed along with a review for an Alaska income tax.

Thank you.

From: Jessi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 9:38 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Cc: Jessi <[REDACTED]>
Subject: PFD

To whom it may concern, thank you for giving me the time to call in and testify this evening. I received feedback that my testimony was choppy. I'm sorry for that, it seems to happen a lot to me.

I'm a born and raised Alaskan, I support a full statutory PFD. I know how to better spend that money, that will help my family than you do. You are stealing from my daughters college fund, her vehicle fund, school supplies and clothes, spending money for her senior trip to Costa Rica.

I agree with the woman on education. We pay the most and we are/have the worst! Something needs to change! We need to be able to let the horrible teachers go! NO MORE of the BS you've been here for so long you're invested. THAT'S CRAP! I've heard most of the jobs at the North Star School Borough admin building are grant funded. Where is all money we are giving going? Who is paying these grants? State? Federal?

Maybe we need to try something new like ONE STATE, ONE DISTRICT. And say all that nonsense it can't be done to someone who can make this change! Hawaii is multiple islands and their doing a much better job at education with only one district! Maybe instead of spending so much on administrative costs we could spend the money on the classrooms where it actually helps the students!

My point is we shouldn't have so many students struggling! A full statutory PFD would help parents help their children. I know after this pandemic I'll be paying for a tutor. My daughter went from honor roll to failing, it's quite sad!

I strongly agree that Pick, Click, Give can be set up for those who would like to donate their PFD back to the state. They also have the choice to not apply for it! That would be money in the states pocket. Or maybe even create a Pick, Click, Give for the WWAMI program if it's what people want! My cousin joined the navy they have paid for her continuing education! She's getting million dollar medical education! She'll be 42 when she retires and she'll be back doing what she trained for here in Alaska!

If the PFD is cut I would like to see legislators and state employees salary and per diem cut by the same percentage.

I agree with Melissa from Wasilla. The games at the capital are straight up ridiculous! Our reps are muted, or staff is taken away-ALL BS when we the people hired them to be there!

I also agree that the capital needs to be moved! If the *"I can't control my spending"* budget really mattered this would be on your priority list.

Thank you for your time,

Jessi Walton

Fairbanks, Alaska

From: Tammy Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 10:39 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PFD

Good Evening,

The people have been very clear with their voice of wanting to keep the formula and make it a part of the AK constitution. The last six years have made it clear that we must protect the PFD in the constitution if we want it to be there for future generations.

Please do the right thing and support the people who depend on the PFD. The 50-50 plan is fair and equitable. It's time to pass a sustainable budget plan. Don't give government more money than the people. We the people, who you serve, expect each of you to PASS a PFD formula in the Constitution with no less than 50/50 split for Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Tammy Smith

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Anchorage, AK 99504

From: Laura Buchheit <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 10:43 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>
Subject: public testimony for the Fiscal Policy Working Group

To the Fiscal Policy Working Group,

Thank you for your tremendous investment of time and for your dedication to finding a fiscal way forward for Alaska. We greatly appreciate your commitment to serving Alaska.

I urge you to consider that all policies in Alaska need to keep in the forefront the health and safety of present and future Alaskans - which means policies that protect people and the environment that we depend upon. This means keeping climate change in mind for every decision. We must divest from fossil fuels and invest in energy sources that will protect our communities and resources now and in the future. I see our salmon fisheries declining and communities sliding into the northern sea. Now is the time to shift; let's uphold human health by diminishing reliance on oil and mining extraction that damages the environment beyond repair. I'm committed to Alaska. I don't plan to escape to outer space when we run out of supplies here. Of course we need to utilize natural resources, but responsibly, with respect and restraint, not for the sake of balancing Alaska's budget.

We also desperately need to invest in social services - exceptional education for an informed citizenry, especially investing in pre-K and University, and secure health care for all. We need state support of troopers and social workers to proactively prevent incarceration. In Southcentral and Southeast AK, we need state investment in the Alaska Marine Highway system to support economical transportation of goods and services to our island communities.

I know this seems to be an almost impossible task. Yet, as Nelson Mandela said, "It's always impossible until it is done." We can do this. I recognize that these tasks will take an increased state revenue. One source that will be reliable and constant is to institute a broad income tax. It's time. We can't live in the past. We can't live on oil revenue - it's unreliable and it's a nonrenewable resource. It's going to crash and burn (literally and figuratively). Let's be proactive in changing our economy. Nothing is easy these days, but Alaskans are resourceful and resolved to create a brighter future. Let's be the First Frontier in social and environmental health and justice, not the Last Frontier of depleted resources and unsupported citizenry.

Thank you for your consideration and for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Laura Buchheit

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Gustavus, AK 99826

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Sally Smith

2 August 2021

Fiscal Policy Working Group

Alaska State Legislature

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Thanks for your time to listen to all who presented their thoughts on Alaska's fiscal issues. While 3 minutes is short for the speaker, I know the multiples get long for the listener.

My 3 minutes ended before my final point, but I trust you will consider this view on a **graduated income tax**.

While some would argue their income is theirs alone, others of us appreciate that it's Alaska's opportunities and support structure which make our earnings possible. We don't mind contributing our fair share to keep those services available and to help others succeed. It's playing it forward with a thank you.

Let's face it, if Alaska continues to shrink its investments in public education, public safety, health and infrastructure, other costs will rise, opportunities will shrink, and the "we" that once was Alaska's backbone will fall into an even larger chorus of angry "I's". Talk about a cost we can't afford!

Thank you, and may your difficult decisions bring you comfort in the long term!

Yours in service,

Sally Smith

Alaska State Representative

1977-1983 (Fairbanks)

Please—

No on a Constitutional Amendment to enshrine the PFD

No on a state sales tax

Yes on a graduated income tax

From: Harmony Tomaszewski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:32 AM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: full PFD, full backpay PFD

Hi,

I have written many emails and phoned many legislators. I don't know if I believe you care or listen. I will however write again. There are statutes currently in law that specify exactly how to pay the PFD. Please pay the full PFD as specified in statutes in law. Please pay me the full back pay you and past Gov. Walker stole.

You have stolen from me and my children. You have damaged our local economy. You have not followed the law. I don't want 500., I don't want \$2,000. I want you to follow the law.

If you don't like the law, change it. You are not above the law.

I have worked hard on campaigns including recent campaigns for Robb Myers and Mike Prax. I am recruiting people and getting involved. We are paying attention to what you do and we expect you to represent us, the people of Alaska.

#fullPFD

#FullbackpayPFD

Sincerely,

Harmony Tomaszewski

District 4 99712

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From: Michael Hekkers <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:14 AM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Cc: Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget

Revenue: statewide income tax like other civilized states. Voters shouldn't have to approve every tax in a constitutional amendment. And add oil tax reform

Spending: schools, ferries, and UA have been decimated. No more cuts.

PFD- give the full amount but have it income based like the current federal child tax credits. Do NOT add it to the constitution.

Mike Hekkers

Get your elected officials to tackle the climate emergency and reduce the waste stream!

Sent from my Phone

