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From: Judy Patrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2023 3:12 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114 is a terrible idea!

I do not support raising taxes on Alaska's oil industry in any area for any amount.

Alaska's economy is totally dependent on a viable, robust, oil and gas industry. A tax increase not only discourages investment, oil production, and exploration, but it also jeopardizes jobs due to reductions in production and exploration.

We have finally gotten to a place where most Alaskans feel that the industry is taxed fairly, and can move forward with confidence, and now our elected representatives want to mess it up.

Can't you just leave the oil industry alone and not tax the golden goose to death?

Please do not support SB 114!!!

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From: John Jolly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2023 3:09 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114

Senate Finance Committee,

SB 114, the latest oil and gas tax bill, was recently introduced in the Senate Rules Committee. This bill threatens the future of oil and gas development in Alaska and would be a disaster for the economy, jobs and Alaskans' quality of life.

Alaska can have a bright future if we can continue to attract investment to our resource industries. My letter also cautions that changing our oil tax structure at this late date in the Willow and Pikka projects' developments could spoil the greatest opportunity of our generation.

Alaskans have consistently voted to maintain tax stability over the last 10 years which ensured the investment climate to allow Willow and Pikka to be funded. The Alaska voter said no to the repeal of SB 21 in 2014, and no again in 2020 to a poorly designed initiative that would have raised taxes on our legacy fields by as much as 300%.

- Senate Bill 114 is a massive tax increase that threatens to cripple Alaska's oil and gas industry and every Alaskan will feel the impact. This complex piece of legislation will mean less oil in the pipeline, higher energy costs, will put Alaska jobs at risk and companies will invest outside of Alaska.
- SB 114 is a significant increase in taxes on large and small oil and gas companies, hitting both North Slope and Cook Inlet oil and gas fields, leading to fewer jobs and energy insecurity as electric utilities struggle to find enough natural gas to meet demand. Instead of finding ways to increase oil and gas production in Cook Inlet to meet Alaska's energy needs, SB 114 has one goal – to raise revenue. Setting public policy based purely on how much money can be extracted from an industry is sure to backfire.
- SB 114 has NOT been modeled or analyzed by independent experts in any meaningful way.
- SB 114 utterly fails to acknowledge how the world has changed when it comes to how difficult it is for fossil fuel projects to be financed and approved.
- SB 114 provides disincentives for companies to spend money in Alaska.

Finally, I want to share the below presentation. It is excellent and provides facts of critical importance to the stability of Alaska's oil tax system. You can also find this presentation here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(akleg.gov\)](#)

Thank you for your time and please contact me with any questions.

Thank You,

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From: Stinson, Bob <[REDACTED]>
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114

My name is Bob Stinson. I am with Price Gregory International, a pipeline and industrial facility construction company that has been in Alaska since 1975. Since that time I have seen many changes in oil and gas taxation and equally as many attempts at changes, all structured to increase the government take of oil revenue. SB 114 is yet another in a long series of attempts and initiatives to increase taxes on the industry that provides the basis for Alaska's economy. Simply put, if we tax the Producers and Explorers more they will explore and produce less, providing less revenue to the state, not more.

SB 114 has been introduced at a time when major projects like Pikka and Willow, that have been discovered, engineered, permitted and board sanctioned over 10 year periods, are moving into development under the promise of tax stability provided by Senate Bill 21. It is a time when Santos and ConocoPhillips are on the verge of spending billions to get their projects built, providing contracting opportunities, employment, increased production, revenue to the state, philanthropic spending and overall stability to Alaska's economy. What kind of message does that send to those companies and other potential private investors Alaska so desperately needs, not only in the oil and gas industry, but other critical industries such as Mining, Tourism, Forestry, and Fishing? It tells investors we will let you explore and permit a project, but once it's approved we'll change the rules to extract more tax revenue from it. This isn't fair to investors or the people of Alaska who deserve a chance at a good paying job or business opportunity to make a better future for their families.

Not only does SB114 directly affect new oil production, it also increases taxes on legacy oil and gas production including Cook Inlet. This has the double effect of disincentivizing new gas production revenue for the state and producers, but also increasing costs for the Railbelt Utilities and its customers, like you and me. SB114 does not provide for economic stability. It is not a durable tax structure that should provide predictability to investors. It does not encourage new production. It is not fair to Alaskans.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: Gary Swoffer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114

Hello,
Please do not pass SB114. It's a bad bill for our State. See below:

- SB 114 utterly fails to acknowledge how the world has changed when it comes to how difficult it is for fossil fuel projects to be financed and approved.

Regards,

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