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 Oppose SB 104

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As a prelude to my opposition to SB 104, let me state I'M BACK! As many may know, I have been through the wringer with the hospitalization of my wife, then finding out she had terminal cancer and then her passing on, all within a 20 day time frame I do want to thank the House and Senate for the lovely Citation for my wife Sandy Coons You have no idea how much that means to me That was Alaskans reaching out to Alaskans I do want to thank all for that Since Sandy passed away on 29 January, as you can expect, my life has been a roller-coaster of emotions I am surrounded by my personal Angels who have prayed for me and helped me in so many ways since Sandy's passing I have been busy with fulfilling my promises to my wife and those first promises, remodeling our home has kept me very busy and focused, thus my focus has not been on legislation The positives of this ordeal has been my returning to church and my 100 plus fold increase in my faith as a Christian Thus, I have learned that we are in a spiritual war against evil and that we must fight against that evil That equates to what is going on in our World, Nation and our State, with the WOKE Socialists/Marxists that we see every day in our local, State and Federal Governments WOKE, Socialism, Marxism, Communism are all evil and thus I am called on to take that fight to this legislature, specifically Thus, rest assured, I will be fighting the good fight against any and all legislation that comes from the Democrat/Socialist body that erodes or attacks our very freedoms or has any impact on WOKEness!

I have called Senator Dunbar's office to get further information on SB 104 First off, it is not the responsibility of the State Legislature to fund groups, be they conservative or liberal I would have opposed the creation of this fund to begin with What I gathered is that these funds go to what are known as NGO's who then give money to further social welfare in it's many forms In this case this bill wants to increase the percentage of filing fees on civil lawsuits from 10% to 25%

If I, a upper middle class person has an issue that I need to take to civil court and I then pay the filing fee, then my hard earned money, 25% of that, would go to organizations that support free legal assistance to low income, low education and most likely people that do not contribute to society and whom are receiving Welfare and other Government assistance Add to assumption that these organizations are all Socialist/Liberal NGO's and then thus I am being forced to support Socialist/Marxists to give free, free, free support

I asked, the individual answering the phone did not know, what is the cost and how many times are those that are eligible to use this program are lawsuits filed? This individual is new to the office and just answers phones but was willing to ask and get back with me as to answers to my question. So no dig on this person. However, I would not be surprised that the amount of these civil lawsuits are low in numbers and I would not be surprised that we have "ambulance chaser lawyers" looking to take this money gladly

So, based on what I have been able to find out above and that this is just more socialist spending, I oppose SB 104

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