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The Honorable Joe Josephson  
Alaska State Senate  
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Dear Joe:

Sorry to be so long in responding to your March 18 letter concerning SB 85. You are correct in stating the legislation would drastically affect our participation in the political process.

As I read the legislation, it would prevent corporations from giving either to candidates or PAC's, and prevents PAC's from giving money to individual candidates -- the principal purpose for which PAC's were formed. In effect, it would eliminate the business community's participation in the political process.

From our viewpoint, our PAC, the Alaska Business Political Action Committee, as well as other business oriented PAC's, have had much to do with what we perceive as a great turn around over the past few years in legislative attitudes toward business issues. To take that ability away would be grossly unfair to that sector of Alaska which literally pays for the operation of State government.

Granted there may have been abuses of the current system, but in one swoop to do away with our participation in that system is not right. There must be a better way.

Thanks for your interest.

Cordially,

George Krusz  
President

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