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From: ray@kreig.com
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:38 PM
To: Rep. Julie Coulombe
Subject: HB 347 (Prop Tax Assessment Reform) + SB 140 (Education Funding)

Dear Rep. Coulombe,

Thank you for seeing the great importance of reforming property tax assessment abuses and cosponsoring HB347. It was very perceptive of you to do that and I recognized your contribution in my testimony last Thursday at the DCRA Committee. I have been appalled at what has come out in the hearings and in the articles and report by former Haines Borough assembly woman Brenda Josephson of the abuse of property owners in Haines and Juneau by the brazen and unethical actions of the government deep state.

While the above matter is very important, **the reform of failed K-12 education rockets to the absolute top of criticality in Alaska.**

You came in July 2022 to visit us at Alaska Roundtable and said the \$\$\$ need to follow the kids regarding school choice and I am delighted to see you are holding true to this now that you are in office. On your legislative website:

Education: A quality education offers opportunity, freedom, and choices. It is essential that Alaska provide our youth with the tools they need to be successful adults and responsible citizens. I will work hard for stable funding, parental rights, **supporting school choice**, vocational education, and educators.

You have reached a place and are now so very fortunate to have the power to decisively help make the first major serious move to fix this broken and disgraceful system. We absolutely **MUST** have multiple charter school authorizations. We **MUST** break the monopoly stranglehold that teachers unions and school bureaucracies use to block reforms and competition.

I am delighted to see Suzanne Downing's piece about the independent expenditure group formed to help the governor's education reforms. That has worked in Texas and I will eagerly be supporting it.

We can't keep turning out students into the world without basic reading and writing skills. It's a disgrace and it's actually a human rights failure. No excuse for it!

Please do not override Governor Dunleavy's veto of SB 140.

My best regards,

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