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To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); bert.stedman@akleg.gov; [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#)
Cc: [Rep. James Kaufman](#); [Sen. Roger Holland](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Calvin Schrage](#); [Sen. Joshua Revak](#); [John Weddleton](#); [LaFrance, Suzanne](#); [Matthew Harvey](#)
Subject: Suppor for South Potter Marsh project
Date: Saturday, April 2, 2022 8:29:29 PM

Senator Click Bishop, Co-Chair
Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair
and other members of the Senate Finance Committee

Dear Honorable Legislative Members,

Bird Treatment and Learning Center (Bird TLC) is writing in support of the South Potter Marsh pull-out amenities and improvements project.

Bird TLC's mission is to present living science education that instills understanding and appreciation for wild birds and their habitats and to provide primary medical treatment, rehabilitative care, and potential release for sick and injured wild birds.

As part of our mission, we provide presentations at Potter Marsh for the tourism industry and the general public. The habitats and resident birds of the south end of the Marsh vary greatly from those of the north end. The addition of a boardwalk on the south end will allow us to offer extended tours that explore both of these habitats.

A single tour bus may hold up to 35 tourists. The buses often arrive back-to-back so there may be over 60 tourists at one time who would appreciate the convenience of two toilets in the south parking lot.

Additionally, providing a boardwalk at the south end of the Marsh increases the opportunities for Anchorage residents and visitors to observe and learn about wild birds which we believe will inspire them to protect birds and their habitats. These visitors to the Marsh will also benefit from the installation of toilets in the south parking lot.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Regards,

Laura Atwood
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From: [Kelley Wiley](#)
To: [Senate Finance](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Chris Dimond](#)
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 12:32:22 PM

Senator Click Bishop, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee,
State Capitol, Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Bishop, Senator Stedman and Members of the Senate Finance Committee ~

I write as a third year carpenter's apprentice in local 1281, where I live and work. I am a non traditional union member in many ways: I am 40, female and do not have family in the trades or unions. I was fortunate to attend the construction technology program at AVTEC, which introduced me to the idea of a union apprenticeship.

I am writing in support of adding one additional state wage and hour investigator. The house has already adopted this position.

I am asking for support of the STEP program. This program helps to fund our instructor positions at our union training center and pay for materials that allow us to learn how to do job specific tasks. We use real drywall, real plywood, and the metal and wood studs that are actually used on job sites. Our instructors are professional tradesmen with decades of experience in the field. We reuse each of our materials a minimum of four times, carefully disassembling all of our projects and storing the materials for future learning.

Please fund deferred maintenance projects. We currently have a budget surplus and it is wise use of our public money to keep our buildings and infrastructure in good working order.

Finally, I ask for your support of Department of Labor and workforce development. These programs are the reason that I was able to attend my first year of apprenticeship classes here in Anchorage. Through my union, I was matched with a caseworker, who helped me secure funding to pay for my lodging and a small food stipend. I would not have been able to do the program without this support. In 2020, I was able to acquire my first hand tool kit thanks to workforce development funds. These tools allowed me to enter the apprenticeship and to go to work. This was money well spent on investing in me. At the end of my first year of classes, I was allowed to engrave my name on these tools, and they will be mine for the remainder of my carpentry career and life.

Thank you for your support of the trades, of workforce development and of helping individuals gain the training and skills to be valuable members of our society. I am proud to be a carpenter, proud to be union.

~ Kelley Mae Wiley ~
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From: [Kristin Carpenter](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: support for Cordova harbor re-build
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 12:25:04 PM
Attachments: [20220407 PWSEDD Cordova Bishop letter.pdf](#)

Hello Senator Bishop,

I'm writing to submit a letter of support for an appropriation of \$7.5 million to help complete the harbor re-build in Cordova, home to the largest fishing fleet in Prince William Sound.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristin Carpenter

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From: [Cherie Northon](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Bryce Edmon](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. Steve Thomson](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. DeLena Johnson](#); [House Finance](#); [Rep. James Kaufman](#); [Sen. Roper Holland](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Calvin Schrage](#); [Sen. Joshua Revak](#); [Matthew Harvey](#)
Cc: [Birgit Hagedorn](#); [Isaac Watkins](#); [Alyse Roberts \(via Google Docs\)](#); [Bob Shipley](#); [Valerie Tompkins](#); [Adam McCullough](#); [Alexandra West Jefferies](#); [Donovan Camp](#); wwmas@muni.org
Subject: Support for Funding of the South Potter Marsh Visitor Turnout at the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge
Date: Monday, April 4, 2022 3:20:53 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support for Potter Marsh South Parking Lot improvement.pdf](#)

Dear all,

Attached is a letter of support for funding of the South Potter Marsh Visitor Turnout.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cherie Northon

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From: [Chris Dimond](#)
To: [Senate Finance](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Darwin Peterson](#); [Matt Swanson](#)
Subject: Support letter
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 3:37:59 PM
Attachments: [sfin letter.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter of support re: operating and capital budgets

Thank you



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To: [Sen. Click Bishop](mailto:Sen_Click_Bishop); bert.stedman@akleg.gov
Cc: [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](mailto:Sen_Lyman_Hoffman); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](mailto:Sen_Natasha_Von_Imhof); [Sen. Donny Olson](mailto:Sen_Donny_Olson); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](mailto:Sen_Bill_Wielechowski); [Sen. David Wilson](mailto:Sen_David_Wilson); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](mailto:Sen_Natasha_Von_Imhof)
Subject: Support Potter Marsh, Chugach State Park Access
Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 10:31:17 AM

Dear Senators,

We write to support both the South Potter Marsh pull out amenities and improvements

South Potter Marsh pullout amenities and improvements: This \$780,251 request would be added to a project that is already funded (\$1.7 million) and slated for construction this summer (2022) but where increased supply costs and changes in match requirements resulted in this shortfall. Potter Marsh within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge is a popular destination for residents across Anchorage, as well as those from around Alaska, and visitors to our state. The requested funds would ensure essential health facilities (toilets) and safety improvements (pedestrian crossings including for kids accessing their school bus, boardwalk, parking) are not cut from the existing project.

and Chugach State Park Access.

Chugach State Park Access: This has ranked as one of the RCCC and other Community Councils highest priority capital funding proposals for several years. We've all seen, and been frustrated by, overflowing parking lots at the existing limited access points for Chugach State Park's world-class trails and accessible observation points, areas used by everyone in the Anchorage area, resident and visitor alike. The current FY23 CAPSIS request is for \$400,000; we respectfully request that the entire \$2.6 million project be funded in FY23. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources has a conceptual design for a mid-sized parking lot (50-75 vehicles, priced at \$2.4 million in 2021), location to be determined, along with small improvements at several existing trailheads. These improvements are critical to maintaining and expanding access to state parks.

This needed infrastructure supports growth of our tourism industry and recreational use by year around residents.

Thank you for your attention to these projects.

Mike and Val Kenny mvk@bearvalleyak.net

cc: House Finance Committee
John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly
Suzanne LaFrance, Anchorage Assembly
Representative James Kaufman
Senator Roger Holland
Senator Josh Revak
Representative Laddie Shaw
Representative Calvin Schrage

From: [mike_kenny](#)
To: [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#)
Subject: Support Potter Marsh.Chugach State Park Access
Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 10:45:08 AM

Dear Senators,

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Representative Calvin Schrage

From: [Jon Zasada](#)
To: [Cody Grussendorf](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Alaska Community Health Centers capital request resubmission
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 4:19:11 PM
Attachments: [letter ARP Alaska CHC discretionary funds request 0222.pdf](#)

Senate Finance Co-Chairs Bishop and Stedman:

We appreciate your work on the budget process, and your efforts to support community health in your region and across Alaska.

We respectfully resubmit this request on behalf of Alaska's Federally Qualified Health Centers for support through the FY23 Capital Budget process.

As this proposal outlines, we stand ready to connect and support Alaskans with whole person care at the local level, while also supporting community level public health initiatives and programs.

Thank you for your consideration, and your leadership.

Jon Zasada, Policy Integration Director
Alaska Primary Care Association

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From: [Eric Troyer](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Robert Myers](#)
Cc: [Marivam Medovava](#); [Chris Beck](#); [Steve Cleary](#)
Subject: Alaska Long Trail project funding
Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022 8:02:26 AM
Attachments: [ALT.advocacy.NSCE.Sen.pdf](#)

Please see the attached letter from the Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks supporting the inclusion of Alaska Long Trail projects in the Alaska state capital budget.

Thank you.

From: [Rachel Blakeslee](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Marivam Medovava](#); [Chris Beck](#)
Subject: Alaska Long Trail Project Support
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:02:10 AM
Attachments: [Letter of Support Long Trail Bishop.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Senator Bishop,

I hope this finds you well. I'm writing on behalf of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed set of projects for the Seward-to-Fairbanks Alaska Long Trail, submitted into CAPSIS for inclusion in the FY2023 state capital budget. Please find our full letter of support attached.

Thank you for your consideration of these invaluable projects.

Sincerely,
Rachel Blakeslee

From: [Marcelo Leone](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Alaska Long Trail Projects for FY2023
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:15:43 PM

Dear Senator Bishop,

I am writing to ask you to support the set of projects for the Seward-to-Fairbanks Alaska Long Trail, submitted into CAPSIS for inclusion in the FY2023 state capital budget. These investments will create much needed construction jobs in the near term and provide lasting benefits for Alaska's economy, communities, health, and our unique outdoor recreation lifestyles.

This state needs a world-class trail system connecting spectacular Alaskan landscapes and communities, attracting Alaska residents and people from all over the world! If just half of a typical year's out-of-state travelers had reasons to spend an additional day in Alaska, the result would be an increase of \$137M in annual spending in our state. Such an increase would generate revenues for local governments to support schools, roads, and public safety, which can lead to more and better jobs for Alaskans. It will also give many reasons for businesses, residents, and retirees to stay in or relocate to Alaska.

Thanks for all your hard work for our district, and Alaska. Please write if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Marcelo Leone
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From: [Robert Beaumont](#)
To: [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#)
Subject: Alaska Long Trail Support
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:06:05 PM

Senators Wielechowski, Bishop, Micciche and Representative Merrick,

I'm writing to you to voice my support for the Alaska Long Trail and its associated projects.

I think Alaska is simply too beautiful and grand to not have its own long-distance trail, the breathtaking views and scenery found along the proposed route are unparalleled in the lower 48 and deserve a major trail system to link them all together. These types of trails are becoming increasingly popular and it would bring in additional tourism as well as benefit those who already live in the state. Having hiked the east coast's Appalachian Trail myself I would be extremely happy to have an Alaskan version and I would certainly return to Alaska to hike it at some point if I leave the state after my tour in the military

Please consider supporting the projects linked here and those who would begin construction on the trail

<https://www.alaska-trails.org/funding-for-the-alaska-long-trail>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

V/R,

Robert A. Beaumont
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From: [Francis Adams](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Alaska Long Trail
Date: Friday, March 4, 2022 8:48:09 AM

Senator Bishop:

I urge you to support the implementation of the Alaska Long Trail. Establishment of the Trail will add considerable income to many businesses in the state.

Thank you for your attention.

From: [Becky Judd](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Rep. James Kaufman](#); James.Kaufman@akleg.gov; [Sen. Roger Holland](#)
Subject: Anchorage CAPSIS Request
Date: Friday, March 25, 2022 8:50:00 PM
Attachments: [Anchorage CAPSIS request.docx](#)

Honorable Senator Bishop,
Please see attached the letter urging your support for three Anchorage area Capital Projects, submitted through CAPSIS.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebecca A Judd
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Anchorage 99516

From: [Chris Reitan](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#)
Cc: [Jim Merriner](#); [Dan Polta](#); [Richard Catahay](#)
Subject: AS 14.11.013 Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) Major Maintenance Grant Funds
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 10:49:37 AM
Attachments: [GCSD DBSD KCSD CCSD Major Maintenance Letter - House -3-17-22.pdf](#)
[FY23MaintenanceReconsiderationList.pdf](#)

Dear Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

We are writing to you in response to Governor Dunleavy's FY 23 budget proposal that was released on December 15, 2021.

Galena City School District (GCSD), Denali Borough School District (DBSD), Kake City School District (KCSD) and Craig City School District (CCSD) would like to draw your attention to a concern we have with the Governor's FY 23 budget proposal.

Currently, there are no dollars targeted within Governor Dunleavy's FY 23 budget proposal for DEED's Major Maintenance Grant Fund.

Since FY 18 there has only been one fiscal year where monies were allocated for Alaska's K-12 school district's major maintenance needs. In FY 19 the legislature approved and the Governor signed off on a \$24,203,372 allocation to the Department of Education and Early Development's Major Maintenance Grant Fund to address critical major maintenance infrastructure needs for our state's school systems. Since then (FY 20, FY 21, and FY 22) no monies for K-12 major maintenance needs were allocated and the Governor's proposed FY 23 budget calls for the same lack of attention.

GCSD, DBSD, KCSD, and CCSD respectfully request the 32nd Legislature provide funding within DEED's Major Maintenance Grant Fund to address some of the top-ranked Major Maintenance projects. Ultimately, each dollar spent now addressing our K-12 major maintenance needs saves monies in the future due to the inflationary drivers associated with major maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Tom Chard](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Cody Grussendorf](#); [Erin Shine](#); [Mike Pawlowski](#)
Subject: Behavioral Health Needs Investment for Future Cost Savings
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 4:28:25 PM
Attachments: [Behavioral Health Needs Investment for Future Cost Savings_031822.pdf](#)
[Include Behavioral Health in Coronavirus Capital Projects Funding Plan_031822.pdf](#)

Senator Bishop -

Thank you for your ongoing service to the state of Alaska. The Alaska Behavioral Health Association (ABHA) respectfully requests consideration of an \$11 million investment into our state's mental health and drug and alcohol treatment system in order to help the State's 1115 Medicaid Waiver succeed and to capture future savings across the State budget. I have attached a letter providing additional detail for our request.

We believe this request fits within the guidance issued by Treasury on how to use Section 604 Coronavirus Capital Project Funds and is inline with priorities we know the Department of Health and Social Services is working on. We are attaching a separate letter detailing how this \$11 million request complies with that guidance and how it would advance DHSS' interests.

We are not wed to the fund source and respectfully request that you and your team take any opportunity available to invest the capital infrastructure funding necessary for the benefit of behavioral health and future cost savings.

I am happy to provide any additional information or support that would help.

Thank You - Tom Chard

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Alaska's Behavioral Health Association (ABHA) has over 70 members including profit and non-profit, tribal and non-tribal, mental health and substance abuse treatment providers serving kids and adults across Alaska. We are continually working to improve access to quality, cost-effective treatment services. Learn more about ABHA at www.alaskabha.org.

From: [Geoffrey Orth](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishou](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Robert Evans](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Mike Prax](#); [Rep. Steve Thomson](#); [Rep. Adam Wood](#)
Subject: Capital Budget FY2023, Alaska Long Trail
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022 12:49:04 PM
Attachments: [Orth ALT Support Ltr 20220312.pdf](#)

Please see attached.
Thanks for your service!

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From: [Interior Alaska Trails And Parks Foundation](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Robert Myers](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Mike Prax](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#)
Subject: Capital Budget FY2023, Alaska Long Trail
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022 4:11:19 PM
Attachments: [IATPF ALT SupportLtr 2022 .pdf](#)

Senator/Representative,

The Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation supports the **Alaska Long Trail** and we encourage you to support it in the **Capital Budget FY2023**.

Enclosed you will find our formal letter of support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Helyn Lefgren, Pres
Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation

From: [Dianne Holmes](#)
To: [Dianne](#)
Cc: [Rep. James Kaufman](#); [Sen. Roger Holland](#); [Sen. Joshua Revak](#); [Rep. Calvin Schrage](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#)
Subject: Capsis projects for Anchorage--Public Health, Recreation and Tourism
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:18:55 AM

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, I know you look closely at projects that have a positive impact to public health, recreation and tourism.

The following projects have the support of SE Anchorage residents as well as our Rep Kaufman and Senator Holland, and other legislators:

1. Potter Marsh & Coastal Wildlife Refuge--south end pullout improvements. The project is shovel ready and has most funding in place (a major funder pulled out due to Covid economic impacts). It is supported by DNR, ADF&G, and DOT.

The southern part of the marsh is used by residents in the winter for recreational activities and of course the summer brings people from everywhere to view the waterfowl and wildlife. The project lacks only funding for toilets and a boardwalk; it would be a discredit to the whole project if it is constructed without the full-design funded.

2. Chugach State Park Access--the park draws residents and tourists alike and extends all the way from near Palmer to beyond Girdwood. It is being loved to-death with over-crowded, undersized parking areas that have resulted in conflicts between hikers and adjacent properties.

The Anchorage [Hillside District Plan](#) (an other adopted land use plans) call for greater access to the park with smaller, more frequent, developed access. This project is sponsored by five legislators--Revak, Holland, Schrage, Shaw, and Kaufman. It has Alaska state agency support, also.

Park access, and the Potter Marsh improvements, can be categorized as necessary necessary components of our mental and physical health--especially during the pandemic when being outside is the easiest way to relieve stress and safely exercise . When the [Alaska Long Trail](#) is developed, more park access will surely compliment that larger effort.

Dianne Holmes

From: [Nancy Pease](#)
To: [Sen. Roger Holland](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Joshua Revak](#); [Sen. Tom Begich](#)
Cc: [Rep. James Kaufman](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Zack Fields](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)
Subject: CAPSIS projects: Chugach State Park Access Improvements and South Potter Marsh Pull-out
Date: Monday, March 21, 2022 1:23:01 PM

Honorable Senators and Representatives:

I am writing to ask for your energetic support for two particular CAPSIS projects.

These two projects will give BIG paybacks in economic development, public health, and accessible recreation for thousands of Alaskans. I'm sure you support these outcomes for state spending.

1. Chugach State Park Access Improvements

"Backyard wilderness" near Anchorage is a prime attraction for tourists, businesses, and residents. The current access points for Chugach State Park are grossly overcrowded and underdeveloped. \$2.6 million is needed for a mid-size parking lot and upgrades at several other parking areas. The current CAPSIS request is \$400,000. Please increase the amount and give this access project your energetic support. Hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors to Chugach State Park will be thankful to you.

2. South Potter Marsh pullout improvements (Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge). Potter Marsh is a scenic landmark for any trip on the Seward Highway. Let's make it one of the Seward Highway's best stops. The southern end of Potter Marsh offers trumpeter swans and Arctic terns and a dozen moose at a time during spring thaw. The new parking pull-out that DOTPF has funded for 2022 lacks critical amenities. Please fund the following: two toilets, which are definitely needed for a 50 car & 2 bus parking lot; and the proposed boardwalk, which is a necessary part of an active visit to a marsh. Finally, school buses stop at the South Potter pull-out six times a day, and a pathway and crosswalk are critical to protect our kids from the surge of vehicle traffic.

South Potter Marsh pull-out, and Chugach State Park access: these projects are wise investments in economic development, public health, and recreation for hundreds of thousands of visitors and Alaskans.

Please fund these two CAPSIS projects in the FY2023 Capital Budget.

Nancy Pease
19300 Villages Scenic Parkway
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1.

From: Nancy Pease
To: Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Roger Holland; Rep. James Kaufman
Subject: Capital Budget: fund Chugach State Park Access
Date: Friday, April 08, 2022 9:44:21 AM

Senators,
Where can you deliver big benefits from modest investments?

1. Fund Chugach State Park Access! This is our most-heavily visited state park, by far. Parking lots are notoriously overloaded and trailheads are suffering from erosion and brush encroachment. Note that the needed amount is \$2.6 million to fund a mid-sized parking lot and other access improvements. The current amount of \$400,000 will fund minor fixes: but that's been the lame approach for many years. Fund a full-scale parking lot. A parking lot-- you can do that!

Chugach State Park is an economic engine: it attracts an active workforce to Anchorage, is a big tourism attraction, and helps to fuel the local recreation economy. Chugach State Park hosts hundreds of thousands of local recreationists, contributing to mental and physical health.

2. South Potter Marsh pullout amenities and improvements. DOTPF is building a parking pull-out in 2022 but not a complete facility. We do not want a safety and health hazard at the edge of Potter Marsh. We do not want human waste piles and endangerment to school kids. Please approve \$780,000 to ensure to provide at least two toilets, pedestrian crossings including for kids to access their school buses, and a boardwalk. Potter Marsh is part of the Coastal Wildlife Refuge, a regional asset.

Thank you for investing in Chugach State Park and Potter Marsh.

Nancy Pease
Anchorage, Alaska

Chugach State Park Access: \$400 K being requested; we recommend this instead be \$2.6 million in order to fully fund a midsized (50-75 vehicles) parking lot, location to be determined, along with small improvements at several existing trailheads in Chugach State Park.

From: [Fairbanks Cycle Club Admin Account](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Robert Myers](#)
Cc: [Marivam Medovaya](#); [Chris Beck](#); [Steve Cleary](#)
Subject: In support of the Alaska Long Trail
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022 12:21:47 PM
Attachments: [ALT advocacy FCC Sen.pdf](#)

Please see the attached letter from the Fairbanks Cycle Club which supports the Alaska Long Trail and projects for it included in the Alaska state budget.

Thank you.

From: [Eric Trover](#)
To: [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Robert Myers](#)
Cc: [Stan Justice](#); [Marivam Medovava](#); [Chris Beck](#); [Steve Cleary](#)
Subject: ITPC support for Alaska Long Trail projects
Date: Friday, March 11, 2022 8:04:24 AM
Attachments: [ALT projects advocacy ITPC Sen.pdf](#)

Please see the attached letter from the Interior Trails Preservation Coalition in support of Alaska Long Trail projects in the state budget.

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"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt (or snow)."

From: [Anne Hanley](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Letter of support for AK Long Trails Projects
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:09:20 PM
Attachments: [AK Trails letter.docx](#)

Dear Senator Bishop,

Please consider the letter of support I'm attaching for initial funding for 15 projects related to the Alaska Long Trails.

Thank you,
Anne

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From: [Mackenzie Barnwell](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for the Alaska Long Trail
Date: Friday, March 4, 2022 10:07:12 AM
Attachments: [Letter of Support for Long TRAIL.docx](#)

Hello,

Please see my attached letter of support for the Alaska Long Trail. The Alaska Long Trail is a unique project that will not only positively impact Alaska's economic future, but also its community vibrancy.

Alaska Huts Association fully endorses the Alaska Long Trail and the affiliated outdoor recreation infrastructure projects along its path.

Thank you,

-Mackenzie
Mackenzie Barnwell
Executive Director



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From: [Kaarin Willy-Lou](#)
Subject: Letter of support for the Long Trail
Date: Monday, March 7, 2022 8:34:06 AM

Dear Senator/Representative,

I am writing to ask you to support a [set of projects](#) for the planned Seward-to-Fairbanks Alaska Long Trail, submitted into CAPSIS for inclusion in the FY2023 state capital budget. These investments will create much needed construction jobs in the near term and provide lasting benefits for Alaska's economy, communities, health, and our unique outdoor recreation lifestyles.

See more details on the 15 Alaska Long Trail projects submitted for FY2023 capital budget: www.alaska-trails.org/funding-for-the-alaska-long-trail

Overview of the Alaska Long Trail: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/the-alaska-long-trail>

2021 article about the Long Trail by Alaska Business Magazine - digital.akbizmag.com/issue/march-2021/attractions-gaining-traction/

Some Positives:

- Recommendations have come from a broad group of partners working together.
- Goal is a world-class multi-braid trail system connecting spectacular Alaskan landscapes and communities from
- Seward to Fairbanks, attracting Alaska residents and people from all over the world.
- The trail system will incorporate a variety of year-round uses (motorized and nonmotorized) along different
braids.
- Many sections of the proposed trail already exist or are currently planned, and the route is almost entirely on
public lands, enormously reducing the complexity and cost.

Even more positives:

- **Economic Benefits** – outdoor recreation is essential infrastructure, supporting local jobs, business opportunities, and an overall stronger, more durable AK economy. If just half of a typical year's out-of-state travelers had reasons to spend one more day in Alaska, the result would be an additional \$137M in annual spending in our state.
- **Health Benefits** – this trail will provide more opportunities for a larger portion of Alaskans to be active, healthy, happy outside
- **Most Projects are "Shovel-Ready"** – funding will get Alaskans back to work in the near term.

- **Broad Bipartisan Support** – trail projects were identified and are supported by tourism businesses and tourism

marketing organizations, local governments, state and federal agencies, trail organizations, and individual trail

users. Projects span five legislative districts and benefit both Alaskans and visitors.

- **Use and Users** - the trail aims to support diverse trail users. Uses on specific trail segments will be determined

by the realities of terrain and the management policies of individual landowners and agencies. The ultimate goal is a braided network of routes accommodating a variety of uses, including some braids open to motorized use, and others for non-motorized hiking, biking and skiing.

Specific Benefits that would come from the Long Trail would include:

- More reasons for businesses, residents, retirees to stay in or relocate to Alaska
- Residents, like myself, using the long trail as a "stay-cation" instead of going to other states or countries to hike their long trails.
- Increased visitor spending that generates revenues for local governments to support schools, roads, public safety, and leads to more and better jobs for Alaskans
- A response to the dramatic increases in demand for outdoor recreation, providing more chances for Alaska residents to be active, healthy and happy outside

I ask that you support the inclusion of Alaska Long Trail projects in the FY2023 capital budget. Thanks for all your continuing hard work for our district and Alaska.

Please write if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kaarin Tack

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Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

From: [Kelley Wiley](#)
To: [Senate Finance](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Chris Dimond](#)
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 12:32:22 PM

Senator Click Bishop, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee,
State Capitol, Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Bishop, Senator Stedman and Members of the Senate Finance Committee ~

I write as a third year carpenter's apprentice in local 1281, where I live and work. I am a non traditional union member in many ways: I am 40, female and do not have family in the trades or unions. I was fortunate to attend the construction technology program at AVTEC, which introduced me to the idea of a union apprenticeship.

I am writing in support of adding one additional state wage and hour investigator. The house has already adopted this position.

I am asking for support of the STEP program. This program helps to fund our instructor positions at our union training center and pay for materials that allow us to learn how to do job specific tasks. We use real drywall, real plywood, and the metal and wood studs that are actually used on job sites. Our instructors are professional tradesmen with decades of experience in the field. We reuse each of our materials a minimum of four times, carefully disassembling all of our projects and storing the materials for future learning.

Please fund deferred maintenance projects. We currently have a budget surplus and it is wise use of our public money to keep our buildings and infrastructure in good working order.

Finally, I ask for your support of Department of Labor and workforce development. These programs are the reason that I was able to attend my first year of apprenticeship classes here in Anchorage. Through my union, I was matched with a caseworker, who helped me secure funding to pay for my lodging and a small food stipend. I would not have been able to do the program without this support. In 2020, I was able to acquire my first hand tool kit thanks to workforce development funds. These tools allowed me to enter the apprenticeship and to go to work. This was money well spent on investing in me. At the end of my first year of classes, I was allowed to engrave my name on these tools, and they will be mine for the remainder of my carpentry career and life.

Thank you for your support of the trades, of workforce development and of helping individuals gain the training and skills to be valuable members of our society. I am proud to be a carpenter, proud to be union.

~ Kelley Mae Wiley ~
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From: [Stoneking, Marge](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#)
Cc: [Cody Grussendorf](#); [Tally Teal](#)
Subject: Pioneer Homes Deferred Maintenance capital funding request
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022 2:20:31 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[AARP Requests Pioneer Homes Deferred Maintenance Backlog Funding.pdf](#)

AARP submits the attached letter of request for full FY23 capital funding of deferred maintenance backlog for our state Pioneer Homes. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Marge

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From: [Eric Troyer](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Robert Myers](#)
Cc: [Chris Beck](#); [Marivam Medovaya](#)
Subject: Please support Alaska Long Trail projects
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:09:28 AM
Attachments: [ALT project advocacy - ITN Sen.pdf](#)

Please see the attached letter in support of the Alaska Long Trail projects included in the state budget.

Thank you,
Eric Troyer
Interior Trails Newsletter

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"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt (or snow)."

From: sandcastle@acsalaska.net
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: sandcastle@acsalaska.net
Subject: Request for Alaska Cultural Trust
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 3:08:28 PM

Copy of previous letter sent on
January 31, 2022

Senator Click Bishop
Alaska State Legislature

RE: Alaska Cultural Trust

Dear Senator Bishop,

It was with utmost celebration that I learned from Ben Brown, Chair of the Alaska State Council on the Arts, that ASCA and Alaska Humanities Forum, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska Arts & Culture Foundation and Alaska Community Foundation are jointly proposing a funding request of \$10,000,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to develop a Cultural Trust for the State of Alaska.

The proposal that is being prepared to submit to you refers to years of research, deliberation and planning by every sector of the Alaskan art community. I can attest to my own participation in this effort, as for the several years that I served on the statewide committee that worked to establish a plan that would support the strength of arts and cultural resources in a definite path of benefit and economic success for all – individual artists, educators, arts organizations, museums, etc.

The diligence that has been demonstrated in this work is noted and strongly supported by private philanthropic foundations both in and out of Alaska. I, too, am fully supportive and eager to lend my voice in support of the ultimate success that will be made possible by receiving this financial award.

I find no question on the value of making this decision and it is fortunate to have this opportunity to advance the work of these respected organizations, which are collectively seeking the necessary funds in order to establish a solid foundation for the artistic pursuit of future generations.

This decision is both wise and necessary, and all of Alaska will be the beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

June Rogers

From: [Clay Walker](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Support for Long Trail Funding
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022 4:32:28 PM
Attachments: [LONG TRAIL PROJECTS CAPSIS FY2023.pdf](#)
[RES 22.15 Alaska Long Trail SIGNED.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon Senator,

I am sure you have a lot of requests as you craft the Capital Budget and I recognize the later hour in the process. But please do consider supporting funding for the Alaska Long Trail proposed by Alaska Trails detailed in the attached PDF. Alaska Trails has worked directly with the local governments and other partners to put this package together. There are a number of good segment projects in the FNSB, one in Nenana, and the proposed project in the Denali Borough is a widely supported and well planned need. It's Project #4, a separated bike path just south of the Park Entrance from the Crabbie Crossing Bridge down to Carlo Creek. The project estimate of \$3.7 M comes directly from DOT, who partnered on the planning work. It's the most expensive project in the whole bundle, but has great benefits to both locals and the visitor industry.

Also please see attached a Borough Assembly Resolution supporting the planning and construction of The Alaska Long Trail.

Should you have time or questions, I'd be happy to meet with you via teleconference. Also, Alaska Trails representatives would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thanks for your consideration,
Clay

Clay Walker

Denali Borough Mayor
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Mobile: 907.888.4631

From: [Barbara](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Bryce Edgmon](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. DeLena Johnson](#)
Cc: [Senate Finance](#); [House Finance](#); [Rep. James Kaufman](#); [Sen. Roger Holland](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Calvin Schrage](#); [Sen. Joshua Revak](#); [Matthew Harvey](#); [Austin Quinn-Davidson](#); [Kameron Perez-Verdia](#); [John Weddleton](#); [Suzanne LaFrance](#)
Subject: Support for South Potter Marsh Visitor Turnout - Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge
Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 6:17:15 PM
Attachments: [2022.3.29FARsupportSPM.pdf](#)
[S Potter Marsh Visitor Turnout-Anch Coastal Wildl Ref.pdf](#)
[2022_08_RCCC CAPSIS recs to Finance Comms.pdf](#)
Importance: High

The Honorable Senators, Click Bishop and Bert Stedman, Co-Chairs, The Honorable Senators, Lyman Hoffman, Natasha von Imhof, David Wilson, Donald Olson, and Bill Wielechowski

The Honorable Representative Neal Foster, Chair, and The Honorable Representatives Louise Stutes, Bryce Edgmon, Chris Tuck, Kelly Merrick, Cathy Tilton, Laddie Shaw, and Steve Thompson

Re: Support for South Potter Marsh Visitor Turnout – Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

2022.3.29

Dear Co-Chair Senators Click Bishop and Bert Stedman, and Senate Finance Committee Members; and Co-Chairs Representatives Neal Foster and Kelly Merrick and House Finance Committee Members:

I write with support for the **South Potter Marsh Visitor Turnout – Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, Remodel, Reconstruction, and Upgrades, Sponsored by Senator Holland and Representative Kaufman, for FY2023 State Funding Request: \$780,251**, on behalf of Friends of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge (FAR), a 501 c-3 nonprofit in good standing with the State of Alaska. The Potter Marsh upgrades for which a conceptual plan has existed since 2014, could be accomplished readily and could help get more people back to work. Through the attachments (Including this text on FAR's letterhead) you will see that the project has been through a public review process at the local level and is a community priority.

Through mindful planning for this popular resident and visitor destination, this project will promote public health, public safety, wildlife and habitat education, and encourage appropriate use of the resource, while discouraging nuisance uses at the south end parking lot and marsh area. We wrote with support of the initial similar plan on 2021.3.9. This private public partnership project scheduled to start fall of 2021 was delayed due to a shortfall of funding and COVID-related fallout such as cost increases and supply chain issues. With this funding it can be rescheduled to begin spring/summer. ConocoPhillips donated an enormous amount originally for this project already having contributed about \$2.5 million for the Master

Interpretive Plan completed summer of 2007, guiding the latest boardwalk extension completed in 2008. Providing money to address the identified upgrades will help make the highest use of the funding already acquired and enhance what currently exists by making it more functional, expanding wildlife viewing and targeted recreation wisely, with an eye to aesthetic values. Potter Marsh has become wildly popular for nature and wildlife viewing with state, national, and international visitors. Located at mile 117 of the Seward Highway, a nationally designated, All-American Road, Potter Marsh is a stunningly scenic, highly accessible, natural, recreational, cultural, and historic resource attracts tens of thousands annually. The world class facility provides needed restrooms along the highway and is a beloved community asset and the current upgrade plan has neighborhood and community support. This will help Potter Marsh continue to fuel our economy, the love visitors have for our great state, and continue to make Alaska the place we love to live, raise our families, and retire.

Thank you to Senator Roger Holland and Representative James Kaufman for working with the Rabbit Creek Community Council to sponsor this timely funding request. Completing this now, is the opportunity all the earlier planning anticipated, and we should absolutely take advantage to get it done for residents and visitors, and for the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. Potter Marsh is an asset of which Alaskans are proud thanks to the brilliance, forethought, and meticulous work that has already gone into making it a perpetual destination. Without the needed funds, all that can be done now is the parking lot upgrade, with no boardwalk or viewing platforms, so, no destination.

Background: This seemingly natural area was created artificially with the impounding of wetlands by the railroad in 1916-17 when they built an embankment across Turnagain Arm. Through other changes it gradually evolved and by 1960 Potter Marsh had become popular for wildlife viewing. After more water impoundment with Seward Highway construction, in 1971 Potter Marsh became part of Potter Point State Game Refuge. In 1983 a planning task force was established to develop a comprehensive management plan for Potter Marsh. The Alaska Legislature expanded and renamed the game refuge in 1988 when it became part of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge (ACWR.) In 2006 the planning team for the Potter Marsh Master Interpretive Plan involved Alaska State Parks, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG); partners and consultants included the Anchorage School District, Audubon Alaska, Bird Treatment and Learning Center (Bird TLC), ConocoPhillips, FAR, Great Land Trust, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The plan recommended periodic updates to consider changing market and site characteristics. This work would help meet those objectives.

Around 2014 ADFG with collaboration from the USFWS, Alaska Audubon, Bird TLC, and FAR visited key locations around Potter Marsh and discussed how this magnificent place could be maintained in the future and gave input throughout development of a concept plan for upgrades that could be made when the opportunity arose through the eventual expansion work of the Seward Highway. While that has not materialized as soon as we had hoped this funding will be greatly helpful.

Let's do this and help get people back to work by providing the remaining funding for this uplifting project just waiting in the wings. It would be such a boost for citizens now. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Barbara Švarný Carlson

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President and Executive Director

Friends of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge (FAR)

Attachments:

2022.3.29.FARsupportSPM.pdf

2022_8 RCCC CAPSI recs to Finance Comms.pdf

S Potter Marsh Visitor Turnout – Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

cc: Senator Mia Costello

Austin Quinn Davidson, Anchorage Assembly

Kameron Perez Verdia, Anchorage Assembly

John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly

Suzanne LaFrance, Anchorage Assembly

Senator Roger Holland

Senator Josh Revak

Representative Laddie Shaw

Representative Calvin Schrage

From: [Nancy Pease](#)
To: [Sen. Roger Holland](#); [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Rep. James Kaufman](#); marivam.medovav@alaska-trails.org
Subject: Support for the Alaska Long Trail in the FY2023 capital budget
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:46:45 PM

Dear Senator Holland and Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing to ask you to support a particular CAPSIS project: the Alaska Long Trail. This CAPSIS project is actually a multi-location project to build segments of the Alaska Long Trail from Seward to Fairbanks. The Alaska Long Trail will be a potential major tourism magnet in the years to come. In the near term, the Alaska Long Trail projects proposed for FY 2023 will deliver construction jobs and nearby recreation opportunities. In the decades to come, it will deliver lasting benefits for Alaska's economy, communities, health, and our unique outdoor recreation lifestyles.

As a business-oriented leader, you will appreciate that outdoor recreation is essential infrastructure, supporting local jobs, business opportunities, and an overall stronger, more durable AK economy.

Several of the Long Trail components will invest in trails near Anchorage. The Long Trail funding in the current CAPSIS will build a missing link of the Turnagain Arm Trail near Indian on the Seward Highway. This link will enable visitors to hike along Turnagain Arm from Anchorage to Girdwood, a scenic experience that could encourage visitors to stay an extra couple of days in Anchorage. The CAPSIS funding will also develop segments of the Long Trail in Ship Creek Valley and along Anchorage city routes, **enticing Alaskans to be active in the outdoors, for better physical and mental health. Access to trails from our Anchorage neighborhoods is a key competitive factor for attracting businesses to locate here and skilled workers to stay here.**

Please support the inclusion of Alaska Long Trail projects in the FY2023 capital budget. Thanks for your continuing work for our district and Alaska.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pease

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Anchorage, AK 99516

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From: [Joan Galt](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Support of funding proposals for capital projects in my area
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:22:41 PM

I live in the Paradise Valley area (Rabbit Creek Community Council). I have been long concerned about exit routes in case of wildfire in my area. Please support proposed funding for project to improve neighborhood safety in relation to increase in fire danger in my area. I am also in support of the capital project funding for improved access to Chugach Park with public parking and associated services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joan Galt, 5838 Romania Dr., Anchorage, AK 99516

From: [JOHN RILEY](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Cc: [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Rep. James Kaufman](#); [Sen. Roger Holland](#)
Subject: Support Request for Anchorage CAPSIS projects
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 7:11:45 AM

The Honorable Click Bishop
Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee

Dear Senator Bishop

I'm writing to urge your support for three critical Anchorage area Capital Projects affecting my neighborhood, submitted through CAPSIS.

- **Hillside Disaster Evacuation Routes** – Essential emergency mitigation with our increasing frequency of fires.

Sponsored by Sen. Revak, Sen. Holland, Rep. Schrage, Rep. Shaw, and Rep Kaufman

- **Chugach State Park Access Improvements** - Current access points are overcrowded and underdeveloped. This project has citywide recreation, tourism and public health benefits and has State Park Agency support.

Sponsored by Sen. Revak, Sen. Holland, Rep. Schrage, Rep. Shaw, and Rep Kaufman

- **South Potter Marsh pullout improvements**- Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge – Don't let the new parking

pullout be built without toilets or a boardwalk. This pullout will be a high-quality recreation attraction for all

Anchorage residents and tourists. This site has support from DNR, DF&G and DOTP. Sponsored by Sen. Holland, and Rep. Kaufman

These projects will benefit the economy and well-being of all Anchorage residents. They are high priorities for my neighborhood. Thanks for considering my request to support these Capital Projects.

John Riley
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Anchorage, AK 99516

From: [Thor Stacey](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#)
Cc: [Senate Finance](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#)
Subject: Support- UI Trust Fund Allocation
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:30:43 PM
Attachments: [Senate- Support Allocation UI Trust Fund- NFIB.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon:

Attached is a request made by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) for an allocation of COVID relief funds to the unemployment insurance trust fund. The same request is being forwarded to the house finance committee and folks within the administration.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you or your staff have any questions. I will follow this letter up by checking in with your offices.

Best,

Thor Stacey

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