

Doniece Gott

From: carey fristoe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2023 7:34 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support SB 114

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

It is time that we tax oil companies operating in our State at a fair level for Alaskans. We desperately need the revenue to balance our budget, fund our schools and fund our services.

An oil company shouldn't be able to avoid taxes because of a loophole in corporate structure.

Carey Fristoe
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska

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Carey

Doniece Gott

From: halgage <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2023 12:10 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: In Support of SB 114

S-Corp state corporate income tax "loop hole," disguises a corp operating in Alaska and allows them to avoid reasonable and consequential taxes that could be supporting Alaskan communities. I support SB 114 and encourage all on the Senate Finance Committee to bring this bill to a vote on the senate floor.

Hal Gage
Anchorage, AK
99508

Doniece Gott

From: Brian Hakkinen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 9:41 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB-114

Dear Senators

Let's all support SB-114 so that Alaskans get our fair share from our resources that are being permanently removed from Alaska and sold at profits by out of state corporations. The North Slope oil producers are coming off a record year for profits. There is no reason that their taxes should not be adjusted to a fair level. For the past 5 years Hilcorp has paid each of their employees \$100,000 in bonuses and each employee received a brand new Dodge RAM pickup. Hildebrand's net worth rose to a whopping \$10 billion in one year. This is not a company that is struggling. These oil producers use our airports, highways, are protected by our Dept. of Public Safety, protected by our Dept of Labor, monitored by Alaska Oil And Gas and many more agencies. Eighty percent of their workforce are non residents that provide 0% to the State of Alaska. And the main thing is that these oil producers are profiting from oil that belongs to the State of Alaska. There is not a state or country in the world that gives its resources away. The State of Alaska is not getting its fair share of taxes from the North Slope producers. In my mind this is very similar to what the federal government dealt with back in 1921 with the Teapot Dome Scandal. Oil leases and deals made in backroom deals. In Alaska, oil taxes were negotiated artificially low and corporate taxes were waived. I don't know if someone at the state level or some legislator was responsible for shorting Alaska billions of dollars in revenue to the benefit of the oil producers but it appears to the average citizen like criminal activity. I doubt that anyone in the legislature could get to the bottom of this chicanery. But at this point the best we can do is support SB-114 and guarantee that the State of Alaska starts to get its fair share from Conocophillips, Hilcorp, and EXXON Mobile.

Brian Hakkinen
Kasilof

Doniece Gott

From: David Ulmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 6:46 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114

I am in favor of SB 114 being passed. I know I am a little late in getting my opinion in but it is time for Alaska to receive a fair share of Alaskan oil.

David Ulmer
Anchorage AK
[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Janet McCabe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 6:00 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Zack Fields
Subject: In support of SB 114

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Please support SB 114 requiring the state corporate income tax to apply to all major producers regardless of the corporate form they choose to use while operating in Alaska. Hilcorp currently avoids all state corporate income taxes on operation by operating as an S-Corporation.

SB 114 is a step towards fair share.

Respectfully,
Janet McCabe

Doniece Gott

From: Robin Beebee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 4:58 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Alyse Galvin
Subject: SB 114

Dear Senators,

I would like to express my support for SB 114. State lawmakers have a constitutional obligation to maximize the benefit of state resources to Alaskans. Alaska currently receives less for its oil than any other state or oil producing region. We are closing schools, cutting services, and considering sales taxes during a time when inflation is already making it difficult for many Alaskans to make ends meet. This bill is a small step toward setting a more reasonable price for our resources, and I support it.

Thanks for your work on this,

Robin Beebee

Doniece Gott

From: Lynn Chambers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 2:40 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Supporting Oil Revenue Reform

I strongly support SB 114.

I would have preferred the taxation percentages, favorable to Alaska, were much higher.

Thank you.

Lynn Chambers

Anchorage Pioneer Home

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99501

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Jim Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 2:47 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114 Opposition Phone Testimony

Hello, my name is Jim Hill and I reside in Anchorage and stand in opposition to this bill.

I am a lifelong Alaskan working for a small business which is not directly related to oil and gas development in the state. I am, however, a realist and I'm an advocate of responsible development in Alaska. I find it hard to believe that we are once again looking to change the tax code for oil companies, just as we are on the verge of MUCH NEEDED new development which could help lead the economic recovery in Alaska.

My business, and most other small businesses in the state would be Negatively impacted by SB114 if it were come to pass.

This bill would certainly result in fewer investment dollars into Alaska, at a critical time when the federal government is fighting ANY oil and gas development, we should not aid them by creating further uncertainty for any possible investors in our state.

This is a bad bill for Alaska and it is coming at the worst time possible for our state. I disagree with Mr. Brenna - The maximum benefit for this state is to continue to provide a stable platform for responsible development in the state. The global numbers he quoted in his testimony does not solve a problem that SB21 did not create. Alaska has been suffering at the hands of the federal government inhibiting growth— not the tax code. The answer is more development in our state, it is unrealistic to assume that you raise the taxes and the investors will come...stability is the key.

Thank you,

Jim Hill
[REDACTED] AK 99518
[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Wayne Blank <outlook_6380EBC3F90A73BC@outlook.com> on behalf of Wayne Blank
[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 2:59 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: sb114

In 2014, the legislature passed SB21 because it would create jobs, increase oil production and increase the Permanent fund. It has done none of the above. For the first time in history, the Alaska Legislature gave the oil industry an and unheard of per barrel oil tax credit. Nowhere in the public or private sector has any entity given a credit for extracting its resources. The November 18, Anchorage Daily News article, "Stuck in a Rut" highlights our States decline which matches exactly with the Legislature's institution of a per barrel oil credit.

After the billions and billions of cash and oil tax credits paid by our state, we deserve the full 35% production tax rate with no further credits.

Wayne Blank
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99508

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Doniece Gott

From: Mary Calmes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 3:19 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 114

Pass it.

Thank you!

Mary Calmes
Mary Calmes
[REDACTED]

Laughter: The tangible evidence of hope.

Doniece Gott

From: Michael Jesperson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson
Cc: Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson
Subject: Re: SB114

Representative Josephson,
Thank you for your swift response to my email regarding SB114.

As you said this bill is unlikely to move forward at this time even though it should.

If it makes it to the House I will again support it. We need to level the playing field. Doing so will HELP THE STATE OF ALASKA continue paying for its Constitutional responsibilities.

Alaska should raise as much money as possible from Non-Alaskan's prior to tapping Alaskan's families' wallets.

I pray you and your colleagues have the wisdom to do what is best for Alaskan's. For those in the Legislature that may not believe in prayer I'm flexible and wish you good Karma.

Respectfully,
Michael Jesperson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 1:26:52 PM
To: Michael Jesperson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Alexander Schroeder <Alexander.Schroeder@akleg.gov>; James Holzenberg <James.Holzenberg@akleg.gov>; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson <Sen.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov>
Subject: RE: SB114

Michael:

Thank you for your well-reasoned and thoughtful email.

For the reasons you've indicated, I will be supporting Senate Bill 114.

Having said that, I doubt this bill will come to the House for any serious consideration. I suppose it's possible. But, the Republicans there will be pressured by the industry to kill or seriously amend it.

It could happen, however, as part of a horse-trading exercise. For example, perhaps the Senate would find a spending cap agreeable, if the House advance SB 114?

This is just a guess, though.

Hope you're doing well. I was home this weekend and am looking forward to getting back by about May 22!

Best, my friend,

Andy Josephson

From: Michael Jespersen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee <Finance.Committee@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson <Sen.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB114

Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of SB114. I have testified before you since 2010 against Any Oil Tax Increase, this makes a monumental change from my past testimony and personal beliefs.

SB114 does many good things such as tying the Per Barrel Oil Tax Credit to immediate re investment. However, the best thing it does is eliminate the S corporation loophole. Since Hill Corp acquired BP's oil fields and other Alaska assets, they have paid nowhere near the taxes BP paid. The other major producer on the North Slope ConocoPhillips pays a higher tax than Hill Corp. SB114 levels the playing field. If passed all major players will pay the same level of tax, meaning Hill Corp will no longer have an advantage against ConocoPhillips and others who try to develop Alaska's Natural Resources.

I have nothing personal against Hill Corp, I am told they treat their employees well. I just don't think the State of Alaska should give any company an advantage over another in the same industry.

Some people claim we need to immediately switch all our energy needs to electrical generated by wind farms and solar power. While such energy can supplement current needs it cannot replace oil and gas yet. A Ford F150 lightning cannot carry my family and I from Anchorage to Fairbanks I. The winter, it is even questionable if it could do so in the summer with a load in the bed. The power grid in the USA is fragile and until improved cannot handle the amount of energy needed to power half the country's transportation needs,

Oil as a major transportation fuel is here for another 100 years. It took a similar (not exact, similar) time to switch from Horse and Buggy to automobiles. Many families could not afford a Car until after WW2.

Please pass SB114.

PS my Senator, my Representative, and my friend n The Senate are copied on this message.

Respectfully,
Michael Jespersen
[REDACTED]

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Dear Members of the Alaska Senate Finance Committee, and especially our friend Click Bishop:

As Senator Bishop knows, we in the Glennallen area live in one of the most "conservative" regions of our state. This is our home. We have lived in Nelchina since the early 1980s and we operate/have operated three small businesses, including at one time the local paper. We do not belong to a particular political party, but have supported outstanding legislators with good ideas. We remember that Sarah Palin's ACES (Alaska's Fair and Equitable Share) oil tax structure brought appropriate taxation to the corporations and appropriate support for education and other public infrastructure to the state. Partisan politics brought that structure down (though it was supported by our region's legislators, Gene Therriault and John Harris, both republicans). Unfortunate political posturing and divisive stances used to gain re-election are tearing Alaska's long and sturdy history of cooperation and balanced development apart. Elected officials have responsibility to help end this posturing, and support of SB 114 is an important opportunity. If legislators will communicate the common sense of this legislation to their constituents, we believe they will all be rewarded by a wider support than they now enjoy.

Here is a description of currently proposed legislation: "Senate Bill (SB) 114 will help to repair the state's income gap and is a fair vehicle to apply across the board to the state's oil and gas producers. SB 114 would (1) apply the state corporate income tax to all the major producers regardless of the corporate form they choose to use when operating in Alaska (currently, unlike the other major producers, Hilcorp avoids all state corporate income taxes on oil production by operating as an S-Corp), and (2) reduce the per barrel credits somewhat (from \$8 per barrel to \$5 per barrel) and link them to actual investment. While SB 114 does not result in a fair share for Alaskans, it is a step in the right direction.

Alaskans get less value for our oil than any other oil producing state or region of the world. While our Legislature has permitted the massive give away of Alaska's oil resources, Alaska has lost jobs and population and sacrificed our schools and universities, our state ferry system, our capital budgets necessary for infrastructure, and our PFD's. While only a small step, we believe SB 114 is a long-overdue step by the Legislature in meeting its constitutional obligations to maximize the benefit of our oil resources for all Alaskans."

Maximizing the benefit of the states' resources for all Alaskans is in our constitution and is your sworn responsibility. We support this conservative common sense measure, and

hope to see support for it across the board in the legislature. Our fiscal problems are solvable. Get back to work and solve them.

Respectfully yours,

Mary and Jim Odden

Nelchina

I support SB 114. It is a step in the right direction to stop giving our oil away.

Debbie Hinchey

Anchorage

Subject: Please support SB 114.

It is no surprise that we have a budget crisis in Alaska. Without the permanent fund, (or the ability to print money), Alaska would have massive deficits for the past decade or more.

It is clear that we will not have a balanced or sustainable budget until we join all of the rest of the states and impose some kind of taxes.

I urge you to support SB 114, which will not solve the budget crisis, but will make our oil taxes more equitable and fair. Right now, the biggest oil company in Alaska, Hilcorp, avoids all state corporate income taxes on oil production because they are set up as a "S-Corp". That puts Hilcorp at an advantage against all other producers, and keeps Alaskan's from getting our fair share of Alaska's natural resources.

The oil producers working in Alaska pay less taxes in Alaska than in any other oil producing state or region in the world. It is way past time to change that!

We have seen way too many Alaskans move out of state in the past decade, as past legislatures have given away our natural resources, by cutting taxes on THE most PROFITABLE companies in the world.

We have seen our jobs and population disappear as our schools, universities, and state ferry systems have been cut past the bone, and seen basic state services, such as clearing snow off the roads, and fixing potholes flounder, as their budgets have been cut beyond a sustainable level.

Taxes are the price of civilization. While SB 114 will help make the oil tax structure more fair than it currently is, without major changes beyond SB 114, Oil taxes will not cover the costs of needed and constitutionally required expenditures, like funding our public schools. The only sustainable source of revenue will be income or sales taxes, just like any of the other 49 states!

Personally, I believe that Income taxes are the most equitable form of taxes, as sales taxes hurt lowest income families the most.

It is time that the legislature does something to make sure that Alaskan's get our fair share of the value of our natural resources. SB 114 is a good first step.

Thanks for listening.

Bob French

907-240-1744

Doniece Gott

From: Alice Myers [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 1:15 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Laddie Shaw
Subject: Support for SB 114

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

Please vote for and actively support Alaska Senate Bill 114.

This is not a partisan issue. This is not a cultural wedge issue. This is not about a Democrat or Republican issue. This is an issue about the future stability of Alaska. I implore you to take this bill very seriously and objectively. You have the responsibility to make the right decision for all Alaskans. Please remember you are not accountable to the oil companies. You are accountable to current and future Alaskans. What is good for the oil companies is not synonymous with what is good for Alaska. Please look beyond the distorted narrative presented by those who represent the oil companies.

We need action on this issue this year. Too many years have gone by with no attempt to right the wrongs of SB21. We can and should wait no longer.

Thank you for your service to our state and for your consideration on this bill.

Alice Myers
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, 99507

Doniece Gott

From: Sheryl Mauseth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 1:53 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee

I agree all loop holes need to closed when it comes to the oil industry. Our state has a huge financial deficit while the oil industries are making huge profits. Let's not continue giving our state assets to big companies. The big companies should share in supporting our state.

Sheryl Mauseth
[REDACTED]
Eagle River AK

Doniece Gott

From: Jill Wittenbrader <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114 Oil & Gas Production Tax S-Corp tax

Hello,
I urge your support of this important bill.
Thanks
Jill Wittenbrader
Kodiak AK

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Law Office of Jill Wittenbrader

[REDACTED]
Kodiak, AK 99615
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Santa Claus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please support & Vote For SB 114 re Oil Tax Credits.

Importance: High

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

Please support and vote for Alaska Senate Bill 114.

The S-Corporation loophole has cost our state more than \$500 million in the last 5 years.

The per-barrel credits have cost the state more than \$10 billion dollars in the last 10 years.

SB114 is the only revenue option on the table that will take effect immediately to balance the budget.

Any per-barrel tax credit to the oil industry must be tied to investment.

SB 114 sends a message that if you invest in Alaska, we will invest in you. But the days of blank checks with oil tax credits are over.

Thank you for your consideration, Santa

Santa Claus
North Pole, AK 99705-0122

Doniece Gott

From: Frank Williams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 9:47 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Ashley Carrick
Subject: STRONG Support for SB114

I very strongly support SB114, encouraging you to pass this legislation for immediate implementation.

Frank

Frank Williams
[REDACTED]
Ester, Alaska 99725

907-388-0468

Doniece Gott

From: hydrojohn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 8:47 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Frank Tomaszewski; Sen. Robert Myers
Subject: Support SB114

Please vote for SB114. We need to have a longterm plan for increasing revenue that does not drain the CBR, or the corpus of the Permanent Fund.

Modify the current statute so that 25% goes to the PFD and 75% into corpus.

A sales tax is regressive and out of state workers will contribute little, and the poorest Alaska residents will suffer the most.

With the ongoing worker shortage in Alaska, the percentage of out of state workers will increase. They reap the benefits of our resources but contribute nothing to our economy. Institute a income tax.

Thanks for your time,

John D Bennett

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99709

Doniece Gott

From: Richard Seifert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 8:33 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I urge all members of Senate Finance and All Sectors:

Please move SB 114 to a hearing and vote and urge all the senators to support this long overdue remedy to our inadequate and needed recovery of revenue from our oil treasure. Oil companies are in no need of our past foolish largesse and this bill will help get our due share for our resource.

The two crucial features are the removal of the S-corp tax loophole for Hillcorp, always a sad result of the Hillcorp purchase and totally unfair to us and other corporations.

and 2.

The capital credit reduction as proposed (it could be better) but goes in the right direction.

Finally DO NOT change or lower the present Corporate tax , as the governor seems to think it is good idea to do so. It can't possibly be so. Please help us to build a strong and reliable budget and future.

Most forcefully,

Richard Seifert
[REDACTED]

Fairbanks 99712

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At the start of every disaster movie there's a scientist BEING IGNORED!

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other? -George Eliot (pen name of Mary Ann Evans), novelist (22 Nov 1819-22 Dec 1880)

"Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals." -quoted from the Philadelphia Inquirer

Doniece Gott

From: Gregg Rosenkranz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Rep. Louise Stutes; Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Gary Stevens
Subject: Stop the Steal (of AK's natural resources)

Folks, I am writing again to question the lack of proposals for an income tax to help finance Alaska state government. WAY TOO MANY non-residents come here, exploit Alaska's natural resources, minimize business expenditures within the state, then take the profits and run. From the Bristol Bay gillnetter that takes the boat south for repairs, to the North Slope oil field worker who's main spending in-state is a couple beers at Humpy's on the way down south, to the Southeast sport fishing lodge that buys as many supplies as possible in Seattle and has them shipped up, to the Bering Sea trawlers and crabbers that also spend way more in Washington than Alaska, to the Kodiak hunting and fishing guides that hail from Montana..... What gives? Does Alaska exist solely to provide an income source for out-of-state interests? Are Alaska's natural resources best used by giving them away to non-residents?

Yes, this is ridiculous.

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.

Gregg Rosenkranz
Kodiak, AK

Dear Finance Committee Members,

Alaska's people are suffering losses of jobs, education, healthcare, and essential public services as a result of our legislature's- and our governor's- slavish devotion to Big Oil. Budget cuts are financed on the backs of hardworking Alaskan families in order to provide historic profits to oil companies who take and take from Alaska without ever paying their fair share. Businesses also evade paying taxes as LLCs.

Governors of other states have come to recognize costs and the deleterious effects of both price gouging and pollution on the citizens. Unfortunately Alaska has not followed suit.

"Oil company profit reports for 2022 are rolling in and the numbers tell the story we've suspected all along: Big Oil reaped record amounts as California families were fleeced at the pump. Five major oil companies have reported their 2022 profits, smashing last year's highs:

Exxon: \$55.7 billion — setting a company record and bringing in \$6.3 million an hour

Chevron: \$36.5 billion – doubling their 2021 profits, with executives flaunting their "outstanding results" in an earnings call

Marathon: \$14.5 billion — Q4 profit of \$3.32 billion surged 331% from previous year

Valero: \$11.6 billion – 866% higher than the previous year

Phillips 66: \$11 billion — Q4 profit of \$1.9 billion up 46% over Q4 "2021 "

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/01/31/big-oil-made-record-2022-profits-while-fleecing-california-families>

As proposed in SB114 Alaskans have an opportunity to regain the fiscal stability of oil revenue we enjoyed under ACES. According to the Alaska Journal of Commerce: "A reduction of oil tax credits from \$8 to \$5 per barrel. Under last year's daily production of 438,000 barrels, the state could expect to collect more than \$400 million. The credits would also be capped to the amount of capital expenditures made by oil producers, which has a difficult-to-determine revenue impact.

<https://www.alaskajournal.com/2023-03-30/bill-raise-oil-tax-revenue-introduced-alaska-senate>

"Exxon's refiner business helped lead the business to its most profitable first quarter ever".

<https://www.marketplace.org/2023/04/23/crude-oil-prices-are-down-but-oil-companies-profits-are-doing-just-fine/>

Alaska's legislators have a responsibility to all her citizens; and a Constitutional obligation to recover the best value of resources for all her citizens. In view of our post pandemic economy, loss of work force, and services for residents, it is in our state's best interest to lower the amount of oil tax credits and recover the shortfall our budget has had for several years. It is inequitable that citizens of the richest state live as the poorest. Alaska deserves better.

Pass SB114.

Thank You,
Janice Park

Doniece Gott

From: Marian Elliott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 1:25 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114

Dear Financial Committee members,

10 years ago when SB21 reduced our income from oil and turned it over to the oil companies there were two scenarios. One predicted financial hardship to come with taxes eventually being foisted on Alaskans, with negative impacts to our schools and university system and overall negative impact on the state economy. The other scenario came from the oil industry bombarding us nightly with ads about all the jobs SB21 would create. With SB 114 on the line we no longer need to wonder who some the truth. We have 10 years of evidence that giving away our oil for less than the industry pays anywhere else is a stupid thing to do. Our university system is devastated, our school system barely functioning with reading scores lower than any other state. People are leaving the state in droves because of the lack of work and we are on the brink of subjecting every Alaskan to taxes they did not have to pay pre SB21. The job security promised by the oil industry never materialized. In the first year with their new enhanced income the oil industry created less than 300 jobs with close to 70 percent going to NON Alaskans. (check Dept of Labor staticstics)Some Alaskans found if they wanted a job with the oil industry they had to leave the state to apply. We need to acknowledge the truth of how we have been played and fix it. Fool me once, shame on you: fool me twice shame on me.

Marian Elliott
[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Timbi Barron <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:48 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 114

Close the S-Corp Tax Loophole and lower the Per-Barrel Credit Subsidy. This is a common sense approach to a long-term problem. Alaska should not continue to subsidize oil & gas at the cost of services to our residents.

Thank you,
Timbi Barron
Anchorage AK

Doniece Gott

From: Chandler O'Connell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:45 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support SB114

Hello,

Please vote in favor of SB114. Alaska is in desperate need of revenues in order to meet community needs and to intentionally develop a future where our people, economy and environment can thrive. We need to make investments now to prevent losses, resolve challenges and to open the doors for future opportunity (infrastructure, reliable systems that support healthy businesses, childcare, education, healthcare, climate, etc.).

We need our legislator to practice responsible fiscal planning. Every year we stay in this fiscal crisis without a long term, strategic vision results in tons of unnecessary pain and economic losses.

Our state needs revenue and SB114 would go a long way towards putting Alaska on a better financial path. Please support this bill to bring in \$300 million to \$600 million a year to the Department of Revenue.

Best,

Chandler O'Connell
Sitka Resident

Doniece Gott

From: Patrick Schlichting <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:44 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY - SB114

To Senate Finance Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB114 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX; INCOME TAX.

Please pass this bill. I am in full support of this bill and it is the least effort towards capturing taxable income of our resources.

First the LLC loophole that is being exploited by oil producer Hillcorp must be eliminated to level the the financial playing field for Alaska all businesses. The state has lost hundreds of million dollars by this senseless loophole.

The per barrel oil tax credit should be rolled back to \$5 or better yet zeroed out. Oil producers have made record profits over the last two years. The Federal Government already subsidizes oil producers tens of billions of dollars. We should not subsidize them twice. We are literally paying to have our resources taken away while we are facing a budget deficit.

Thank you for your work. I appreciate your attention to fiscal responsibility.

Sincerely

Patrick Schlichting
Delta Junction, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: William Devine [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:43 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114: Written Testimony

Good Afternoon,

My name is William Devine and I am a resident of Anchorage, Alaska. I was born here and spent the majority of my life in this state.

I cannot imagine calling any other place home.

It is important to use that as the lens for my written testimony on SB 114. My thoughts, views, opinions, and intentions are all in service of making Alaska the best home possible.

Alaska faces challenges. Revenue is falling while the cost of services are increasing. Without changing revenue coming into the state treasury, cuts are the natural progression. However, we cannot cut our way to prosperity. Limiting and reducing services to the public will hurt those who need them the most, and make the state less competitive and appealing. Out-migration from the state will harm the long term prosperity of Alaska. Change is needed.

Alaskans themselves are facing a similar trend. Wages are flat while inflation raises the cost of food, housing, transportation, healthcare, and on and on.

One of the options the legislature is considering is a statewide sales tax. Some will point out that this captures revenue for visitors and tourists who temporarily participate in our economy, but it impacts all Alaskans as well. Alaskans who are already being squeezed more and more each day are now considered, being asked to pay their "fair share" to help fund state services.

But the idea of a "fair share" is not being applied equally across the state. The oil and gas industry's participation in Alaska has undoubtedly led to decades of prosperity. But, as times have become increasingly difficult in the state and our ability to help provide a quality of life has become compromised; before we ask Alaskans to pitch in more, we should look to the group that has benefited greatly from our generosity in exchange for the promise of prosperity.

Asking the Alaskan population to pay more through taxes while also preserving tax loopholes and credits for industries in Alaska is not fair. It shifts the burden to those who are impacted the most and have a proportionally smaller voice in the fight.

This is why I am writing in support of SB 114.

If we are to ask Alaskans to contribute a fair share to achieve prosperity, we must ask all Alaskans to carry that burden including the oil and gas industries.

Thank you.

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William B. Devine

Doniece Gott

From: laura sievert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:39 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 114

Please pass Senate Bill 114. It's long past time to correct the SB 21 giveaway.

Laura Sievert, [REDACTED], Kenai

Doniece Gott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:29 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114

Dear Sirs and Madam,

I am writing to ask you to support closing the S-Corporation tax loophole and eliminate the per barrel oil tax credits.

Alaska's oil tax scheme is the most corrupt in the world. We get 70 cents on the dollar every other entity in the world gets for their oil. Alaska's oil is to be used for the benefit of Alaskans not private equity investors and multibillionaires.

SB 114 is a small start in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Greg Trautman
Alaska resident
P.O. Box 212046
Anchorage, AK 99521-2046

Doniece Gott

From: Mary Corcoran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:19 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY - SB114

To Senate Finance Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB114 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX; INCOME TAX.

Please PASS this bill. Alaskans deserve a fair share of the State's resources. The LLC loophole must be eliminated to level business opportunities. With NO justification for the \$8 tax credit, it should be reduced to at least \$5 or less. Extraction companies are making record profits. They do not need the State of Alaska to subsidize them.

Thank you for your work. I appreciate your attention to fiscal responsibility.

Sincerely,
Mary Corcoran
Delta Junction, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Barry Santana [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Comments on SB 114

I am writing to support SB 114 with a few suggested changes.

1. Tie the per barrel oil tax credit to investment. The \$8/BBL oil tax credit needs to be removed or reduced. SB 114 recommends a cap reduction to \$5/BBL; my first choice would be elimination; if that is a bridge too far, split the difference to a credit cap of \$4/BBL a modest change following the sliding scale tying the credit to Capital Investment in Alaska in the bill.
2. Eliminating the S-Corporation loop hole will not only level the playing field with other players (i.e. ConocoPhillips Alaska, Exxon, and other energy corporations) but it will generate needed tax revenue.
3. Ringfence the fields on the North Slope; this is fair to new fields, existing fields and the state of Alaska.

It is clear to anyone who lived in Alaska prior to SB 21 that the promises made have never been realized. We did not get more production, jobs, investment or revenue. In my opinion SB 21 should have been repealed many years ago after the promises did not materialize. SB 114 is a very modest attempt to get a little more for the state and its residents after giving up so much.

Pass SB 114!

Thank you for considering my suggestions,

Barry Santana

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99623
[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Ken Petty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114

Please support SB 114. Big Oil has been laughing at us all the way to the bank for many, many years now. Far too long. Is it even legal for Hillcorp to be registered as an S corporation???

Ken Petty
kenpetty@gci.net
[REDACTED]
Palmer, AK. 99645-8413
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Beverly Hoffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fwd: Oil tax reform

Please confirm that you got my e-mail. Earlier message said it did not go through. thanks Beverly

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beverly Hoffman <bev@kuskofish.com>
Subject: Fwd: Oil tax reform
Date: May 1, 2023 at 8:40:18 AM AKDT
To: Senate <senate.finance@akleg.gov>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beverly Hoffman <bev@kuskofish.com>
Subject: Oil tax reform
Date: May 1, 2023 at 8:36:45 AM AKDT
To: "<SENATE.FINANCE.COMMITTEE@akleg.gov>"
<SENATE.FINANCE.COMMITTEE@AKLEG.GOV>

"The \$8 per barrel credit was never analyzed by the Legislature before SB 21 was enacted and the number appeared out of nowhere overnight shortly before the tax law was approved a decade ago. The credit had been \$5 a barrel before the House upped it to a figure that was not vetted."

Senators

Here is the main reason this credit should be reduced/reformed. . It is called Alaska's Fair Share and Senate Bill 114 addresses the need for oil revenue reform. Please move this Bill forward. Please do not let oil lobbyists convince you otherwise. Quayana

Sincerely,

Beverly Hoffman

Bethel Alaska
9[REDACTED]

Doniece Gott

From: Bob Reupke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: In Support of SB 114

Dear Finance Committee – We are residents of Anchorage, AK and have been for many years. We are very much in support of SB 114. This Bill will add much needed funds for the State of Alaska and close the S-Corporation tax loophole.

The State of Alaska is in financial deficit, but the oil and gas companies are reaping millions of dollars in profits. We do not know why the State of Alaska is subsidizing some of the riches corporations in the United States!

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter to the State of Alaska and its citizens.

Regards,

Toni & Bob Reupke

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Doniece Gott

From: Jaqueline McCool <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Media Request: S.B. 114

Hi,

My name is Jaqueline McCool and I'm a reporter for Law360. We're working on a story about S.B. 114 and I was wondering where I could find a recording of the meeting tonight after it's happened. Please let me know. Thank you for your time.

Best,

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Jaqueline McCool
Tax Researcher



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Doniece Gott

From: Chuck Wright <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 11:14 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: approve SB 114

Please take the too long-delayed step of closing the Corporation loophole and reducing the oil tax credits. This step is absolutely fair and is needed if Alaskans are going to receive the services they need. The credits have not produced the promised benefits and need the reduction you are considering.

Thank you.

Chuck Wright
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99504

Doniece Gott

From: MA Nickles <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Passage of SB 114

I urge every member of your Committee to vote in favor of SB 114.

This is important legislation and should be passed unanimously by your Committee.

These changes are overdue. Any loophole such as the S-Corporation tax loophole as well as the supportable reduction in per-barrel oil tax credits can lead to a better chance of getting these policies into the comprehensive fiscal plan that legislators and the governor are considering. Please put your whole-hearted support behind these much needed reforms.

Mary Ann Nickles
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Doniece Gott

From: Deborah Vandruff [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 11:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114

I m very much in favor of SB 114. Time to stop giving away our oil for so little.

Thank you,
Deborah Vandruff
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Ak 99508

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Doniece Gott

From: Pat Reinhard [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 11:40 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114

I support SB 114 supporting oil revenue reform. Please consider Alaska's financial position and correct the mistake made by the passing of the poorly researched SB 21. The \$8 per barrel credit plan was not based on any research to justify that number. A \$4 per barrel credit would seem more appropriate, but it should be reduced to \$5 per barrel at a maximum.

Thank you for your consideration,

Patrick Reinhard

Fairbanks, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Joan Morgan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 10:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 114 support

I want to state my support for Senate Bill 114 as an effort to close the S-Corporation tax loophole. Our State is in financial distress and we need to do something about this soon. This bill will incentivize investment in our state and the oil industry here.

Thank you,
Joan Morgan
Anchorage, AK resident

Doniece Gott

From: Victoria OConnell Curran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 10:22 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support SB114

Hello,

I have lived in Sitka for 40 years, raised two daughters here who also reside here and have two grandchildren living in Sitka. I am writing to urge you to support SB114. The bill would provide about \$300 million to \$600 million a year, according to the Department of Revenue. We are in great need of responsible fiscal planning and this goes a long way towards that path. Please give it your full support and pass this out of committee. Thank you

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Tory O'Connell Curran

Doniece Gott

From: Carrie Nash <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114

To the committee:

I wish to clearly express my strong support for closing the S-Corp tax loophole and for SB 114. Please vote in favor of this bill so that Alaska citizens may benefit appropriately from our resources that are being extracted by companies making insane profits while we cannot fund schools, food banks, healthcare programs, programs for disabled and elderly and childcare. Please work for the people of our state. The ridiculous argument against this bill which involves ginned-up fear of disincentivizing oil companies is bogus and must be ignored. We need the S-Corp tax loophole closed and the funds redirected to basic needs of Alaskans.

Thank you,
Carrie Nash, Fairbanks

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Carrie Nash
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Doniece Gott

From: AOL Mail <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 9:59 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: hackettak@aol.com
Subject: Senate Bill 114

To Whom It May Concern :

I am asking your committee to pass out Bill 114 and support it's passage on the floor! It is long overdue for the People and State of Alaska to get a fair share of their oil resource as called for in our Constitution! I've lived here since 1965 and have watched the oil industry take advantage of ALASKA. We should not be paying billion dollar companies to take our oil. The oil industry is bankrupting out state and caused an out migration of our young families.

Please do the right thing for ALASKA.

Thank you,

Leonard Hackett

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

Doniece Gott

From: Lynda Giguere <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 9:28 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Strongly Support SB 114

Please give SB 114 your full support. In order to engage meaningfully with Alaskans about future taxes, revising Alaska's oil tax structure must be part of the equation. SB 114 will give Alaskans more value for our oil than currently granted and is long overdue.

Sincerely,
Lynda Giguere
[REDACTED]
Douglas, AK 99824

Doniece Gott

From: Mary Krusen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 9:29 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: support of SB 114

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill 114. Our state, our schools and our future needs reforms such as this to pass to make Alaska a place I want to keep working, living and playing in. Thank you for your time.

-Mary Krusen
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99504
[REDACTED]

April 30, 2023

To: Senate – Finance Committee

Ref: **SB-114** / Oil Revenue Reform: In Support (Do Pass)

Chair Stedman, and Members of the Committee:

I have always been in favor of Alaska getting its FAIR SHARE of the oil revenue.

For various reasons, we are way behind in this correction (particularly with the “S-Corp loophole” and previous bump in “per barrel credit”).

Sen. Wielechowski’s bill appears to make these adjustments and at least move us (AK) a bit closer to getting our fair share.

Please pass this bill now (this session) as you know better than me that our financial picture is out of balance.

I would also support any amendments that may be proposed (such as an even smaller per barrel credit) that would benefit our State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Aderhold", written in a cursive style.

Wayne Aderhold
Homer, AK

Doniece Gott

From: ole andersson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 10:40 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Sarah Vance
Subject: SUPPORT FOR SB114

To the Senate Finance Committee,

I'm writing in support of SB 114. Alaskans get less value for our oil than any other oil producing state or region of the world. While our Legislature has permitted the massive give away of Alaska's oil resources, Alaska has lost jobs and population and sacrificed our schools and universities, our state ferry system, our capital budgets necessary for infrastructure, and our PFD's. While only a small step, I believe SB 114 is a long-overdue step by the Legislature in meeting its constitutional obligations to maximize the benefit of our oil resources for all Alaskans.

I hope you support this initiative that will help our state with much needed revenues.

Sincerely,
Ole Andersson
Homer, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Curtis Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 11:08 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for SB 114

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I strongly support the passage of SB 114, which will help raise additional revenue for Alaska with reasonable changes to our oil tax structure that will not significantly affect industry investment. For far too long, oil companies have benefited greatly from excessive tax credits. It is time for the oil industry to pay their fair share. Alaskans should no longer essentially subsidize oil companies, many of which have been making record high profits.

Sincerely,
Curtis Smith

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99504

Doniece Gott

From: Thomas Hallinan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 11:36 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: hallinan@gci.net
Subject: Oil Revenue Reform SB114

Please record that Thomas J. Hallinan and Nancy C. Hallinan of Fairbanks support the proposal to properly tax Hilcorp and to reduce the oil tax credit.

Thank you

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Doniece Gott

From: Cynthia Hill Reed <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 11:42 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Oil Tax Reform - SB 114

Dear Finance Committee Chairman and all members:

I am writing to urge the discontinuation of the oil tax credits (oil tax giveaway) the state of Alaska is giving to the oil companies. The time is now. As you are all aware, the state is facing deficits and services are being cut each year, including education. The answer to our fiscal problems is clear. Alaska needs its Fair Share of oil tax revenue.

It is apparent that Governor Dunleavy is in deep with the oil companies, as was former Gov. Sean Parnell and continuing through to former Gov. Walker. The oil companies have millions of dollars to place TV ads, newspaper ads and other social media ads to attempt to persuade Alaskans to continue to subsidize their business. Let's be clear: We have the product, they need to buy it. That is the way it should work.

These oil companies are making record profits at the expense of Alaskans. We are shooting ourselves in the foot each year by not collecting our fair share of taxes.

It is absurd that we continue to subsidize these multi-trillion dollar businesses at the expense of the state of Alaska and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hill Reed
[REDACTED]
Two Rivers, Alaska 99716

Doniece Gott

From: Michael Ferris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 7:43 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Matt Claman; Rep. Thomas McKay
Subject: SB 114

Please stop looking at more ways to tax our Oil Industry. SB 114 will a disincentive for companies to spend money in Alaska. We need to encourage them to invest more money in Alaska not less. Mike

Michael S. Ferris
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Alaska Enterprise Solutions

Xerox Authorized Sales Agency

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Anchorage, AK 99503

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email [\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])

Doniece Gott

From: John Pender <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 8:17 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114

Good Morning-

I would like to offer my wholehearted support for SB 114. We have done nothing but fight over funding/defunding in the 10 years since the \$8/bbl oil tax credit in SB 21 went into effect and it has to stop. SB 21 is the single most catastrophic piece of legislation in Alaska economic history. Working-age Alaskans are leaving the state in a steady stream and taking their children with them because the economy is in such poor shape and public education is so poorly supported.

I have lived in Alaska since the Territory days, I have money, I donate to political campaigns and I vote in every single election. Please do the right thing for Alaska's future.

John Pender

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks

Doniece Gott

From: Michael Jespersen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 8:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Rep. Andy Josephson
Subject: SB114

Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of SB114. I have testified before you since 2010 against Any Oil Tax Increase, this makes a monumental change from my past testimony and personal beliefs.

SB114 does many good things such as tying the Per Barrel Oil Tax Credit to immediate re investment. However, the best thing it does is eliminate the S corporation loophole. Since Hill Corp acquired BP's oil fields and other Alaska assets, they have paid nowhere near the taxes BP paid. The other major producer on the North Slope ConocoPhillips pays a higher tax than Hill Corp. SB114 levels the playing field. If passed all major players will pay the same level of tax, meaning Hill Corp will no longer have an advantage against ConocoPhillips and others who try to develop Alaska's Natural Resources.

I have nothing personal against Hill Corp, I am told they treat their employees well. I just don't think the State of Alaska should give any company an advantage over another in the same industry.

Some people claim we need to immediately switch all our energy needs to electrical generated by wind farms and solar power. While such energy can supplement current needs it cannot replace oil and gas yet. A Ford F150 lightning cannot carry my family and I from Anchorage to Fairbanks in the winter, it is even questionable if it could do so in the summer with a load in the bed. The power grid in the USA is fragile and until improved cannot handle the amount of energy needed to power half the country's transportation needs,

Oil as a major transportation fuel is here for another 100 years. It took a similar (not exact, similar) time to switch from Horse and Buggy to automobiles. Many families could not afford a car until after WW2.

Please pass SB114.

PS my Senator, my Representative, and my friend in The Senate are copied on this message.

Respectfully,
Michael Jespersen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Doniece Gott

From: Anne Ruggles <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2023 8:34 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 114

I support passge of Senate Bill 114. The oil tax credit should be the same across companies.

Anne Ruggles
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99708

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