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Subject: testifiers List #1 from Kodiak

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:05:08 -0900

From: Kodiak Lio <Kodiak_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

✓ 1) Dan Ogg

Subject: TC 10599

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:04:35 -0900

From: Dillingham LIO <Dillingham_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

Dillingham List #1
Testify

Jason S. Creasey Jr.
 Cathy Flavin
 Brad T. Angasan

Anna May

Subject: Sitka List #1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:01:49 -0900

From: Sitka LIO <Sitka_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓ 1. Grace Brooks-Sitkans Against Family Violence
- ✓ 2. Kari Sagel-Self
- ✓ 3. Onna Sager-Self

SITKA - UPDATE

Subject: Sitka List #2

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:17:27 -0900

From: Sitka LIO <Sitka_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

✓ Janelle Farvour-Self

KETCHIKAN - UPDATE

Subject: KTN Part list #2

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:17:11 -0900

From: Ketchikan LIO <Ketchikan_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓ 1) Patti Green
- ✓ 2) Bill Hardy

Subject: List # 1 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:13:25 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: Returned mail: User unknown

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:10:13 -0900

From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <MAILER-DAEMON@anc-proxy.legis.state.ak.us>

To: <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

The original message was received at Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:10:12 -0900
from liocbridge.dyn.legis.state.ak.us [146.63.194.28]

----- The following addresses had permanent fatal errors -----
<Dave_McK@legis.state.ak.us>

----- Transcript of session follows -----
... while talking to smtp.legis.state.ak.us:
>>> RCPT To:<Dave_McK@legis.state.ak.us>
<<< 550 <Dave_McK@legis.state.ak.us>... User unknown
550 <Dave_McK@legis.state.ak.us>... User unknown

Reporting-MTA: dns; anc-proxy.legis.state.ak.us
Received-From-MTA: DNS; liocbridge.dyn.legis.state.ak.us
Arrival-Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:10:12 -0900

Final-Recipient: RFC822; Dave_McK@legis.state.ak.us
Action: failed
Status: 5.1.1
Remote-MTA: DNS; smtp.legis.state.ak.us
Diagnostic-Code: SMTP; 550 <Dave_McK@legis.state.ak.us>... User unknown
Last-Attempt-Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:10:13 -0900

Subject: List #1 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:10:06 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McK@legis.state.ak.us

- ✓ 1. Cynthia Hull - Child Care Connection
- ✓ 2. Jill Pasewalk - Campfire Boys & Girls
- ✓ 3. Martha Anderson
- ✓ 4. Delisa Culpepper - Alaska Tobacco Alliance
- ✓ 5. Anne Marie Holen - Ak Native Health Board

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Subject: List #2 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:18:05 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- ✓. Betty Robards - Anchorage Child Care Directors
- ✓. Kerry Reardon - AAAYC
- ✓. Maggie Donnelly - Anchorage Child Care
- 9. Michèle Czajkowski
- 10. Beverly Churchill - ANHC
- 11. Tara William
- 12. Christy Meredith
- 13. Bonny Headley —
- 14. Debbie Ossiander —

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ANCHORAGE - UPDATE

Subject: List #3 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:38:35 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- ✓ 15. Jenny A Murray
- 16. Carl Rose - AASB —
- 17. Karla Jutzi - AWLC —
- ✓ 18. Christie McIntire - American Lung of Ak
- ✓ 19. Anne P Lanier

OFF Net

Subject: Offnets on line List 2

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:12:24 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

Kotz - (1 part) ✓ Sue Connor

Unalaksa - (2) parts ✓ Mayor Kelty, ?
Don Griggs

Fort Yukon - (1) part

Sitka - (1) part Rick

WRANGELL

Subject: wrangel list number 1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:02:09 -0900

From: Sue Gullufsen <Sue_Gullufsen@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

1. Greg McCormack — *observe*
2. Tonnie Barlow
3. Robert Caldwell

Wrangell

Subject: Wrangell list #1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:48:19 -0900

From: Wrangell LIO <Wrangell_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- 1) ✓ Mrs. Tonnie Barlow School Board Testify HB312
- 2) Mr. Robert Caldwell School Board Testify HB312

Subject: Parts List #1 of 1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:23:54 -0900

From: Bethel LIO <Bethel_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>, BET <Bethel_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

✓1 Agnes Phillips

Tundra Women's Coalition

Subject: Nome Participant List #1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:14:26 -0900

From: Nome LIO <Nome_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

✓. Berda Willson/Northwest College

Subject: Kenai List #1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:06:28 -0900

From: Kenai LIO <Kenai_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

✓. Patti Truesdell

Subject: Homer List #1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:00:09 -0900

From: Homer LIO <Homer_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

√1. Merritt Mitchell

Subject: TC 10599

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:35:29 -0900

From: Dillingham LIO <Dillingham_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

Dillingham list #2

Testify

✓ 4. Peggy Wood

Anna May

List #2 from Kodiak to testify

UPDATE - KODIAK

Subject: List #2 from Kodiak to testify

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:11:18 -0900

From: Kodiak Lio <Kodiak_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

2/ Mike Milligan

Subject: KTN Part List#1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:56:36 -0900

From: Ketchikan LIO <Ketchikan_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

√1) Patti Green KTN

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Mike Wiggins is
back in Kodak

Dave —
Please look at
email
for Wrangell
list I sent
earlier —
any dupes to
Sue's list
(Greg Mc Cormack)
Tommy Barlow
Robert Caldwell

Subject: list #1 Seward LIO

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:54:20 -0900

From: Seward LIO <Seward_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- ✓ 1. Sandy Wassilie

Subject: List #1- BARROW

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:48:35 -0900

From: Barrow_Lio <Barrow_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

List of testifiers-

1. Merry Carlson- North Slope Borough Health Department

Subject: Part List #1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:52:41 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓1. Dori Olson
- ✓2. Pauline Wilson
- ✓3. Dave Musgrave
- ✓4. Gara Bridwell
- ✓5. Annie Keep-Barnes
- ✓6. Janno Parrish
- 7. Jason Miller
- ✓8. Jim Sweeney
- ✓9. Colleen Ketchum

ANCHORAGE - UPDATE

Subject: List #4 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:08:31 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- ✓10. Rick Sewell - UAA Alumni Assn.
- ✓11. Sherry Thompson - UAA
- ✓12. Ted Ragains - UAA
- ✓13. Randi Brunion-Olson
- ✓14. Megan Hall - UAA

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Subject: List #5 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:16:15 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

25. Janice Tower - American Academy of Pediatrics

UPDATE - ANC

Subject: List #6 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:39:41 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- 26. Linda Spencer - UAA
- 27. Skye Rubadeau - UAA

UP Date

Subject: Part List #5

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:43:08 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓6. Pat Race
- ✓7. Aaron Suring
- ✓8. Kim Race
- ✓9. Mika Mack
- ✓30. Josephus Govaars

How are things going there? Any idea the numbers in the other areas?
Karisse

Subject: Part List #6

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 20:23:14 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

31. Tammy Smith

32. Christine Petty

and that look like it for us. Karisse

FAIRBANKS - UPDATE

Subject: Part List #2

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:12:50 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓10. Linda Pearson
- ✓11. Murray Richmond
- ✓12. Don Gray
- ✓13. Greg Hoffman
- 14. ~~Linda Cozzini~~ *had to leave*
- 15. Debbie Miller ✓
- 16. Janelle McCracken ✓

UPDATE - FAIRBANKS

Subject: Part List #3

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:32:06 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓6. Viletta Knight
- ✓7. Marta ~~Miller~~ Mueller
- ✓8. Vanessa Spencer
- 19. Jillian Swope
- 20. Jack Fletcher
- 21. George Beu
- ✓22. Alice Szuberla
- ~~23. Jeff Walters~~ had to leave
- ✓2. Alice Szuber
- ~~23. Jeff Walters~~

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FAIRBANKS - UPDATE

Subject: Part list #4 +

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:01:26 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

Update: Testifiers Jeff Walters (23) and Linda Cozzini (14) had to leave if you want to take them off. Also (17) Marta Mueller was spelled wrong on the last list sent.

New Part List #4
24. Cindy Branley
25. Gail McCain

Karisse

Subject: Re: Part List #6

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 20:41:05 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

We had ONE more come in -
Lisa Villano

Dave McKenna wrote:

> *Thanks- I didn't realize, but my printer had run out of paper and I*
> *never got lists 5+6 to the chair. He has them now though. Sorry about*
> *that. Thanks, Dave*

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> *Fairbanks LIO wrote:*

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> > *31.Tammy Smith*

> > *32.Christine Petty*

> >

> > *and that look like it for us. Karisse*

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

HB 312-APPROPRIATIONS: OPERATING BUDGET

✓ NAME: Paul McBy Subject/Bill No: Education Funding
 Co./Dept./Title: Teacher Phone: 337-6138
 Address: 1749 Old Harbor Zip: 99504
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Ann MacFarlane Subject/Bill No: Children's Programs funding
 Co./Dept./Title: Juneau School Dist RALLY Phone: 463-1975
 Address: 17014 Crazy Horse Drive Zip: 99601
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Shodie Akin Subject/Bill No: Children's funding
 Co./Dept./Title: National Association for the Ed of Young Children Phone: 321-9814
 Address: PO BOX 211363 Aniak Bay AK Zip: 99821
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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✓ NAME: Donald Cecil Subject/Bill No: Univ. of Alaska
 Co./Dept./Title: Univ. of Alaska Phone: 463-5282
 Address: POB 33239; Juneau Zip: 99803
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: John Cyr Subject/Bill No: Ed Funding
 Co./Dept./Title: Pres NEA-AK Phone: 586-3098
 Address: Juneau Zip: _____
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Valleri Collins Subject/Bill No: Daycare Subsidy
 Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: 780-6300
 Address: P.O. Box 21641 Juneau Zip: 99802
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Suey Linzmeier Subject/Bill No: Children's programs
 Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: 463-3518
 Address: 4825 Thane Rd. Juneau Zip: 99801
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Joy Lyon Subject/Bill No: _____
 Co./Dept./Title: President - Alaska Assoc. for Ed. of Young Children Phone: 586-6989
 Address: 570 Seater Juneau AK Zip: 99801
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

Handwritten notes:
 2/11/00
 9:00 AM
 ✓

NAME: Susan DeLoach Subject/Bill No: _____
 Co./Dept./Title: Bright Beginnings Early Learning Center / owner + director Phone: 790-1842
 Address: 9315 Glacier Hwy. Juneau Zip: 99801
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Carol Hedlin Subject/Bill No: hi brany + 117A

Co./Dept./Title: AKLA Member / Un. V. of AK SE Phone: 790-2985

Address: PO Box 211284 Anka Bay AK Zip: 99821

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Elise Tomlinson Subject/Bill No: _____

Co./Dept./Title: AKLA Chair - Juneau Chapter Phone: 364-3694

Address: 2225 Great Western St #B Douglas Zip: 99824

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Laren E. Eddy Subject/Bill No: _____

Co./Dept./Title: Education Support Staff Assoc. V. Pres. Phone: 907-452-6060

Address: 314 Iditarod Fairbanks Zip: 99701

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Bill Bjork Subject/Bill No: Budget

Co./Dept./Title: NEA - ALASKA Phone: 479-3479

Address: PO 333 Ester Zip: 99725

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: CRYSTAL LORABETZ Subject/Bill No: BUDGET

Co./Dept./Title: TEACHER Phone: 338-2220

Address: PO 211325 ANC Zip: 99521

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

*Any other
sign up
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sheet*

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Not here

NAME: Barbara Angaiak Subject/Bill No: Ed. Funding

Co./Dept./Title: Parent + Teacher Phone: 543-3459

Address: P.O. Box 1233 Bethel, Ak Zip: 99559

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

Not here

NAME: Norman Mills Subject/Bill No: Ed. Funding

Co./Dept./Title: Teacher Phone: 859-2444

Address: 8 Zapadni St. St. George Is. Zip: 99591

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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Children's
Funding

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NAME: Cindy Boesser Subject/Bill No: Funding

Co./Dept./Title: owner Home Basin Child Care Phone: 463-3490

Address: 875 Basin Rd. Juneau Zip: 99801

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓

NAME: Lucy Hope Subject/Bill No: _____

Co./Dept./Title: Teacher - NEA Phone: _____

Address: Wasilla, AK Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓

NAME: Rita Davis Subject/Bill No: _____

Co./Dept./Title: Teacher in MATSU Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions



Teleconference Update Summary

TCN: 10599

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Summary Data

TC Date: March 23, 2000	Moderator:
Time: 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	Toll Free Number: 800 368 8772
Status: Announced	Dial-up Number:
Sponsor: SFIN: FINANCE	Personal Number: 907 258 8772
Chairs: Parnell	Testimony Allowed: Yes
Torgerson	Time Limit: 1 minutes
Purpose: PUB	Backup Material: No
Contact: Debbie 4656594	Meeting ID: 7346

Public Remarks: Testimony to be taken statewide on the operating budget. The chair will take testimony in a round robin style.

Internal Comments:

Agenda

Bill Number	Bill Subject
HB 312	APPROPRIATIONS: OPERATING BUDGET
HB 313	APPROPRIATIONS: MENTAL HEALTH

LIO Sites

Chair	Name	Room
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-	BETHEL	
	CORDOVA	
	DELTA JCT.	
-	DILLINGHAM	
-	FAIRBANKS	
	GLENNALLEN	
-	HOMER	
x	JUNEAU	CAP532
-	KENAI	
-	KODIAK	
	KOTZEBUE	
-	KETCHIKAN	
	MATSU	
-	NOME	
	PETERSBURG	
-	SEWARD	
-	SITKA	
	TOK	
	VALDEZ	
-	WRANGELL LTC	
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VTS Sites

Chair	Code	Name	Location	LIO
	CRA	CRAIG - 7:40 PM	CITY HALL	SIT
	TNB	THORNE BAY	CITY HALL	SIT

**PUBLIC
TESTIMONY**

**HB 312
OPERATING
BUDGET**

Hello, my name is Shodie Akin and I am speaking on behalf of the children I have worked with, do work with, and will work with in the future.

Children need the support of all Alaskans.

There are many programs available currently to help children of Alaska.

Infant Learning, Head Start, Child Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, Child Care Grant and Denali Kid Care are just a few.

These programs help keep children of Alaska healthy, safe, and in Quality Child Care.

Without these special funding programs children are the ones who are deprived. Thank You!

TO: Lorraine + Jan

1023 E. 20th B
Anch 94501

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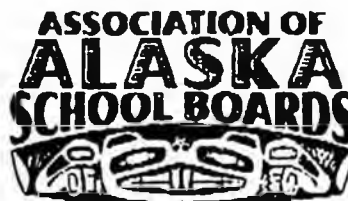
To the legislators concerning AWAIC:

From my own experience, I strongly urge you all to support AWAIC / Willis Way shelter's because when no safe place can be found for me and my children we can go there for safety, food to eat, clothes we need, just every aspect an abused person needs when it arises. I've learned more with their support groups. I have come from a small village of 60+ population and wished there was more support shelters. It is difficult especially with a lot of children to get out and have a "new start" at life again.

Also I strongly urge your support for Alaska legal services because I had zero money for my divorce I finally got!

P.S. I can't make it to the meeting because I'm going to divorce support group 2-nite. Thank you for your consideration,
Jilly Remy
(Chuckwale)

Carl Rose
AASB
586-1083



Advocates for Alaska's Youth

Where AASB would like to see the \$19M "surplus" spent...

Initiative	Description	Amount
Governor's QUALITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (SB 244, HB 336)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infuses the Quality Schools Grants program to address new benchmark exams in grades 3,6,8 and remediation in grades 10-12 for the graduation exam. • Schools must qualify for the funds through Department of Education & Early Development requirements. • Must show EED district strategies that will improve student learning. 	\$7.6 million
Sen. Wilken's PER PUPIL FUNDING INITIATIVE (SB 198)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases the per pupil spending "base allocation" from \$3,940 to \$3,990. • Provides much needed funding in support of regular instructional programs in grades K-12. 	\$10 million
Alaska schools PUPIL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING (SB 250)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The House version of SB 250, the fast track supplemental, reappropriates \$2.1 million to fully fund state aid to the FY00 pupil transportation component of the education funding formula. <p>(The Senate version of the FY00 fast track supplemental shortfunds state aid to pupil transportation by \$2.1 million. Additionally, the Senate and House operating budget proposals shortfund transportation by \$5 million in FY01.)</p>	\$2.1 million
Total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Total cost of initiatives and full funding of pupil transportation for FY00.</i> 	\$19.7 million

NOTE: The so-called "surplus" in education funds—i.e. difference in FY00 authorized to FY01 projected education funding—is \$19,166,900.

To Whom It May Concern:

3/23/00

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) is an agency whose work affects everyone in the community. Most people know someone who has been affected by domestic violence or have been affected themselves. Domestic violence knows no boundaries and affects people of every age, stature, and race. I only began to learn about AWAIC and its impact 8 months ago, when I became a full-time volunteer advocate in the Non-Residential Services Program. Now I personally see the impact that AWAIC has by directly being involved with clients and also with other employees.

I come from a small town in Ohio where domestic violence is a "secret" and most people are not able to get help. Many people die because they do not get help. Here in Anchorage, the community is so lucky to have one of the best agencies for domestic violence in the country. Luckily, funding has allowed for there to be a shelter, a batterers intervention program, community education and support through a non-residential program, a program

for Alaska Natives (Willa's Way), ^{DATE} and a program for homeless victims (Moving Forward). All of these programs must be strong in order to end domestic violence because this involves preventing as well as intervening in the cycle of violence that affects families from generation to generation. In Anchorage, these services are desperately needed.

Decreasing the money available for domestic violence agencies decreases the funding available for advocates, people who work to keep DV from becoming a secret. Without the funding for education and support that advocates provide, people will die because members of the community will not receive the necessary knowledge to avoid the violence or the safety planning to stay alive. ~~to receive~~

AUATC believes that everyone has the right to live and love without violence. Support and education empower people to make positive choices that help them stay violence free. In Non-Residential Services, we provide individual support sessions, ^(+group) crisis intervention for walk-ins, safety planning and education to the community, and legal advocacy.

Without these services, people may die. With less funding for advocates who help victims, people may die. The bottomline should not be how many people can be helped with the funding available. The bottomline should not be money at all. Advocates have more important worries, such as saving lives.

I know just how much hope a victim gets just by having a listening ear, either when calling in crisis or walking in in crisis. The Non-Residential Services office handles many of these crisis situations as well as educates schools, agencies, and DOC & McLaughlin. We are highly understaffed and can not afford to lose any more resources.

My volunteer year will be ending soon. But, despite my transient status at AWAIC, I believe in its mission and its employees. They are passionate, hard-working people who could easily make more money at another agency. But they believe in what they do. And I think that their impact is extraordinary. They have earned the respect of the community, and deserve continued support for what they do to save lives.

Christy Meredith
Tasuit Volunteer

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please appropriate at least \$2.8 million dollars toward Tobacco Control. Tobacco is the leading cause of death and disability. It is the most preventable cause of death. Funding of tobacco control is financially as well as socially responsible. Elimination of tobacco use will be of benefit to the health of Alaskans and will also save money for the State. The state receives \$30 million dollars annually from ^{the} tobacco settlement. The intent of the use of these dollars was for Tobacco Control. Please fund Tobacco Control at at least \$2.8 million this year.

Name Ann P. Lamer

Address 13700 Capstan Dr.

City Anchorage, Zip 99516

March 23, 2000

TO: Members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Karla Julzi, President of the Board of Directors
Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Anchorage

I am testifying tonight to request your support for restoring to the budget of the Council on Domestic Violence \$100,000 that was cut by the Legislature last year. AWAIC, which is the largest domestic violence agency in the state, experienced \$38,650 of this cut. This is the equivalent of one ~~staff position~~ staff for AWAIC.

AWAIC's experience is similar to that of other domestic violence shelters in the state - the need for our services is going up, not down. We have had more nights this year when the shelter was full to overflowing than we have ever had.

AWAIC's mission is to teach people to live and love without violence. Our goal is to eliminate domestic violence. Since we are talking about lives, about safety, for women and children, our communities can accept nothing less than wiping out domestic violence. We cannot afford to fall back in our effort. I urge you to approve an amendment to the budget to restore the \$100,000 CDVSA cut.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Home phone: 907-349-2890
Office phone: 907-263-8553
Address: 10631 Republic Circle
Anchorage 99515

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

I am here to encourage you to invest in support for young children. I spent some time this week learning about the vulnerable brain of the young child. Recent research is confirming what mothers' intuition and tradition have always held. For young children to develop optimally they need good food, good health, and a stable, loving caregiver. In a world where many mothers of young children must work, stable care means child care. We need day care assistance fully funded. ^{Writing lists mean stress and worry, and perhaps compromised} University of Alaska is expanding courses ^{promised} for training early childhood workers - they need to be well supported as well. We can afford to care well for young children. Indeed, we can't afford not to.

Name Bonny Headley
Address 919 David Place
City Anchorage zip 99501

3-23-00

Senate Finance Committee,

I'm here to testify in favor of FULL FUNDING for all children's programs, especially ones supporting children before school-age. I have worked in Child Care off and on for many years, first in Centers and currently in my own licensed & Nationally Accredited Family Child Care Home. I am qualified for much higher paying jobs, but I passionately believe that Early Childhood work is the most important, most challenging work. For the past 3 years I have been operating a high quality program. It has been the best possible job for me, and I would love to keep doing it, but to tell you the truth, I can't. Parents can not pay enough to make a profitable business in this field. Our savings have zeroed. My husband and I can not continue to subsidize child care. We've been able to justify it because we've seen it as an investment in my son, who

is in my program until Fall, when he enters public school. My story is not so different from many, many child care workers. At the Western States Leadership Network Conference, a gathering of Early Childhood Professionals, I hear many variations of the same history. Good people just can't afford to work with young children.

I have waited as long as I can to testify - luckily I was writing to get ready to speak. My themes are that whatever you can do to INCREASE funding for children and support of compensation for quality care, is essential to change this sad drain of Early Childhood workers. Like my husband & I, always try to remind yourself - it's an **INVESTMENT IN THE CHILDREN!**

Thank you for all you do for children in this state

Sincerely, Cindy Boesser
Cindy Boesser 875 Basin Rd - January 1980

463-3490

Written Public Testimony
For HB 912/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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Funding MUST be added to the D.O.T
Budget to enable them to open the
Denali Highway this spring and to
maintain it this summer.

To "LET IT MELT" is perhaps the
most costly thing that could be done.
SEVERE DAMAGE to bridges, roadway
and in the paved area, the asphalt
damage will be many times more than
the cost to open.

Summer maintenance must continue
or resulting damage will close this important
highway impacting small business and the
entire state.

Name DAVID D. STRAIGHT

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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be filed by the LJO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

The Opening of the Denali Highway is a Must this Spring! Severe damage to the roadway will surely result if the highway is left to melt. It will not melt until late July. Heavy runoff in this mountainous highway area will destroy a valuable State Asset. New Asphalt patches laid out in '98 + '99 will be ruined, any one of which will cost more to replace than the small cost to open the road!! If Summer maintenance is reduced or deleted we will lose expensive screened ~~fine~~ fines placed at considerable expense. Bridges + roadway will be lost — probably closing the road. This will destroy the seasonal businesses + impact severely All Alaskans + Tourists. Funding must be made available to Do.T. to Open + Maintain this Vital Highway Link !!

Name Kristy Hawk
Address HC 72 Box 7292
City Paxson, AK zip 99737

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to
Valdez LIO
835-2097

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

In a time of public service cuts everywhere - the last thing that needs to be cut is public communication. Please do not cut the public radio budget.

Name Cindy Butherus
Address 2070 Homestead
City Valdez zip 99686

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax
to
Valdez
LIO
835-2097

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please fully support Public
Radio. Cuts to public communication
will hurt all of us.

Thank you,

Cindy Besore

Name _____

Address Box 651 _____

City Valdez zip 99686

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Restore the money to
Public Radio & TV - cutting
would be bad!! - we
depend on it
Thnx

Name Shana Anderson

Address P.O. Box 1456

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Shana Anderson

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

2001 Budget

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

FOR TWO YEARS NOW THE RESIDENTS OF THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMMUNITIES, FAIRBANKS VISITORS ASSOC., HOLLAND AMERICA/WEST TOURS, CANADIANS, ETC., HAVE FLOODED OUR LEGISLATORS WITH VOLUMES OF LETTERS, PROPOSALS, AND RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY. THE QUESTION NOW IS: HAVE YOU LISTENED TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE?

PLEASE INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET FOR 2001, MONIES FOR THE ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE OF THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY, MARCH 15TH THRU OCT. 15TH.

Name Jana E. Ulvi

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City EAGLE Zip AK 99738

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

2001 Budget

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Senate Finance Committee Members,
Re: Taylor Highway / Boundary Spur schedule
March 15th - October 15th 2001

Last year we engaged in a successful fight to open the Taylor.
This year we are engaged in what we hope will be a
successful fight to open our highway.

Let's NOT fight next year at this time. It's time, energy
and money-consuming. Fighting for essential
services is frustrating.

Let's please budget monies to open the Taylor Highway
and boundary spur mid-March, and keep them
open through mid-October.

Let's get on with acting responsibly and intelligently.

Name Jeanne Tatangelo

Address Box 27

City Eagle zip 99738

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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SUPPORT Public Radio
Restore The Public
Radio & TV. Budget.
No Future cuts

Name Henry Grimm

Address P.O. Box 3538

City VALDEZ AK zip 99686

Henry Grimm

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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Date: March 23, 2000

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Support Public Radio.
Restore The Public
Radio & TV. Budget.
No future cuts!!!

Name Buck Wilson
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Buck Wilson

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
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FOR THOSE OF US WHOSE LIVES ARE EFFECTED
BY DISABILITIES & ARE UNABLE TO CONNECT WITH
MANY AREAS OF COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE TO
MOST OF THE POPULATIONS, PBR IS NOT A
LUXURY ... IT IS A NECESSITY!

ADD TO THAT LIVING IN A REMOTE AREA OF
THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA - AND
YOU WOULD FEEL THE NEED TO ADD TO THE
BUDGET - NOT SUBTRACT.

Name SUZANNE HICKMAN
& KRIS JAMES
Address PO BOX 2392
City Valdez Zip 99686

PLEASE,
KEEP US CONNECTED
- DON'T REDUCE
FUNDING FOR
PUBLIC RADIO

Since I have worked for public radio (KCHU) I have become knowledgeable about the importance and need of public radio to people that live in, what we call, "the bush." These are areas where there is no access to newspapers, commercial television, or commercial radio. These amenities are not there because there is not enough demand to make it profitable for suppliers of these services.

True, these people live in these remote, isolated areas by choice. It is important that they remain informed citizens about community, state, national and international events. Many of these people depend on public radio for communication with the outside world. They also depend on it for communications with each other.

Public funding for these services has been cut excessively in the past. It was felt that the users of these services should pay for them. Cuts have been made up by many fund-raisers, membership drives, pull tab gambling and other measures. There is only so much that can be done to make up for these cuts.

Government is charged with furnishing those services that private financiers cannot or will not furnish. Communication with people in these remote areas is a service that is not profitable for private enterprise at this time. If these people have basic services they will remain in place and become the nucleus of larger populations in the future.

Public funding is important to continued success of communications with these areas. It is requested that the legislature look with favor on this subject.



Leonard E. Lanier

PO Box

Valdez, AK 99686

Ramya Subramanian
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Eagle River, AK 99577

March 23, 2000

Representative Eldon Mulder
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Fax: (907) 465-6592

Dear Representative Mulder.

I am writing to request your complete support of University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton's budget request increase of \$16.9 million to the university budget.

The time has come for the legislature to show leadership and vision for the state of Alaska, which cannot be done by flattening the budget of the largest economic engine in the state. At a time when every single state in the union is increasing the budgets of its state university, and at a time when an educated, well-trained force of citizens is the only way to stay viable in this rapidly changing marketplace, it would be foolhardy to have an impoverished university. I urge you and your colleagues in the Finance committee to support President Hamilton, and his vision for what the university can deliver.

Another important line item in the university budget, is a singular service that benefits all Alaskans - the statewide database project. By delivering information resources - journal and newspaper articles - to every single community in Alaska, via the Internet, we have finally begun to diffuse the lines between the information haves and have-nots. As a librarian in the University of Alaska Anchorage, and the current President of the Alaska Library Association, I can speak with authority on the difference this service has made to users around the state. The Databases for Alaskans project is searched 500,000 times by school students, home schoolers, librarians, teachers, university students, parents, and families looking for both recreational and research information. It has made a difference to those little communities which have poorly-funded libraries and schools. I urge you to support this initiative, which costs \$400,000.00, and enable us to renew this service for another two years.

As a citizen of the United States, and an eight-year resident of Alaska, I want to be proud of my state's vision for its monuments of education, like universities, libraries, and museums. None of these institutions should be begging to survive! I urge you to find a permanent solution to keep these institutions not just alive, but healthy and robust, so that they may create healthy communities in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Ranjana Subramanian

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
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2001 Budget

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I urged you to consider giving the University of Alaska full funding of what they have requested. I and many other students have taken classes at the local College of Rural Alaska, Tok Center. As a full time home maker, it would have been difficult to move to Fairbanks or other places to continue my College education. College of Rural Alaska, Tok Center has provided me the opportunity to continue to live at home, work in Tok and still take classes.

Name

Roslyn Ann

Address

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City

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Without the Tok University, I would be unable to get a degree. We need an increase in the budget to be able to operate efficiently.

Thank you
Sharon Longest
PO Box 814
Tok AK 99780

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Written Public Testimony
HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget
To: Senate Finance Committee members
3/23, 2000

As a senior citizen returning to school to finish my education, the UAF has been a major help and influence in my life. I strongly urge that funds be appropriated to continue this wonderful institution to keep this university alive for future generations.

Ethel Murphy
Box 662
Tok, Alaska 99780

Written Public Testimony
HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget
To: Senate Finance Committee members
3/23, 2000

Hello to the Senate Finance committee members. My name is Donna Northway a student here at the U of A in Tok Alaska. The U of A is very important to me, and I'm sure for the rest of the other students. I myself moved from a small community here to Tok to continue on with my higher education here. Please don't cut on the budget, because as of now we as students are having a hard time paying for books and tuition as it is. I do enjoy my classes here. And I do plan on continuing on with the courses that I need living here with my children enables me to do more with my children, this place Tok is important because the school is here and we don't have to move into Fairbanks or elsewhere when I was in Northway taking classes over the phone at home, it wasn't easy. I did not have a computer or other office materials that I needed. Taking classes here at the Tok Campus and having access to the computer lab and network is way better than doing it in a village at home. Thank you for your time.

Donna Northway
Student UAF

Box 996
Tok, Alaska 99780

Written Public Testimony
HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget
To: Senate Finance Committee members
3-23, 2000

I am a student attending UAF-Tok. I have recently started taking classes again and feel that UAF has given me great opportunities to fulfill my life goals. By furthering my education I will be able to provide my family a better life, in return I will be able to give back to the community and state what they have given me' a chance to learn!!

When you, the Senate Finance Committee, discuss the 2001 state budget, I encourage you to fully fund the University's 2001 budget request, and give the rest of the students stepping stones to further their education, instead of pulling it out from under them.

Sincerely,

Karla Champagne
PO Box 601
Tok, AK 99780

**Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony**

**Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6992 or 465-4779**

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LJO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Dear Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

On behalf of the patrons of the Delta Community Library and the citizens of the Delta Greely area, I urge you to once again fully fund the Alaska Statewide Database for Libraries.

The Delta Library just became connected to the Internet this past September, and we are just now beginning to use this fabulous research tool with our patrons.

We are including instructions for it's use in our free Internet classes, and the scope and breadth of the Database continually amazes and delights our patrons and our staff. Access to the database has cut our reference question time by 50% easily, and as we become more experienced in using this source, I expect our turn around time to reduce even more.

There is nothing I can think of that has produced such a dramatic effect on our library in the past twelve years as having Internet access and the use of the Alaska Statewide Database. Even here at the end of the Alaska Highway, we can offer people from many backgrounds and ages some of the best reference service ever.

Location should not be a limiting factor when providing service to our patrons and with your full support of the Alaska Statewide Database and other service projects for libraries, Alaska will continue to be on the cutting edge of the Information Age as we enter this new century.

I urge you to vote YES to once again fully fund the Alaska Statewide Database.

Yours sincerely,

Name Joyce A. McCombs, Director Delta Community Library

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City Delta Zip 99737

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I would like to register my concern regarding the critical need to increase funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Please realize the current ^{level} funding of \$1.4 million is not enough to substantially reduce tobacco use in Alaska. In order to significantly impact tobacco prevention and cessation programs in the most positive way, we must be allowed a considerably larger portion of the Tobacco Settlement money that the state receives, roughly \$25 - \$30 million per year.

Please fund tobacco programs first! I ask that you appropriate NO LESS than \$2.8 million to help prevent and reduce the suffering inflicted from tobacco-related diseases. Please help Alaskans to prevent (and kick) tobacco addiction.

Thank you.

Name Cathy Flavin
Address PO Box 492
City Dillingham AK zip 99576

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Karen Swenson, Principal
P. O. Box 511
Togiak, Alaska 99678



March 23, 2000

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

I am writing in support of funding for Alaska's Children and adequate funding for rural education and services.

I urge you to support the Governor's Children's Budget.

We need to continue to support legislation for adequate funding for education in all areas of Alaska including rural Alaska. We particularly need to fund adequate and safe buildings for students in rural Alaska.

We need to fund the University of Alaska System to a level that is adequate to provide rural areas.

We need adequate funding for the Juvenile Justice System.

We need to support funding for Health Care.

If you would like further information on any of these issues, please feel free to call me at 907-493-5613.

Sincerely,


Karen T. Swenson
Principal

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**Written Public Testimony
for HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony**

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
842-5105

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23rd, 2000

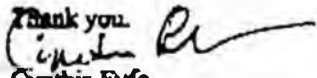
I have been a resident of Dillingham for many years, and have supported KDLG along with many other residents of our community. As you know, the rising costs associated with operating public radio has risen over the years and while we always do as much as possible at the local level to support our station, we always end up pleading for KDLG's life with your Committee.

Unfortunately, your Committee's 'support' for the public's radio stations in rural Alaska has been consistently unsupportive - to the point that tax paying citizens are forced to write letters demanding that you produce a realistic and acceptable (to us) operating budget for them each year.

This is a tiring and unnecessary effort. The realistic view is very plain: the citizens you represent in Bush Alaska do not have the endless stream of radio stations that most people take for granted in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. We only have KDLG and it's barely hanging on. Our radio station provides needed information to our population. To annually have to plead for your Committee to adequately support the station from our tax dollars is a waste of our time, and time that could be better spent by our elected officials doing their jobs.

I ask that the Committee respect the needs of rural citizens as well as those in urban areas who are served by so many stations. We have no other reasonable option, other than obtaining your support or electing public servants that actually listen to us.

Thank you.


Cynthia Fyfe

P.O. Box 586

Dillingham, Alaska 99576

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**Written Public Testimony
for HB 312/HB 131
Operating Budget Testimony**

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
842-5105

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23rd, 2000

It is reprehensible for the Senate Finance Committee to even consider a reduction in funding for public radio in rural Alaska. The news and public service information alone is worth the existing funding. It seems we have to go through this ridiculous funding crisis every year, even though the justification for continuing to receive the benefits derived from public radio access has been explained over and over and over again.

Dillingham residents need KDLG. Outlying residents listen to the radio for weather information, school and local civic information, and to get messages to others in the Bush that can't be delivered otherwise. The Finance Committee members need to realize that their prudent examination of an already tenuous operating budget must allow for the continuation of this essential service -- and we shouldn't have to repeat these desperate requests annually just to get their attention.

Please remember that you represent the interests of the entire constituent population, not just those citizens where most of your votes come from. We vote also, and hope that you realize (once and for all) how important this issue is to us.

Michael Gage

Michael Gage
P.O. Box 263
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 463-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

PUBLIC RADIO IS CRITICAL FOR
RURAL ALASKA. WEATHER REPORTS,
MESSAGES & IMPORTANT EMERGENCY
INFORMATION IS PROVIDED BY
PUBLIC RADIO. THERE IS NO OTHER
MECHANISM TO RECEIVE THIS INFO.
IN A TIMELY MANNER.

PLEASE INCREASE THE BUDGET
FOR PUBLIC RADIO!!

Name CHRISTINE DECOURTAY

Address PO. 282

City Dillingham Zip 94576

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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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Please increase public
radio funding. It is the
only way we can hear
weather, fishing reports and
emergency information in a
timely manner!

Name Robert J Davis
Address 3125 Cranberry Circle
City Dillingham Zip 99576

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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

It is extremely important to maintain an
even balance NOLG This is often our
major link with the "outside".

The news is important to us and
the weather forecasts can mean the
difference between life and death in
this area. I have often listened to
the forecasts to make a decision (based on
them) as to whether I would try to get to
work or just set it out!

Without a solid operating budget to
maintain our radio station we will step back
into the past.

Name Dr. James

Address R2 Box 1065

City Dillingham Zip 99576

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**Written Public Testimony
For HB 512/HB 513
Operating Budget Testimony**

**Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779**

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

I hope you will support and fund the University of Alaska.

I know of about four college students who are currently enrolled with the University via Bristol Bay Campus. A couple students are so close to obtaining their credits too.

There's also some college graduates, thanks to campus like Bristol Bay Rural Campus! Please make campuses as mentioned above possible so more Rural college students can continue and obtain what they're working towards.

There needs to be more, not less funding provided to these programs. Voting for full funding of the University including the additional \$16.9 million is the best move you can make to help rural Alaska.

Name Margie Hastings - Teacher #1

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City New Stuyahok AK Zip 99636

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To	Senate Finance	From	Dillingham		
Co./Dept	TC 10599	Co.			
Phone #		Phone #	842-5319		
Fax #	465-6592	Fax #	842-5105		

To: Senate Finance Committee
From: Robin P. Fields Sr.

3/23/00

I am a Haida Indian in Recovery. I am very grateful that I am sober today. I feel that without this program (for Addictions) I would still be practicing my adiction, which is alcoholism.

It has come to my attention that there is going to be a funding cut in this area. This, I feel, will affect many alaskans, sober or not. It is not only detrimental to people in Rehabilitation, but to people who will seek it in the future. This will have a very profound adverse effect to the problem of alcoholism and drug addiction in Alaska!

I am writing this letter in hopes that this (budget) cut will not be acted upon. I hope that all of you will vote against such ^{a cut} of this proportion.

Please help keep Alaskans
CLEAN & SOBER!

Thank you for your
time & consideration

Robin P. Fields Sr.

To Senate Finance
Committee

My name is James
Hudson, I have lived in
Alaska for thirty years.
In that time I have
been able to go to Alcohol
and Drug treatment a couple
of times. It has not always
kept me sober in the
past, I wasn't willing. But
I have always come away
with the bridge that if
I ever get willing that
treatment would save my
life. I have been drinking
and using drugs for 25 years.
I have been in and out of
jails and institutions, and
come very close to Death.
Every though treatment has
not worked for me, in the
past, now that I am older
and am willing to change

in my life, and be a
productive citizen, I am very
thankful I am able to go
to treatment. It might have
taken a couple of times, but
I thank God I am here now.
I believe treatment saves
eyes, I have seen it do
just that with many people
I have known in my life.
I believe for myself I
will be able to stay clean
and sober and have a life.
I don't believe that would
ever be possible for me, if
I weren't able to be here
in treatment.

I pray that you will
consider your decision on this
treatment budget. I feel if
you really think carefully
about it, you will see the
very great need for treatment
in our state.

Thank You

Jim
Houbins

IT IS A KNOWN FACT that Alcoholism
HAS BECOM A OVERWELMING PROBLEM
throuout the state OF ALASKA.

I FIND it a grate disapointment
TO THINK that the Leaders OF Alaska
WOULD FIND it nessery TO TAKE MONY
AWAY WHEN IN REALITY MUCH MORE
IS NEEDED PLEASE CONSIDER THE
FUTUR OF OUR PEOPLE IN THIS
FINE STAT

thank you
Lee Collins



Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

As a citizen of Alaska, a resident of the Mat-Su Borough, and as a parent I urge the Alaska Legislature to refrain from the current short-sighted approach to budgeting. This state, is rich in human and natural resources AND in financial resources. It is shameful for us to be acting as if we are not.

I urge you to support the Governor's Children's budget. If you can't do so for reasons of human compassion - then at least do so because these are fiscally responsible expenditures which will save money on more expensive public expenses later - like costly family violence, and costly prisons and costly remedial and special education, and costly legal actions. I urge you to support the Governor's proposed budgets for:

- Medicaid for children
- Child Protection
- Infant Learning
- Child Care
- Youth Detention
- And Child Support Enforcement

Mia Oxley
HC5 Box 6937Q, Palmer, Ak 99645



Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
The Center of Opportunity

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Executive Committee Resolution

Whereas, the State is considering an accelerated transportation program; and,

Whereas, the roads proposed for Anchorage are important transportation corridors.

Therefore be it Resolved that AEDC supports the expedited construction of such projects as C Street Phases II and III (Potter Road to O'Malley) and reconstruction of the Glenn Highway (Gambell Street to McCarrey Street) to accommodate capacity needs.

Passed and approved this 6th day of March 2000.

M. R. Nichols

Melvin R. Nichols, Chairman



Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
The Center of Opportunity

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 14, 2000

To: Anchorage Caucus

From: Larry D. Crawford, President & CEO

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's Executive Committee recently passed a resolution supporting improvements to major transportation corridors in Anchorage. AEDC urges the legislature to support the expedited construction of such projects as C Street Phases II and III (Potter Road to O'Malley) and reconstruction of the Glenn Highway (Gambell Street to McCarrey Street) to accommodate capacity needs.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Crawford
President & CEO

1413 Halibut Point Rd.
Sitka, AK. 99835
March 23, 2000

Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

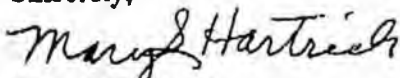
My husband and I have 5 children who have attended Alaska Schools since kindergarten, both in North Pole and now in Sitka. Four have graduated from Alaska Public High Schools. Collectively they represent over 50 years of classroom experiences, field trips, parent/teacher conferences, PAC meetings and, yes, budget hearings!

During the 13 years we have lived in Sitka we have watched an incredible budget process: *every single year* the Sitka School Board and Administration approach the parent groups with the new necessary cuts. We have cut and cut and cut so that we are at bare bones in our operations. We have no school nurses, we have fewer teacher aides for classroom support, we have lost a certified librarian, our supplies are cut, our swim program is history and every year the elementary music and P.E. programs are threatened. This is just the tip of the iceberg of cuts; the ones that come readily to my mind as I write this letter.

I must say that our local administration and school board have been masters at getting blood from a turnip, but enough is enough!

I am amazed that we live in a state that has more than \$27 billion dollars but nickels-and-dimes its schools, teachers and students to death. It is past time to find a way to use that money to improve education. In addition, how can you knowingly support a \$5 million shortfall for pupil transportation knowing that this will require school districts to use regular instructional dollars to meet transportation obligations. Please do all you can to support increased funding for education.

Sincerely,



Mary S. Hartrich

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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Name Mary Hantrick

Address 1413 HPR

City Sitka zip 99835

**Written Public Testimony
HB312: Operating Budget**

March 22, 2000

To the Senate Finance Committee:

I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and many other museum supporters statewide. Our organization has been very concerned about the proposed \$56,000 budget cut that would have caused this state museum to operate on a part time basis. A letter summarizing our concerns was distributed to the members of the Senate Finance Committee last week.

Today, I am asking the Senate Finance Committee to accept the recommendations of the House Finance Committee and the Senate Finance Subcommittee reviewing the Department of Education and Early Development budget to increase the budget of the Sheldon Jackson Museum by \$20,000 and allow the museum to access an increased proportion of visitor receipts.

If approved, these two very welcome changes will allow the museum to remain a full time educational institution providing valuable service to Alaska's residents and visitors. Regardless of the outcome, our organization would also like to offer its gratitude to everyone who has worked to put forth and support these amendments. Thank you for considering this testimony.

Kristen Griffin

Kristen Griffin
3708 Halibut Point Road
Sitka, AK 99835
(907)747-4955

March 23, 2000

To: Finance Committee

Senator Farnell, Senator Torgerson, Senator Donlay,
Senator Green, Senator Pete Kelly, Senator Leman,
Senator Wilkens & Senator Adams.

From: Edna Toss

P.O. Box 226 (PH 571-1239 Fax 571-1242)

Sliamna, AK 99656

Education is very important to each
and everyone of us in Alaska. I am
asking for you all to support the
University of Alaska: budget increase
of \$16.9 million. This increase is
long overdue!!

Thank you.

Edna Toss

I recognize that society can become frustrated over what may appear to be the endless and fruitless battle against drug and alcohol abuse. At Nugens Ranch, however, people are achieving sobriety and learning how to maintain sobriety. To those in need of help for substance abuse this recovery is literally life-saving.

~~The~~ The cost of these programs must be less than the destructive effects of addiction. In the long run society must profit from the return of healthy and productive people to society. Also, the benefits of restoring the human spirit to

one who has lived in misery, must be incalculable.
Thank you — Robert Bucklew

To: Who it concerns

Im a Resident in Nugents Ranch
and if it weren't for this phase I
would never have quit using DRUGS
& ALCOHOL I HAVE BEEN A ADICT FOR
15 years - as a result I have
cost the state of Alaska millions
in Hospital, JAIL, and other cost
if I was not give this opportunity
to get off the streets and
learn a new life I would have
end up back in JAIL for another
crime sooner or later But I
have learn a great deal hear
and I Hate the thot of you
cuting many for tretment centers
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this Budget cut

S/ Ted Jack

2/23/00

My name is Dorothy K.
I am a recovering alcoholic
before I got into treatment
I felt as though I wasn't worth
living. My children have suffered
along w/ me through out my drinking.
Because of Nugen's Ranch a drug
& alcohol facility I was able
to turn things around for myself
as well as my children. Because
of this treatment center it has
saved my life. I know that alcohol-
ism is a disease & that I have
seen people dying from this disease.
I made a decision if I could help
another alcoholic I would &
I am. I am currently working
at Nugen's Ranch as a counselor-
trainee I was known here as a
client & now I am in training
to help others. I am very
disappointed in hearing that the
government wants to do such a
large amount of decrease in the budget.
This treatment center has saved
my life which ~~is~~ gave me a
happier & healthier life also.
Treatment facilities to save lives
& teaches you a new way of life

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS, TOWARDS THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHAB. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT THESE SUCH FACILITIES ARE HELPING TO FIND A LIFE AGAIN. I AM WELL AWARE OF THE TURMOIL THAT IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY SUCH ADDICTS. I AM AN ADDICT. BUT I AM NOW IN RECOVERY. AND HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY REALIZE MY MISTAKES. THESE PROGRAMS PULL PEOPLE LIKE ME, BACK INTO REALITY. AND SO ONCE AGAIN, I CAN BE A RESPONSIBLE CITEZEN IN THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN. PLEASE CONSIDER, NOT THE MONEY. BUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DEPENDING ON THESE TREATMENT FACILITIES. PEOPLE WITH FAMILIES, THAT ARE HOPEFULL TO ONCE AGAIN BE PRODUCTIVE.

THE MONMEY THAT IS COMING INTO THE STATE FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT, SHOULD NOT BE THROWN INTO THE ROADS. IT SHOULD BE USED FOR HEALTH PURPOSES. THERE IS SOMETHING LACKING THERE, WHEN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BURY MONEY. THEN TAKE IT FROM SOMEWHERE THAT IT'S NEEDED, TO REPLACE THE MONEY THAT WAS BURIED. PLEASE RECONSIDER, ATLEAST THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN . THANK YOU

Charles B

March 23, 2000

HB 312/HB313 Operating Budget

Senate Finance Committee

I realize that the state needs to decrease its spending and increase the revenues, but to look at decreasing alcoholism grant funding to the tune of \$1,500,000.00 is not good sense. All treatment programs in the state have long waiting lists and are working to help Alaskans learn to live life without alcohol. These programs operate on very tight budgets with limited staff and other support. Yet the programs are saving individuals and families from complete destruction. I agree that spending funds for alcoholism program is not glamorous, but it is very worth every dollar spent. I have seen the changes in many citizens who have completed alcoholism treatment in Alaska, they are productive citizens. Many enter the field to help others learn to overcome their alcoholism problem.

I would like to see the funding increased to the Alcohol programs. But understanding budgeting all I request is that the alcoholism and drug abuse grant line figure stay the same as in FY00.

I also believe that the state should look at an income tax. Alaska had the tax before and never should have voted to repeal it. I was one of the few people living in the state at the time that voted against repealing the income tax.

Karen Nugen-Logan
P. O. Box 875273
Wasilla, AK 99687

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please fund the Saxton youth shelter money because they have helped and help many people in there time of need.

Name Rachal Naze
Address P.O box 601
City TAIkeetro zip 99676

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Please help us we desperately need
your financial support, because they
have helped us in our time of need.
We're hungry and need healthy food.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

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In the four plus years that I have been employed at the Saxton Youth Shelter the facility has helped hundreds of homeless youth. The services provided have aided families with their struggles w/ domestic violence. The Saxton Youth Shelter is a vital part of the Mat-Su Valley and is available 24 hours a day for crisis intervention and referral.

Please do not cut our funding.

Name Laurie Munro

Thank you

Address P.O. Box 4223

City Palmer AK 99645

RE: HB 312

03-22-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not make any cuts in funding for the states Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Programs.

These Programs not only help the addicted, but their families, children, friends and society at large.

If these programs are cut we will be seeing these same people in jails and institutions, a far more expensive venture.

Thank You for Your Attention to this matter.

Candace Nixon
3701 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy
Wasilla, AK 99654

my name is Dionysus D.
I am a client at Nugen's Ranch
I am extremely disrupted
to hear of the Budgets cuts,
to treatments facilities ^{that provides} for
our health and our community,
a drug free environment.

Dionysus D. - 3-23-00

To the senate finance Committee
concerning the 1.5 million dollars you
want to cut from the budget.

Please Don't, Alaska is in need
of that money desperately to help keep the
Alcohol & Drug treatment centers going.
It can also help educate the kids that
in nation that are already getting into so
much trouble from drug abuse already.
It shows from all the violence that's
happened in the school systems already.
Instead of filling up the jails that we
already filled to capacity, so lets stop
this nonsense about the cut you propose
and keep it where its suppose to be.

Thank you,
Steve Keppel

My name is Fran Sideris and I am
concerned about the cuts proposed
for Alcoholism treatment in this
state.

I believe this is a #1 social
problem. If we don't fund treatment
we will continue to fill our
prisons. And fund them.

Please reconsider these cutbacks.
Thank you for your consideration
3/23/00

Public Opinion Message

Contact your nearest Legislative Information Office to send your public opinion message

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Mr., Mrs...	First name Beth	M.I. G.	Last name Pendleton	Jr., Sr., III...
Mailing address 8486 Duran Ct Juneau, AK			Zip code 99801	
Residence (street) address if different from mailing address			Zip code	
Daytime telephone number 907-586-8877	Group affiliation (if applicable) U.S. Forest Service	Signature Beth M. Pendleton		Date 3-9-00

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NEA-ALASKA

Affiliated with the National Education Association

State Commitment to School Funding: A Declining Priority

Senate Finance Committee – March 23, 2000

Current Public School Funding in Alaska for FY 00 is \$689,054,300. Proposed funding for FY 01 is \$669,887,400. This represents the state's financial commitment to children. The difference of \$19.17 million is a significant decrease. This difference coupled with the impact of inflation cancels virtually all of the approximately \$26 million in increased funding to schools provided by SB 36 in 1998.

Rather than using an excuse to decrease state funding, the Association believes that the state should be adding funding to its funding program to fully pay for the cost of testing, adequately funding pupil transportation, and funding needed school maintenance and construction.

Cost of school reform and student testing

The Quality Schools Initiative embodied now in statute and through Department of Education and Early Development regulation imposes a significant new cost to school districts. The additional collateral costs of the high school qualifying examination and the benchmark examination program at grades 3, 6, and 8 have never been acknowledged let alone calculated.

We estimate it will cost \$26.95 million to provide direct materials, training and personnel to students who perform poorly on the benchmark examinations or on the high school qualifying examinations. On a per student basis statewide this amounts to underfunding by over \$200 per student.

The breakdown for the \$26.95 million is as follows:

High school qualifying examination:	
Materials component	\$ 1.6 million
Benchmark examinations in grades 3, 6, and 8	
Material component	\$ 4.8 million

Remediation and direct assistance to students Personnel component	\$20.55 million
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Total for reform measures	\$26.95 million

Does a decrease in enrollment cause a decrease in spending?

Even though the enrollment is declining, the proposed decrease in school funding really misses opportunities and falls short of providing basic fiscal support. The primary reason for the decrease in the Foundation Program is due to a decrease in student enrollment of approximately 3,000. The decrease comes after over a decade of annual increases. Even though AS 14.17.500 requires a district to consider the "pattern of growth or decline of the student population in preceding years," the counts set in motion a decision that mean less for schools. The flaw in this reduction assumes that a corresponding reduction in basic operation of schools occurs. Basic necessary services from employment of school personnel to payment of the heating and electric bills do not go away because a school has a few less children. (A loss of 3,000 students statewide out of 133,000 is slightly more than 2%.)

Pupil transportation may not be adequately funded.

Concerning pupil transportation services, a shortfall of \$2.1 million in the current year, coupled with a \$5.1 million budget request for next year casts another cloud over school districts. We understand that it appears likely that the \$2.1 million will be funded however, failure to fund the supplemental and the increase for next year will no doubt tax local school district budgets. We fear that many districts will be forced to take dollars from instruction to fund transportation.

School construction and maintenance

Over the years school facilities and buildings have suffered from inattention and inadequate maintenance.

Even though you will not directly consider school maintenance and construction needs of school today, we are pleased that two proposals to fund school construction and maintenance are before the legislature. One proposal (SB 228/HB 336) by the governor will fund \$510 million in school construction and maintenance projects over the next three years. Another proposal (HB 281) by House Finance contains \$500 million earmarked for school construction and maintenance along with \$165 million in other capital projects.

Fiscal plan

NEA-Alaska stood with you last year and worked for passage of the balanced budget plan advisory vote. We did this for two clear reasons: First, the state needs to develop a fiscal plan that utilizes the state's savings accounts and taxes to fund services including schools, and second, without a plan we feared that K-12 public school would be cut. Today, we are still committed to working with you to develop a fiscal plan to stabilize funding to the many services that make our youngsters more intelligent, healthier, happier and safer.

It seems that at a time when we have less it is difficult to quench our state's thirst for more. More is wanted from schools.

Who is being tested?

The state's system of elementary and secondary schools were put to another test this month when our state's approximately 10,000 tenth graders took an exam that they must successfully pass to graduate in 2002. Another 30,000 third, sixth and eighth graders were also tested. The history of public K-12 schools has been punctuated with one test after another. The idea of a free public education regardless of a person's income, race or status in life has been subject to test on too many occasions. Our schools educate children with special needs along side those who are gifted; our schools educate future scientists along side those who will be future plumbers and carpenters; our schools have become the very mirror of each village and city in Alaska. In serving all our children, one public institution has historically withstood the test of providing a universal opportunity to learn – K-12 public schools.

The question is not whether children should be tested but whether the legislative and executive branch passes the test by providing each child the resources so each student can take full advantage of the opportunity to do something positive from this.

To do less is failure.

Written Public Testimony
For HB 912/HB 913
Operating Budget Testimony

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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be filed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

We the signers of this letter have owned property on the Denali Highway since the early 1970's. We have owned a lodge there for thirty years. We have always been in operation by the 20th of May. It is our livelihood. Also our employees. We have over 500 bird watcher people in June from the lower 48. That's tourist money for the state and the Denali Highway in June is the best place to see several different birds. If the highway melts by itself it will run water down the sides and wash the paved section out. If it is opened by people with lodges or businesses on one lane it will do the same if the ditches are not opened and will cost much more money to repave the portions of the highway that are destroyed. The decision to open the other highways and not the Denali I ask you please to be considered.

Name Naidine and Jack Johnson

Address Box 783

City Delta Jct. zip AK 99737

**Testimony re: HB 312 and 313
March 23, 2000**

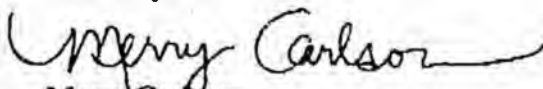
Yesterday, March 22, 2000, there were four Title 47s in Barrow in less than twelve hours -- that is, four individuals who were assessed as being a danger to self or others and requiring immediate psychiatric stabilization. Without mental health professionals to respond, these individuals might have hurt themselves or others in the community. Why are so many individuals in such need? The question is too complex to grapple with here; however, some of these individuals have gone into crisis because they remained on waiting lists for services too long. The underlying issues could relate to mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, or many other areas in which continued funding is critical.

In our North Slope community of less than 8,000, three or more individuals per week who are new to the system seek critical human services the system is too burdened to provide. They are coming because they see the success of existing programs and because their needs are overwhelming. Some of these individuals go on to experience major crises which affect the individual, the family, the community, and the state -- the kind of crises which may lead them to become a "Title 47" danger to self or others.

If mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, corrections, children's residential services, and related programs are cut, the problems experienced by these individuals will continue to grow. It will take more services at higher expense to return individuals to states where they can function independently. Some will never be able to do so. Study after study shows that prevention and early intervention are effective not only in human terms, but in the cost of providing services as well.

Whether we look at the outcome in human potential or in dollar signs, the best results will be obtained by continuing to provide the maximum possible services to those in need. Please do everything possible to preserve and expand funding for social services.

Sincerely,



Merry Carlson
Deputy Director, Behavioral Health
North Slope Borough
P.O. Box 69
Barrow, AK 99723

Written Public Testimony
For HB 212/HD 213
Operating Budget Testimony

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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be filed by the LIC. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

I have just heard that all of the roads are going to be open except the Denali Hwy.

I feel this is wrong because I work on the Denali and the 5-6 months I work is my sole income, I will not be able to make it on 4 months income. We have tours and people booked in the month of May, what are these people to do? The road is a road that should be open. I have worked there nine years and feel that it's not right for the rest to be opened and not ours.

Name Walt Dickinson
Address Mile 20 Denali Hwy.
City Parkus Zip 99732

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For HB 312/IIB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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Please Keep full funding for
the domestic violence and sexual
assault council.

Name Susan Stafford

Address 404 Eadies Way #2

City Kenai zip 99611

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For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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I am the legal advocate at Sitkans Against Family Violence. Legal assistance, support and information is IMPERATIVE for women who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The legal system can be overwhelming and confusing and without adequate, informed and consistent support through the system, women often remain in or return to dangerous situations which compromise their physical safety and the safety of their children.

Victims of domestic violence are often conditioned to see a minimum of options in making the break to safety. Programs such as ours do important and necessary work as we continue to inform them of their rights and options.

Name Vicki D'Amico
Address PO Box 2191
City Sitka Zip 99835

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I would like the Senate Finance Committee Members to know how helpful and appreciated the half-time position of Rural Outreach Coordinator for Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) has been by Kake, Angoon and Port Alexander. This position has been providing Prevention and Education to students of the above communities for the past eight years. Presentations have included "good/bad touch" for children up to 6th grade and discussions of boundaries and dating violence for the older students. SAFV offers training for safe home providers who graciously open their home to victims of battering and sexual assault for a maximum of 72 hours which allows the person to consider options opened to her by the safe home provider and others. There is a Dei Awe (translated to English means enough!) group that was organized for women who are saying "Enough" to physical, emotional, and mental abuse. I hope and pray that this committee will join the group in saying Dei Awe-enough! And continue to provide monetary support.

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Dear Committee Members,

The SAFV Children's Program has successfully increased its School Support Group attendance significantly (nearly 35 students per week) for Grades 3-8 over the last several months. School Groups focus on preventative measures for at-risk youth. Students participate in activities aimed not only at increasing their awareness about Domestic Violence, Personal Safety, Drug and Alcohol Education, Responsibility, Self-Esteem, and Anger Management, but also discussing those issues facing them daily in their home lives.

Over the course of the past months the students improvement is evinced not only in their individual demeanors but the overall cohesiveness of each group. Group members recognize peer support for their issues available in both one another and the group facilitator. It is exciting to see how well students have been responding. Education is the best prevention.

Name STACEY NOEM

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My name is Deb Knoff and I am the Resource Coordinator for the SAFV Shelter in Sitka.

We are dedicated to stopping violence and to educating our communities about domestic violence and sexual assault. We wear many hats when being a single point of access for advocacy, shelter and support 24 hours a day and we are committed to continuing these services. As the number of victims increase, so does the need for our program and allocated dollars to do it well. To provide these services will in the long run be cost effective for the state and enhance the lives of children. It is our hope, our dream and our vision that one day violence will no longer exist. Until then, please allow us to keep our families, our friends, and our communities safe through continued funding of domestic violence and sexual assault services.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you of the valuable programs provided by SAFV and other statewide programs.

Name Deb Knoff

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Teleconference

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HB 312 Operating
HB 313 Mental Health

DATE: March 23, 2000

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I AM CONCERNED THAT A GENERAL
REDUCTION OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC
RADIO WILL END IN SHUTTING
DOWN THE STATIONS WHICH ARE
NEEDED MOST. IF YOU TELL THE
BIG BOYS OF PUBLIC RADIO TO
CUT A GIVEN NUMBER OF DOLLARS
THEY WILL ~~#~~ (I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT)
PLACE THOSE CUTS FAR FROM THEIR
OFFICES IN ANCHORAGE AND FAIRBANKS.
THEY WILL IGNORE THE FACT THAT
PUBLIC RADIO IS NEEDED MOST ON
THE FRONTIERS, NOT THE LARGE

Name FRANK E. COOK METRO AREAS

Address PO BOX 2255 CAN YOU HELP?

City VALDEZ Zip 99686

THANK YOU

FRANK COOK

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Please also note our public radio's
budget.

Name Kathy Reddick Ala. point
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KCHU 770am Valdez, KXKM McCarthy 89.7FM
& KXGA Glennallen 90.5 Fm provides
public radio service to Prince William
Sound & the Copper River Valley with
one state grant.

KCHU maintains a 9KW Emergency
generator at our downtown Studio
and a 30 KW Emergency ^{generator} at our
old town transmitter site.

Severe state funding cuts have
hurt this station.

More cuts backs in state funding
with result in the loss of
federal matching dollars.

Please restore funding
for public radio.

Name Lisa West
Address General Manager KCHU
Box 2559
City Valdez, AK zip 99686

Lisa West

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Public Radio is my lifeline!
As a senior citizen my income is limited, so cable T.V. is not a variable. I have been listening to Public Radio for as long as it has been in existence. It keeps me informed, entertained, & up-to the latest news. ~~State~~ ^{Local} Regional, State, National & world-wide.

It will be a dark world without Public Broadcasting. Please reconsider your amount of reduction in the budget. My local station is KCHU 740 AM.

Name Connie Green

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City Valdez, AK zip 99686

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Please restore Public Radio's budget - it's very important to our communities -

Name Sue Cogswell

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City Walden Zip AK 99686

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Public Radio ... is the only
means of communication
available to some folks -
Restore the House cuts
to the the Public Radio Budget
No communication is always a
Bad idea —

Name J Anderson

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Please restore Public Radio
Budget.

Name Susan Epp

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Please do not allow any more budget cuts for our public radio service. This service (our radio station KCHU-Valdez) is essential to provide a variety of programming & information to a large listening audience that many of us would not have if KCHU is taken away.

Name Donna Lavik-Worberg

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3/24/97

To: Senate Finance Committee
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Failure to fund infrastructure destruct
Economy and society

From: James P. Fisher, 171 Farnsworth, Soldo
Phone: 262-9601 - fax: 262-96

An unnamed theologian said "the self righteous will lead us to hell", which prompts an analogy that permissive deterioration of Alaska's infrastructures or programs could fling us into a stagnant economy or some social hell.

This budget cycle should avoid any reduction in the need (yes, and the opportunity) to invest in our state's:

- children, by enhancing and maintaining, medical, protective and corrective programs, i.e., Denali KidCare for families without health insurance, increase educational funds so our kids will stay home (so your grandchildren desire to attend U of A?), and protect those children who might be neglected or abused...all of these opportunities are before this Legislature...
- infrastructure maintenance, i.e., adequate revenues for highway maintenance, is only one example...
- public radio system (cut 70% in recent years) - the only channel with a statewide reach, so essential to keep our citizens and neighbors informed and educated...

Over and over we hear Alaska will not grow, or cut, its way out of the perceived fiscal gap. The Legislature appears rigidly focused on numbers, while apparently ignoring the adverse impact of funding reductions on essential services?

(Do we, you, refuse to listen to warnings that our failure to have a reasonable statewide tax, on individual citizens for essential public needs, can cause business investment to shy away from Alaska (Anchorage News, 3/16/97)? And that failure to maintain roads, schools, and quality infrastructure, can prompt business to avoid a state so blindly economizing.)

Will my Alaskan neighbors and I come to our senses, and insist more be spent on education and other essential, services - so we share both advantages and responsibility?

3/24/00
Senator Ferguson
Would you have
your staff
deliver copies
of this communication
to the Senate Finance
Committee
Thank you

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There are many reasons why college courses & continuing education classes should be continued in rural areas. Due to complicated travel logistics in rural Alaska, local college courses may be their lifeline to keeping up with the quickly advancing technology of the outside world. The budget & money appropriated to Uof A should not be cut to the "bush" area. A cross-section of the Alaskan population would not fairly served if this money were kept only in urban areas.

Name Melanie Peggib

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It is important to continue to fund post secondary schooling, especially in rural Alaska because the cost of moving family and job to the urban site is often times impossible. Providing monies for the rural university system is essential in order to keep up current job skills & technology. UAF has been able to provide ~~any~~ many teachers and educators with up to date courses to teach ^{the} Alaska standards without having UAF to provide this information to teachers, we would have great difficulty to meet this goal of Alaska-Quality Schools

Name Phyllis Lawson
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I believe continuing education in rural Alaska is an important part of the University System.

Alaska is a unique state, combining both drive in and "Bush" communities. By funding both parts of Alaska, the University can help guarantee a future for all Alaskans, not simple for the residents of "Urban" Alaska.
Let's continue to provide Education for ALL Alaskans!

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March 24, 2000

Alaska State Senate
Alaska House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Legislator:

This letter is in response to Representative Cowdery's letter of March 24th. The letter contained numerous factual errors about our department.

As part of their contribution to the operation of the Northern Forum, Hokkaido seconded one of its staff to work at the Northern Forum secretariat office in Anchorage. The reason for his departure from Anchorage can be found in the December minutes of the Northern Forum Steering Committee. According to those minutes, "due to economic difficulties, Hokkaido will suspend sending a regional representative to the secretariat." See attached minutes.

Northern Forum's mission is to improve the quality of life of Northern peoples, to support sustainable development and cooperative socio-economic initiatives among Northern regions. This mission is quite different than that of Trade and Development.

Payments to World Trade Center Alaska have been made on a regular, timely basis as stipulated under the terms of the grant agreement. Please call Executive Director Robin Zerbel for confirmation.

DCED and the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation enjoy a close, cooperative working relationship. In fact, AEDC is a strong supporter of DCED and in just the past few weeks its Board of Directors passed a resolution urging the Legislature to restore funding for DCED's budget. See attached letter and resolution. For confirmation call Larry Crawford, President.

Again Representative Cowdery writes about issues that I cannot possibly address, such as "fear of reprisal." If he has any proof, I sincerely wish he would share it with House and Senate leadership. I believe these allegations to be biased and untrue. Once again, the department is put in the defensive position of spending our limited state resources to counter misinformation and allegations, rather than spending our time productively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah B. Sedwick".

Deborah B. Sedwick
Commissioner

Attachments

"Promoting a healthy economy and strong communities"



STEERING COMMITTEE

Summary and Recommendations of the Steering Committee Meeting

15-17 December 1999
Anchorage, Alaska

Attendees:

1. Alaska: Michael Johnson
2. Hokkaido: Hitoshi Shichida, Saturo Murai and Masahiro Takeuchi (Yoshi Ogawa, interpreter)
3. Lapland: Hannu Viranto (Eeva Maria Taina, interpreter)
4. Sakha: Anastassia Bozhedonova (Maria Rodomakina, interpreter)
5. Secretariat: John Doyle and Priscilla Wohl
6. Alberta (observer): Rockford Lang
7. Norrbotten (observer): Hans Groth, Projektchef, North Sweden European Liaison Office

General remarks and issues that arose many times during the meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 on the morning of 15 December 1999, and continued with few breaks until 11:30 on 17 December. Following the record of the meeting is a list of Action Items.

The NF is a member-driven organization, and much responsibility lies with the Regional Coordinators (RCs) and the member governments. The Secretariat cannot be responsible for most of the organization's activities.

The NF must strictly prioritize all its activities, and specific items regarding the implementation of the members' priorities must be included in all discussions, plans and budgets

The Steering Committee (SteerCom) members and Secretariat together need to develop a NF Action Plan. A concrete plan, agreed by all NF members, will help everyone to explain the organization's activities and plans to others, particularly those in the commercial sector.

Members that support a specific issue must bear administrative and other costs associated with its pursuit. Subsidy of such issues by other members should be minimized.

I. Summary report on November Meetings

1. The Executive Director reported on meetings in St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Washington D.C. and New York City he attended in November. A trip report was included in the meeting workbook.
2. Significant opportunities arose as a result of the meetings. Some of them will require follow-up by the Secretariat and RCs.

II. Northern Forum Financial Report

1. Hokkaido donated an Additional Assessment of USD 45,000, to be used for project support and operations. Yukon donated a Supplementary Contribution of USD 2,500, to be used for Public Relations efforts. Alaska has changed the disbursement of its USD 60,000 Additional Assessment to a quarterly basis, with change in reporting structure and other restrictions.

Northern Forum Steering Committee Meeting
15-17 December 1999



Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
The Center of Opportunity

Executive Committee Resolution

Whereas the State Legislature is considering drastic budget cuts to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of International Trade and Market Development; and,

Whereas, the budget plan eliminates the trade program -- the State's trade and research specialists; and,

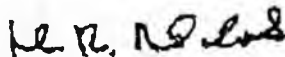
Whereas, the proposed cuts eliminate the State's only position responsible for recruiting new business and investment; and,

Whereas, the proposed cuts end 35 years of state trade representation in Japan and 15 years in Korea; and,

Whereas, the State has an important role to play in economic development.

Therefore be it Resolved that AEDC recommends that the House Finance Committee reconsider the proposed drastic cuts to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of International Trade and Market Development.

Passed and approved this 16th day of March, 2000.



Melvin R. Nichols, Chairman



Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
The Center of Opportunity

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 8, 2000

To: House Finance Committee, Alaska State Legislature
Rep. Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair
Rep. Gene Therrialur, Co-Chair
Rep. Con Bunde, Vice Chair
Rep. Alan Austerman
Rep. Gail Phillips
Rep. John Davies
Rep. Ben Grussendorf
Rep. Carl Moses
Rep. Richard Foster
Rep. Bill Williams

cc: Rep. Brian Porter, Speaker of the House
Rep. Ramona Barnes

From: Larry D. Crawford, AEDC President & CEO

The Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's Executive Committee has passed a resolution requesting that the House Finance Committee reconsider the proposed severe reductions to State funding for the Division of International Trade and Market Development. The budget being proposed to the House Finance Committee essentially eliminates the State's trade and research specialists. If passed, this will end 35 years of state trade representation in Japan and 15 years in Korea. These are Alaska's two largest export markets. The state's only position responsible for recruiting new business and investments will be eliminated should the proposed budget become reality.

Now is the time for economic development to be one of the State of Alaska's top priorities. Alaska needs to diversify its economy and become less dependent on oil revenues.

Please reconsider making such severe cuts to the budget of the Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of International Trade and Market Development. The State government has an important role to play in economic development.

Sincerely,


Larry D. Crawford
President & CEO

Attached: AEDC Executive Committee Resolution

- e) The Executive Director and Deputy Director would be more productive with the help of a part-time professional Executive Assistant
 - f) The goal of making the Secretariat staff more "international" in outlook and experience – and thus more representative of its members – was stressed by the Executive Director
 - g) The Secretariat asked that members be requested to bring forth names of professionals from their regions who might work in the Secretariat (as professionals or as Regional Representatives)
4. There was general agreement that the Regional Representatives are key to the NF, and that more attention must be paid to their mission and qualifications. The discussion was as follows:
- ★ a) Due to economic difficulties, Hokkaido will suspend sending a Regional Representative to the Secretariat; significant levels of support will continue from Hokkaido itself; if it is determined by the NF Board, Hokkaido will be able to consider sending another Regional Representative in future; SteerCom members thanked Hokkaido for its long-standing leadership
 - b) Alberta may be sending a Regional Representative, on a short term basis, to the Secretariat, replacing the temporary intern representative sent this autumn
 - c) The four Geographical Areas of the NF should be represented at the Secretariat; on the other hand, although it is desirable, Regional Representatives do not always need to reside in Alaska
 - d) The SteerCom members need to take a larger role in NF support activities. Sakha and Hokkaido both discussed their support through full time staff assigned to both the Secretariat and in their region. Lapland indicated that although they do not have full time staff allocated to NF activities, they spend considerable time on NF issues, both project specific and communication among members. Alaska indicated that they have no budget and no ability to undertake any NF duties. The time currently spent on work is unfunded. Alaska cannot do any more than it currently does in support of NF activities.
 - e) Rotation of Regional Representatives was discussed, but no firm recommendations were made beyond the suggestion that in order to be useful, Representatives need to spend adequate time in the Secretariat; the amount of time should be specified
 - f) Rotation of Representatives among Associate Secretariats and members was briefly discussed (for example, the Director of Sakha Associate Secretariat may be stationed in Lapland for a time)
 - g) The NF needs guidelines for sending Regional Representatives to the Secretariat; these should be developed by the Executive Director and SteerCom
 - h) Before a Regional Representative is assigned to the Secretariat, the Executive Director should communicate with the region which is sending the Representative: the skills and qualities needed in the Secretariat
 - i) Regional Representatives' work plans should be very specific; they should be designed by the sponsoring region and the Secretariat together, and should be coordinated by the Secretariat
 - j) Hosting a Regional Representative has significant financial implications, not only for the sponsoring member, but for the Secretariat as well; these include logistics (transportation in Anchorage), housing, office space, equipment and training, etc.
5. The NF Computer System and Communications
- a) Email connections have increased during the past years; only four regions do not have email at present
 - b) The use of the Internet should be emphasized, especially regarding communications among members, the Secretariat and the populations of the regions
 - c) The Executive Director outlined some of his ideas for significantly enhancing the NF's use of its web site
 - d) A long-term (5 or 10 year) communications plan for the NF should be developed, using the plan produced in the early 1990s

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*I've learned something new in
any UAF class I've taken.
Having classes in this community
has helped me to further
my education.*

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I would never be able to afford to go
to a college away from home so it's wonderful
we can take classes locally, and it's
more personable!

Classes are unique & fun.. I think we
get more of a variety in instructors!
Please continue to support rural school
universities !! Thank you.

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As a student in Rural Alaska
I feel very strongly that
having a campus near home
is a great benefit. Giving rural
Alaskans the chance to better
themselves within their own
community is good for all of
Alaska. ~~There~~ We will have a more
educated, marketable population
if you continue to support the
University of Alaska.

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The Naknek campus has offered well educated knowledgeable instructors and meaningful courses for furthering education in many different fields to all of our remote areas that are not accessible to Anchorage or Fairbanks. Personally, the many computer classes I've participated in have enhanced my own knowledge & versatility in my profession.

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Please continue funding for Rural University-level education. It is the lifeblood of learning in remote communities & is essential for our educational health & intellectual growth. Thank you.

Name Kristen Dora
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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
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Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

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As a rural resident for 18 years I have greatly benefited from the offerings through the Bristol Bay Campus. Thirteen years ago I was able to complete my teaching degree thru the Campus and am currently employed as a ~~certified~~ certified teacher. Since then this rural campus has provided courses that have helped towards recertification as well as personal interests. As a resident of Bristol Bay I strongly encourage you to fund UAF and its rural programs.

Name Glenda Egl:

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City Natnek Ak 99633

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The university program touches all of us in the state of Alaska. Without an educated populace, we will not only do a disservice to the ~~base~~ entire population, we will also continue to import professionals from the lower 48. Everyone, no matter what their job or station in life, will have a need for continued education. No other agency can fill this essential service.

I personally have my master's degree but I have taken many university courses both before and after this degree. Most of these have enabled me to either make more money, teach others what I've learned or improve my life.

Please allow these fabulous + valuable programs to continue throughout our great state.

Name Mary Thea Levinson

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Alaska Human Resource Investment Council

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Colleen Ward
 Owner, Xcel

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 Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 375

March 24, 2000

The Honorable Drue Pearce, Senate President
 The Honorable Brian Porter, Speaker of the House
 The Alaska State Legislature
 State Capitol
 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Pearce and Representative Porter:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council in support of the Governor's version of the operating budget. Our organization is in the business of ensuring that Alaska workers are ready for work, and that Alaska businesses have a qualified, local workforce to help their industries thrive. Investing in quality education and healthy children is the best way to ensure a healthy economy.

The Governor introduced the Children's Budget to focus on resources to build a future workforce and healthy citizens. It begins with important and essential services, which are highlighted below:

Child Care – Child care is an essential piece of a healthy economy. People coming off of welfare cannot stay in jobs if they don't have child care assistance. The House version of the operating budget has underfunded child care assistance by \$800,000 – in real terms, this means 400 kids won't be covered by assistance anymore.

Headstart – The Governor asked for a \$2 million addition to Headstart. The State of Alaska only serves 23% of kids who are income eligible for Headstart. The national average is about 40%. The House added \$0 to the program.

Prevention – 80% of adult prisoners were abused as children. 50% don't have their high school diploma. Almost 80% had substance abuse problems. If we don't spend money on prevention, we will spend much more in the future on incarceration.

Youth Detention – The current version of the budget doesn't include any money to operate youth detention facilities that are currently under construction in Anchorage, Mat-Su and Ketchikan.

*The Honorable Drue Pearce
The Honorable Brian Porter
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Quality Schools Initiative – An additional \$7.6 million was requested in the Governor's budget to increase student performance through tutoring, summer school, and training to improve student performance, and help students meet higher standards now in place. The House zeroed out this request.

University of Alaska – The Governor asked for \$16.9 million for the University of Alaska. States that have great economies have great educational systems. The current version of the budget fails the test of future investment.

There are many other problems with both the House and Senate versions of the operating budget. The State cannot afford to underfinance these essential services. As employers, the AHRIC feels that it is essential to invest in the services that will create a qualified local workforce to fill Alaska jobs in the future. I strongly urge you to restore funding to the Governor's requested level for these vital services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alice J. Galvin

Alice Galvin, Ed.D.
AHRIC Chair

cc: The Honorable Sean Parnell, Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Johnny Ellis, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Ethan Berkowitz, House Minority Leader

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February 11, 2000

Senator Sean Parnell
Senator John Torgerson
Senate Finance Co-Chairs
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

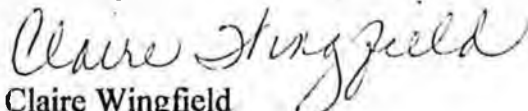
Dear Senator Parnell and Senator Torgerson,

We are writing to you in regards to closure of the two Richardson Highway maintenance stations at Trims Camp (milepost 218) and Birch Lake (milepost 307). The highway between Delta Junction and Paxson has been closed for at least five days this winter thus far. Snow conditions along with drifting have contributed to these closures as the remaining maintenance stations are overburdened with the territory they are expected to cover.

People have gotten stuck on the road in the snow. Five people in one vehicle were involved in a collision because of the road conditions. (Note the accompanying article). And many people are kept from moving around the state when the Richardson Highway is closed. This road was not closed due to unusual conditions. These are "normal" situations on this highway. Isabel Pass generally has large snowfall and winds that cause drifting on the highway. This is why we contend that the maintenance service station needs to be reopened immediately.

We understand that Senator Georgianna Lincoln is writing a supplemental appropriation that will address the issue of reopening the maintenance stations. We wholeheartedly support the appropriation. The lives of everyone that travels the Richardson Highway depends on your actions. In April the annual Arctic Man Classic will be run near Summit Lake. Thousands of snowmachiners attend this event and they will be traveling on this highway. Please make it safe for ALL of us.

Sincerely,


Claire Wingfield
President

2-3-00

Police report

Injury accident

Five people were injured in an auto accident near Mile 228 Richardson Highway at about 8:31 a.m. Wednesday. According to Alaska State Troopers, a 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Piotr Morozov, 49, of Delta Junction rear-ended a tractor-trailer driven by Donald L. Lucas, 42, of Wasilla. The semi was stuck in a snowdrift and was blocking the road, troopers said, and high winds and white-out conditions contributed to the accident. According to troopers, highway closure signs had been posted due to poor weather. Morozov and four adult passengers in the truck were transported to the Delta Medical Clinic for initial treatment. He, along with one of the female passengers, was then transported to Fairbanks for follow-up treatment. They are both in fair condition at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. No one in the vehicle was wearing a seat belt, troopers said. Damage to the pickup is estimated at \$6,000 while the semi sustained about \$500 in damages.

Domestic violence

Misty Nickoli, 22, was arrested Friday at about 5:40 a.m. on domestic violence charges after Fairbanks police were called to a

home on Baranof Avenue. Police said Nickoli struck another woman in the head with a pot. She was taken to Fairbanks Correctional Center.

Burglary

■ A North Pole woman came home Thursday around 11 a.m. to find a strange man in her house on Silverleaf Drive, according to a report by the Alaska State Troopers. The intruder, who was wearing a black jacket and jeans, along with a ski mask, struck the woman in the face, troopers said, and then fled. The case remains under investigation.

■ A man in the Gold Rush Estates area reported to troopers on Friday morning that someone had broken into his home and stole about \$5,000 in cash. The burglary is under investigation.

Fugitive

Police arrested Teresa Haden, 45, Thursday evening on an outstanding warrant. Haden was contacted by police in a trailer behind the Sunset Strip on the Old Richardson Highway after a report of a domestic disturbance there. A check of the National Crimes Information Computer showed a Texas warrant for Ha-

den's arrest on original charges of check fraud.

DWI

■ Troopers arrested Douglas Tobuk, 43, of Fairbanks on charges of driving while intoxicated. Tobuk was stopped at about 1:41 a.m. Friday for erratic driving on South Cushman Street. He was taken to Fairbanks Correctional Center.

■ On Friday at about 2:30 a.m., Fairbanks police arrested Timothy Estabrooks, 33, on charges of driving while intoxicated. According to police, Estabrook cut in front of another vehicle at the intersection of Cushman Street and Airport Way. He was eventually stopped at the intersection of Airport and Gillam Ways, police said. Estabrook blew a .173 on the Intoximeter, above the legal limit of .10, according to police.

Theft

Troopers received a report Thursday afternoon of a theft from a home on the Old Nenana Highway. According to troopers, the resident said sometime between Jan. 23 and Thursday someone took his snowplow from the front of his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway.

Memorandum

DATE: March 17, 2000

TO: Senator Sean Parnell

FROM: Doug Ward

Tel: (907) 225-7199

Fax: (907) 247-7201



Email: dward@akship.com

RE: Funding for International Trade, Economic Development & Tourism

Dear Senator Pearce:

We have learned that the House Finance Committee has severely cut the budget for Department of Community and Economic Development's International Trade and Market Development. The purpose of this letter is to support funding for International Trade and Market Development.

We are supporting this agency's budget because of the important work that remains to be done in diversifying and strengthening Alaska's economy. Alaska's ability to support its vital marine transportation system will depend not only on competent ship building and repair facilities but also on attracting new maritime support businesses that can provide specialized goods and services. Market Development plays a valuable role in bringing new businesses to Alaska and helping them set up shop through procurement workshops and contractor conferences.

Educating fleet operators about the capabilities of Alaska shipyards is also an important role of this department. Many Seattle based seafood harvesters and processors have yet to learn the cost benefits of having their Alaska fleets maintained and repaired in Alaska. Market Development can assist Alaska shipyards educate these businesses and attract new customers. Much of our Alaskan seafood is shipped directly to Asia aboard foreign owned freighters. International Trade can assist Alaska shipyards by informing these foreign shipping companies of our state's ability to provide routine maintenance and emergency repairs for their vessels. We also understand that Russian fishing vessels are beginning to use Seattle shipyards for maintenance. Here again, International Trade can help inform these fleet operators of Alaska's ship repair capabilities.

Establishing primary manufacturing activities like shipbuilding and repair in Alaska is a severe challenge. Commissioner Sedwick has done a good job in helping industry meet this challenge. Please, help Commissioner Sedwick continue her work by supporting the budget for International Trade and Market Development.

Respectfully,

Doug Ward
Director of Business Development

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Janell R. Privett
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March 23, 2000

Testimony: Senate Finance: HB312

Senate Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to fax you testimony on HB312 funding for education in FY01, I was unable to attend the hearings on March 23rd.

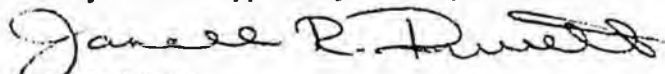
The State of Alaska is responsible under the State Constitution for the funding of public education for all of Alaska's children. Alaskan's have spoken out clearly in many surveys and public testimony in support of education as a priority for this state. Alaska's children are in my opinion our number one resource. This states investment into it's children must be consistent and dependable.

School Districts are doing an excellent job of doing more with less, my community is unprepared for the reduction in budget that you are considering. Wrangell Public Schools have been well cared for with more than 85% of our property tax going to pay for our schools, our community has worked very hard to keep our education on solid ground with our community still facing a uncertain economic future. Wrangell knows that our future depends on our children and the education that they receive will bring forward our greatest chance to survive the uncertain economic future we are facing.

I encourage you to stand by Alaska's Children by supporting SB198 Senator Wilken's bill, SB 244/ HB336 Quality Schools Grant program, SB 250/11B 301 FY 00 supplemental, SB 105 Foundation Change, pupil transportation can not be short funded, this will require districts to use instructional dollars to meet bus contract obligations, in my community our budgets only area to fund transportation will come out of direct instruction, this will then drop our instruction 70/30, removing us from compliance with the Department of Education and will jeopardize our accreditation. Funds authorized for education should be spent on education rather than used to offset state budget cuts, it is wrong and unethical to balance Alaska's budget on the backs of our children. I challenge you all to put your heads together and see what life you can create for our children, and Alaska's future.

Governor Walter Hickel, 1994: There is no vision, no hope, no future, not agenda for Alaska, if your only ideology, if your only philosophy, if your only cause is to cut the budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to fax my testimony to you,


Janell R. Privett

PLEASE SIGN IN

3/20/2000

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Please provide a copy of the sign-in sheet to Sen Parnell + Rep. Blumke.

*Thanks,
J...*

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As Alaskans, I am sure you will agree that we need to make an investment in our future. More precious than gold or oil are our children. However, in recent reports written by researchers, our great state earns an F for investments and contributions to education. Our university system has been so disabled due to lack of funds, that our daughter and most of her friends have left the state to attend college. Do we want to also cripple our K-12 system in this time of benchmark and exit testing? Would we rather build prisons to hold the failures we create? Let's move into the new century with a long range plan, instead of crisis planning every spring.

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Taxes!
Cap or delete the permanent fund!

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We need an immediate decision to fully restore funding to education in Fairbanks. This funding is to include recent cuts, money for transportation (buses), special education as required by federal law, and an increase in the Quality School's Initiative. We are faced with losing excellent school programs such as, elementary music, school nurses and counselors, transportation, middle school structure, programs to reduce drop outs and aid at-risk students, etc. These are core areas that have been mandated in the Denali Kid Care ideology to take better care of our children. You've passed legislation to require improved performance by districts, schools, teachers and students. You've set standards and provided benchmarks. Now you've pulled the rug out from under us, with out notice! Schools are often the only stable place for youngsters with dysfunctional homes. We have the highest rate of every type of disease and problems socially. Shame on you for hurting children! Education is a top priority. Businesses locate often based on how good a school system is. We can contact by the thousands via e-mail. Vote "yes" to education or I will vote "no" to you!

Name Patrice R. Lee
Address 676 Hillcrest Dr.
City Fairbanks zip 99712
AK

March 21, 2000

To: All Alaska State State Senators and Representatives

State employees work hard and deserve a pay increase just like all hard working Alaskans. They've earned it, they deserve it, and it is good for the economy. State employees do not earn their money in Alaska and leave the state to spend it, they own homes (pay mortgages), pay rent, and spend their money right here in Alaska. They are our neighbors and they volunteer in our communities. Only 1/3 of the state employees receive a merit increase. Statistics show that the private sector pay has gone up 5.5% and during this same period federal pay has increased 16.3% while the state employees have taken an 8.6% decrease. All working people deserve respect and safe working conditions. We should not jeopardize the quality of life for working Alaskans who choose to earn a living or the incentive and motivation to work would diminish and threaten economic stability. I am a hard working state employee and I've sacrificed time from my family to provide a decent life for my family and myself. Please support the funding of state employee contracts. We will lose if we continue to cut instead of looking for a long-range plan to improve the quality of life for all Alaskans. Let's work together!

Joanne Olsen
PO Box 72654
Fairbanks, Ak 99707

Joanne Olsen

If there are any questions, you may contact me at 479-6785.

March 10, 2000

Fax: 456-3346

Dear House Finance Committee:

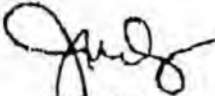
I would like to urge you to not make any cuts to alcohol and substance abuse programs from currently being considered for the State's operation budget for FY00. Alaska has the highest rates of alcohol-related accidents, deaths and fetal alcohol birth defects in the nation. Budget reductions will be devastating to ongoing work in substance abuse treatment and prevention.

Specifically, any cuts to the current budget would impact Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc's Hunik Zoo, the Old Minto Family Recovery Camp, and the Fairbanks and Tok Subregional alcohol programs. These programs are vital to the Interior and making great progress in the field of alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention.

However, it's not enough. Currently, there is a three to six month waiting list for treatment programs. More prevention education is needed to reach on constantly changing population. Reductions would be a step backwards.

Thank you for consideration.

Respectively,


Judy Peter,
Fort Yukon

March 10, 2000

Fax: 456-3346

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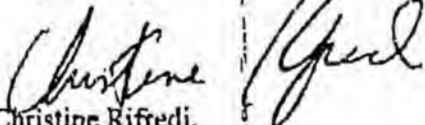
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Thank you for consideration.

Respectively,


Christine Riffredi,
Fort Yukon

FROM : ANUIK TRIBAL COUNCIL
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FAIRBANKS LIO

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance
Committee on HB 312 Dated 3-8-00
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Specifically, any cuts to the current budget would impact TCC, Inc's. Hunik 200, the old minto recovery camp, and the Fairbanks, and TOK Subregional alcohol programs. These programs are vital to the Interior and making great progress in the field of alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention.

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Thank you for your consideration,

SIGNED: Alberto Maillo
Testifier

Anvik Tribal T.F.S.
Representing

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Address / Phone Number

Subject:**Date:** Wed, 22 Mar 2000 16:16:55 -0900**From:** Bill Emery <bgrfwle@northstar.k12.ak.us>**To:** Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us

To: Senate Finance Hearing Members,

Please support full funding at the state level for public education by voting yes for House Bill 312.

We should be adding funds to education not taking funding away from important sources like transportation. Reductions in state spending like this will only cause further cuts to school related programs. Presently our School Board is currently cutting vital programs in music, nursing, counseling and other areas because many of our representatives are not in touch with the needs of students in our schools nor do they fully understand what long lasting effects the lack of funding will create.

No funds have been added to the state budget for the Quality Schools Initiative. How do you expect us to test all these students without counselor's or other available staffing and implement remedial programs for those that fail? The answer is it can't be done by depleting our resources. What about inflation? Personnel, building maintenance, construction costs and electric/heating bills keep climbing and have not been incorporated into the new budget. So, please support SB228/HB336 and HB281.

Please support these legislative bills so we can maintain quality schools in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

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NorthPole, AK 99705
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DM

In Fairbanks we are facing substantial budget cuts in the FNSB schools. As we live in the richest state in the U.S., there is no reason why we shouldn't strive to have the best school system in the country. Our children are our future.

I urge you to support SB 198 & fully fund pupil transportation, along with the Governor's Quality Schools Initiative. But unfortunately, even with these proposed appropriations, the school district is still facing four million dollars in budget cuts.

We need status quo funding to match the 1998 budget. I urge you to additionally restore funding to the '99 level (70.1 million) This means an additional

3.1 million increase which could be added to HB 312 on line 18, Page 8 - Special & Supplemental support.

Name Debbie S. Miller

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Please help fund education
as a #1 priority,
Sincerely,

Debbie Miller

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Good Evening Committee members,
My name is Kelly Wardle & I'm an ~~student~~^{alumn}
alumni & prospective nursing student @ UAF.
I'm here to testify tonight on behalf of my school
and the University of Alaska statewide system.
I'd like to urge you to fully fund our proposed
budget request of 16.9 million. - Not only for the benefit
of current Alaskan students like myself, but to
provide an educational future for the next generation.

Thank you for your time,
Kelly Wardle

Name Kelly Wardle

Address PO Box 56678

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Hello members of the committee! my name is Kai Jensen & I am a Geology student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I am here to fully support funding of the University of Alaska Fairbanks statewide budget request. As many of you know UAF is a leading research institution & one of the few land, sea & space grand schools in the nation. This means that this university is competitive with other research institutions in the Pacific Northwest. This is why I chose to come to UAF. By fully funding our request, you'll be assuring that option for other aspiring scientists... Some of which may be your children! Thank you for your time.

Name Kai Jensen

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For HB 312/HB 313
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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My name is Aubrey Miner, and I am a UA scholar attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I urge you to give the full funding that President Hamilton has asked for to the UA System. It's wonderful to be able to attend a local university with such a variety of quality programs instead of having to search for these programs at expensive, out-of-state universities. We need to keep that multi-quality program attraction of the UA schools, and we need high funding support to make that happen. 16.9 million is not just an arbitrary, negotiable number that we ~~ask~~^{beg} for you to give us, it is the full amount we need to keep our current professors, expand our needed programs, and keep our university in business.

Name Aubrey Miner

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Sincerely,

Aubrey Miner

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Hi my name is Jack Fletcher. I would like to urge you to fully fund UAF's budget request for the next fiscal year. I was born and raised here in Fairbanks and graduated from UAF with two Associate Degrees in Fire Science in Spring of 96 & 98. I recently returned from working at McMurdo Station, Antarctica as a firefighter. I know if I hadn't had my education from UAF that I probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to Antarctica. So, I strongly urge you to fully fund UAF at their request of \$16.9 million.

Name Jack Fletcher

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So that Alaskan children can also have the opportunities I've had... solely because of my UAF's education.

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I would like to introduce myself. My name is Suzanna Bobinski. I work for the State of Alaska. For the Department of Motor Vehicles.

I would like the finance committee to agree to fund State contracts. I believe it is fair & modest. We have worked for almost a year without a contract & have been negotiating with the state. There are numerous programs do need to be funded. Charter schools, Education, Child protection & fill vacant child protection workers positions. The state passed a law to charge youth offenders for adult crimes as adults. There needs to be implement prevention of these at risk individual before they even think of doing crimes.

Name Suzanna Bobinski
Address 3120 Treaty St
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provide better or more opportunities for youth to earn their own money
Before age 14
Suzanna

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Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am a teacher and a parent in the FNSBSD. I am begging you to fully fund education. These children are the future of our nation. I shudder to think how much more depraved and corrupt our society will become if we do not meet the educational needs of these young citizens.

There are so many of our students for whom the school is the only safe, stable environment they have. We must give them all we can to help mold them into valuable, productive, contributing members of our society. Remember, they will be the ones in charge when we are old.

Name Becky Ryberg

Address 1084 Acorn Circle

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Thank You

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I am writing in regards to the State of Alaska's Education Budget Crisis. Due to the reduction in state funding for education, the children of Fairbanks are being denied basic educational services. Specifically, in Fairbanks, students are facing the loss of school counselors, a basic service in the 21st Century.

The number of students affected by this loss is 100%. School counselors are paramount to the safety, welfare, and education of all children. Counselors assure that learning environment of our schools is safe. Counselors teach tolerance and respect for all people; essential in our multicultural state. Counselors teach life skills; essential for the future success of all students. Counselors tend to the physical, psychological, and emotional well being of all students; all vital for the education of the whole child. Counselors are first to address the concerns of abuse, neglect, and maltreatment of children. Counselors prevent incidents of violence, the abuse of drugs & alcohol, students skipping class, suicide, and racial and gender prejudice.

When the State of Alaska fails to provide funding for schools, the State fails us all. I urge you to consider the importance of Education in the future of our state. I urge you to consider the challenges our children face in the 21st century. I demand that the State of Alaska fulfill its responsibility to fully educate our children by fully funding all educational needs of all children.

Name Robert Maxwell Wortman

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Good evening, committee members!

My name is Jillian Swope. I am a current UAF student, staff member instructor and VERY proud second-generation alumna of the University of Alaska system. I am testifying tonight to urge you to FULLY FUND the \$16.9 million budget request for our university. Whether it be our business students earning kudos from Fortune magazine, and CNN for their academic accomplishments or our second-time NCAA championship rifle team beating out every other team in the nation for top honors, UAF and the entire UA system have proven time after time we are the competitive choice for a quality education. But insuring that option for future generations of Alaskan students rests on your decisions to support us this session.

Name: Jillian Swope

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City: Fairbanks Zip: 99710

Now is the time to take a step forward and support your university. Our children—the future of this state—can expect no less. Thank you!

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The Republican led legislature has a few goals. You want government to work more efficiently. You want to attract and develop private commercial investment. You want to use our natural resources wisely. Last year the legislature took a step in the right direction in meeting these goals. You increased the Dept of A operating budget by \$6.1 million. I urge the Senate Finance Committee to lead the legislature once again and increase the Dept of A operating budget by \$6.9 million. This investment makes Alaska stronger. This investment makes the legislature stronger by showing the foresight to develop dedicated public servants, develop an educated workforce to attract business, and develop careful resource managers. An educated citizenry - many even accept the direction the legislature will eventually take us - to a reinstatement of a state income tax and careful utilization of the Permanent Fund Earnings.

Name Marta Mueller

Address 516 Auklet

City Fairbanks zip 99709

March 23, 2000

Dear Senator Mackey,

I had the opportunity to listen to you speak on the \$25,000.00 Mackey Plan. I was very excited to hear the details and concerns expressed by Alaskans that may arise for giving out a lump sum of money. I came back to my community to convey your message only to be approached by a fellow employee who have knowledge from the type of work he does that felt it would not be a good idea. He had just read some articles in the Fairbanks Daily Newsminer regarding the influx of Russians living in Delta Junction (a small rural community that lacks jobs). One family had 16 children plus mom & dad making 18. Not to mention the so called approximately 250 other Russians also living there all on welfare programs. Now why on earth would anyone wanting to make a new life for their family would want to move to an area where jobs are scarce and fall into the welfare programs? From the way I understood your program, these people would received \$25,000.00 each and still be eligible for welfare. One family would have almost half a million dollars and they would still collect welfare benefits. How can a family who has almost a half million dollars in the bank still collect welfare? Here I am a state employee and being told I earn too much so I do not deserve a pay raise, I am ineligible for welfare assistance because I make too much yet I don't make enough to get ahead and on the other hand, we will continue to feed, clothe, and take care of people who are unwilling to help themselves. I am confused. I cannot support a program of this nature and neither can a lot of others who see the same flaw with this plan. Sorry to burst your bubble, but I would have supported this plan had it not been for this gross oversight.

Joanne Olsen

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Fairbanks, Ak 99707

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Joanne Olsen

PS How does people on welfare get away with paying cash for salvaged vehicles, fix them up, resells them for "cash only" making an enormous profit and still receive welfare? The state needs to look at the fraud taking place to avoid wasting money and prosecute to get the money back to pay for much needed programs.

I'm Joanne Olsen and I work for the Division of Motor Vehicles. Cutting the budget does nothing for Alaskans but hurt children, programs that are dependent upon state funding, working Alaskans, and families. I know you have all heard this over and over again. What will it take to make our legislators who are our voices responsible to these irresponsible actions. Continuing to cut the budget does have a domino effect on everything. Cutting funding are causing irreparable damage to Alaskans. Buildings that need repairs are being neglected and I'm afraid it will be to the point where it can't be fixed but will need to be replaced costing more money than it would have had it been maintained properly in the first place. Not fully funding education also hurts our community. People who need the education to get a better job will have to go elsewhere to get the training and education they need and deserve. Investing in our education is investing in our future where people learn to become self-sufficient. Here we are pushing for welfare to work programs, but we are not wanting to educate and train our workforce. It takes money to run our schools and universities and we all know that it is a wise investment. I don't understand why this legislator has not looked for possible revenue sources.

There has been no mention of funding public employee contracts. Public employees deserve a pay raise, they work hard, and it is very good for the economy. Why would anyone want to penalize public employees when they are working to earn a living and not taking handouts and paying their way. They work hard to provide for their families. They live here and spend their money in their communities. They volunteer and ~~their~~^{they are} our neighbors and friends. Why take away the incentive to work and the chance to better our lives and our family lives. Please support fully funding education, children programs, and public employee contracts. It is the right thing to do. Thank you.

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My name is Cindy Branley & I am a 1992 graduate of UAF with a B.A. in Justice and a minor in Spanish. Currently I am the Director of the UAF Alumni Association. You have heard all of the statistics from UA President Mark Hamilton so I won't reiterate them here but please keep them in mind.

While a student at UAF I was presented with many opportunities. I took part in an exchange program to Venezuela and an internship in Probation at the Fairbanks Correctional Center. I also took courses in Procedural and Criminal Law. These experiences led me to apply to law school. My degree from UAF allowed me to be competitive in the application process and as a law student, my education provided me with the skills to be successful. One of my jobs in law school was as a legal intern dealing with Spanish speaking clients. In 1997 I graduated and clerked for Superior Court Judge Ralph Bristline for 2 years. I will take the Bar Exam this July.

I'll be honest - it is hard for me to understand why this funding increase is not automatic. The future of AK and its citizens depend on it. We need to diversify our economy. Exhibit the leadership that got you into office and support the \$16.9 million increase.

Name Cynthia R. Branley

Address 213 Skates Dr

City Fairbanks Zip 99701

I am encouraging you to fully fund the UA System. Graduating HS Alaskans are leaving in droves simply because we don't have the money to give them the quality of education they deserve. I am ^{student} an employee of the UAF Office of Admissions. I am part of the daily battle to retain our young, intelligent students. I understand we have a budget crisis. However, as a business major at UAF, the first & most important thing I learned was money can not be made without first investing it. How are we going to resolve our budget crisis if we have legislators that are afraid of investment, that don't believe in the fundamentals of ~~the~~ economics? If the budget crisis is to be resolved & if Alaska is to prosper as it should, we need to invest the money we have in places that will return our investment and more. The UA System has proven time & time again returns on your investment are at over 5% to over 21% invested. We have given you awesome returns in research at our geophysical institute. College graduates are more likely to vote, to stay out of jail, and be dedicated citizens. Are these not the type of people that will help Alaska prosper? I am asking you to recognize the basic workings of economics and fully fund the UA System. It is the only way that Alaska will diversify its economy and produce the citizens we need. As a voting Alaskan, I will go to the polls & vote only for people that understand basic economics. Thank you for your time.

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My name is David Giza and I am currently pursuing a degree at the University of Alaska - Fairbanks. I am writing to support full funding for UAF so that my education, as well as other students, doesn't suffer in budget cuts. Education has no monetary value; it doesn't measure. It is priceless and irreplaceable. Please do not cut the student at UAF their education. Give the university the \$16.9 million needed to further our knowledge so that we can reinvest it into the state. Take long-term investment out of the current monetary dilemma by far.

Thank you,
David Giza

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Dear S.F.C. Members —

① I ask that you grant full funding to Education - Primary, Elem. and High School. There is NO better way to invest in our citizens' futures, than to encourage, support and fund Teachers, Schools and agencies which interact with our young people.

② With regard to your perception of Alaskans' attitudes on use of the Permanent Fund's surplus account: Without exception, every person I spoke with prior to the special vote in Sept. 1999 stated that ~~they~~ the ballot proposition was a sham. People were not presented with real and distinct options.
Think smart! Think long term.

Name Marilyn Russell

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Please restore the funding to Public Radio.
Rural listeners depend on public radio
as a vital source of local and
national information. The proposed
budget cuts in state funding and the
resulting reductions in Federal matching
funds will be the demise of some
stations, depriving many Alaskans of
their ^{only} means of receiving news and
information.

Name NIKKI NEWCOMB

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TO: Senate Finance Committee Members
FROM: Lynda Raymond
DATE: March 23, 2000

As a long-time teacher in the Interior region, I believe that funding for education should be increased. There are many factors in the remote village schools which need to be addressed.

One of these is adequate teaching staff of high quality. At this time, teachers are working hard to implement the State Standards in all classrooms, and teachers are helping students prepare for Exit and Benchmark tests. This requires much extra time for teachers, in inservices and on a day-to-day basis for planning units and lessons. IF education is a priority in our state--as it should be--then these teachers need the support of adequate funding of education on a broad scale. Every year that there are inadequate programs in place for the education of our children, something is lost that can never be regained. If years go by with inadequate programs becoming more prevalent, then the demise of our school system and the future of our state becomes more and more difficult to correct and improve.

Another is enough money to be able to deliver an adequate education to students in very small high schools. Small schools do without music teachers, art teachers, voc. ed teachers, etc.; and teachers, of necessity, are required to teach classes outside their area of certification. As a result, innovative ways to teach, additional materials, more expensive media are needed to adequately cover the required coursework.

Another area of need is Special Education. In some areas there is a very large proportion of students who have been medically diagnosed FAS, FAE or Attention Deficit. Many schools have a high proportion of learning disabled and speech/language disabled. Programs for all these students are difficult to maintain because, unlike large schools in the urban areas, special ed teachers are also required to teach regular classes as part of their daily schedule.

Early Childhood education is also an area of concern. Research has shown that these are the most important years and determine the course of the education of a child for the rest of his school years. During these

years, language is strengthened and the pre-reading skills need to be taught. If this does not happen, there is a very very high (98% according to the National Institute of Health) chance that the student will never learn to read functionally. And research has shown that if a student is not a fluent reader by age 10, he will never be able to handle secondary-level reading material. This, in effect, nearly always dooms a person to failure. Either they become part of the welfare system, or, worse, a very high percentage of people who are in our penal system are non-readers. (Is it not MORE expensive to give people welfare money or incarcerate a person than to adequately educate them in the first place? And which is the morally right option here?)

Another very important area is that of counseling and building administration to insure that our schools are safe. There are many social problems and substance abuse problems which manifest themselves in our schools. The role of a good administrator and counselor cannot be overestimated as they become the crucial players in the course of a school year, or, at the critical time of crisis.

The safety and on-going maintenance of buildings is also a concern. As budgets get tighter, routine maintenance is not so thorough, and safety concerns are less likely to be addressed in a timely manner.

So I am saying, STRENGTHEN education in our state. If this takes a state income tax, a sales tax, or even part of the permanent fund, then you must be strong enough and wise enough to make that decision. Someone has to make a hard decision. And then the people of Alaska need to accept the fact that something needs to be done about the education of our children soon, like NOW!

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Name Lynda Raymond

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City Tok Zip AK

Legislative Testimony
3-23-00
Parole Supervision Pilot Project

By
Brad Angasan
VPSO Program Manager

INTRODUCTION

My name is Brad Angasan, I am the Village Public Safety Officer Program Manager for the Bristol Bay Native Association.

In addition to administrating the State VPSO grant, BBNA operates the VPSO Parole Supervision Pilot Project (to which will be referred to as Parole Project).

OBJECTIVE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The objective of the Parole Project is to provide on-site, parole monitoring to felony probationers within the local village, at low operating cost. This is done by empowering the Village Public Safety Officer with the probation officer authority to enforce conditions of release. This authority is often at the direction of the district probation officer, who might be restricted from traveling to the village due to weather, lack of transportation, or inconvenient time of day. District probation officers are generally located within hub communities such as Dillingham. This is fine for general contact that does not require immediate response from a corrections official. However, in the case that immediate, emergency response is required by a probation officer, there is no more effective and efficient way to provide this service. On top of the general monitoring of the probationer, our officers are identified as resources for probationers, advocacy agencies, and community alike. Improved vendor accountability contributes to a reduction in repeated criminal activity not only by the probationer, but the community as a whole. Additionally VPSO-probation officer's now have the capability and training to provide UA type drug testing for marijuana, narcotics, and other illicit drugs, alcohol consumption, and probationer detainment. Of which this type of detailed training would not normally have been provided.

CONCLUSION

The success of this program should not be measured by the amount of probationers that are re-incarcerated or by the amount of individual contacts that result in violations of conditions of release. But by the amount of felony probationers that we are able to assimilate back to their respected communities from which they come. The Parole Project is demonstrating its success by the continuous development of community well being, community assimilation, officers' presence, and probationer accountability.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of the VPSO Parole Supervision Pilot Project.

Brad T Angasan
BBNA
VPSO Program Manager

Dillingham, AK, 99576

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**Testimonial for DOC Grant
Cpl. Jason Creasey
Aleknagik**

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Jason Creasey. I am a Village Public Safety Officer in Aleknagik, a small rural community in Southwest Alaska.

I currently have 7 probationers living in my community and 14 from the neighboring community of Dillingham that on occasion come to my village for recreation among other activities.

This grant has been very successful. And cutting it would only make our jobs harder because the funding to take care of probationers is a time consuming job. VPSO's are the lowest paid law enforcement entity and we do a lot more than trooper's or other agencies. We live in the village and respond to all types of calls at all hours of the night and early morning. We are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week all year round.

The tasks I perform are contacting probationers in the village, perform Portable Breath Tests, UA's, welfare checks, have regular meetings with probationers, transport probationers if in violation, helping other agencies find the probationer and not to mention all the reports and paperwork needed to keep track of who is where and also regular reports on individual probationers to the District Probation officer and BBNA.

On several different occasions I've had to apprehend probationers in early morning hours for violating their probation. This grant makes it possible to do so and gives you the equipment that you need to make your job that much more professional and manageable.

I've also assisted the District Probation Officer in apprehending probationers that are in violation that do not comply with their conditions.

I think this grant has been more than successful in my village with a 40% decrease in crime since 1998.

I have thought long and hard about this grant and without the support from Department of Corrections and other agencies I for one can say that not getting the funding is going to limit my time with probationers and the crime will increase.

Please consider what this grant does for Rural Alaska communities. I for one would like to see it carry on.

Thank you for your time,

Cpl. J. Creasey
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Aleknagik VPSO

ALEKNAGIK, AK. 99576

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I currently work at the Salvation Army in Cordova. Our client load has increased so that we are referring some clients to the Family Resource Center and Sound Alternatives. Both of these agency need additional funding in order to meet the needs of this community.

Name Lois Ann Backus

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I'm writing in support of full funding for public broadcasting, especially public radio. KDLG is not a luxury for the people of the Bristol Bay region. This was brought home to us recently, during a horrendous windstorm in the Dillingham area -- which is not so unusual for this time of year -- but what was unusual was that KDLG was ~~knocked~~ knocked off the air for several hours. People all over town scrambled to figure out whether the kids should go to school, whether or not they should go to work, and what community events would or would not take place.

It was an uncommonly ~~isolate~~ isolating experience--and I think really showed us what an essential service KDLG provides to the people of our region. We've had fund raising dinners, fundraising drives--we've even gone door-to-door for donations for those of us who can't seem to live without NPR. So we do support our own--but we also need continued state support for a service that provides us communication with each other and a window on the world.

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OUR AGENCY LOST \$ 7000.00 IN FUNDING
LAST YEAR WHICH MEANT A REDUCTION
OF STAFF + RESOURCES. THIS OCCURRED
AT A TIME WHEN THE CASELOAD IS
CONSISTENTLY INCREASING IN AN AREA
THAT ALREADY HAS VERY LIMITED SOCIAL
SERVICES AVAILABLE. IF WE DO NOT
HAVE THE MEANS TO BREAK THE CYCLE
OF VIOLENCE IN THIS GENERATION
IT WILL BE COSTLY TO FUTURE
GENERATIONS BOTH IN DOLLARS + IN
THE INCREASED NUMBER OF DYSFUNCTIONAL
FAMILIES.

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Council on Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assaults, as people's
lives depend upon this. This
is a costly mistake, not to fund
this council that would result
in escalating expense for the criminal
justice system. You are sentencing
women & children to their deaths.
- Carolyn Poesler

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(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

As a volunteer and unpaid director of KCHU/KXGA/KXGM, providing public radio service to the Copper River Basin and Prince William Sound, I urge you to maintain the current level of funding for public broadcasting. This service, which connects those in sparsely populated and remote areas to the rest of the state, nation, and world, has recovered from the massive cuts of past years by reducing staff, consolidating work with other stations, and by a large increase in listener support. It is difficult to find a place for further reductions.

I would encourage you to add revenue by reinstating a tax on income generated in the state of Alaska, as in the fashion of Montana and Idaho. Those states exclude taxation on that portion of income that is taxed by the state in which it is generated, which avoids doubling state taxation. I am certain that most voters would realize the value in taxing incomes that leave the state of Alaska.

Thank you.

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Police Leaders Call for Investment in Quality Programs to Fight Crime

The fight to make affordable, educational child care and other appropriate programs available to all American children and youth, from infancy through the teen years, has attracted a powerful ally. A national coalition led by police chiefs, sheriffs, and prosecutors, who pack a lot of authority, has made its position clear through Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a national, bipartisan, anticrime organization based in Washington, D.C.

The more than 500 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, and victims of violence who form the organization have produced a School and Youth Violence Prevention Plan. It calls for providing access to educational child care to all babies and toddlers, quality after-school programs for older children and teens, parenting coaching to reduce child abuse, and intervention to help troubled kids get back on track.

The plan has won the endorsement of the Major Cities [Police] Chiefs' Organization, the Police Executive Research Forum, the National Sheriffs' Association, and dozens of state law enforcement organizations.

The depth of the support of police chiefs for the plan was shown in a recent nationwide poll conducted by George Mason University (Mastrofski & Ketter 1999). Asked to rank strategies for reducing youth crime and violence, 69% of the chiefs responding gave the highest priority to providing more after-school programs and educational child care programs. By contrast, only 13% of the chiefs gave the highest priority to hiring more police officers and only 1% to installing more metal detectors and surveillance cameras in schools.

The School and Youth Violence Prevention Plan was prepared under the direction of Sanford A. Newman, president of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. Newman is an authority on what works to prevent youth violence.

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, anti-crime organization led by America's best-known police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, and victims of violence. It believes that our most powerful weapons against crime are programs proven to keep kids from becoming criminals in the first place. The organization's offices are at 1334 G St., NW, Washington, DC 20005. School and Youth Violence Prevention Plan © 1997, 1999 Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, reprinted by permission.

"Our goal for 2000 is to achieve significant new investments from local, state, and federal governments in the programs that help kids get the right start in life so they never become involved in crime," Newman says. "Our law enforcement leaders and victims of violence will be asking Congress to lay out a five-year plan to fully implement our School and Youth Violence Prevention Plan."

What follows is the full text of the plan.



FROM AMERICA'S FRONT LINE AGAINST CRIME: A SCHOOL AND YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN

As an organization of hundreds of police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, crime survivors, and leaders of police officer organizations, we are determined to see that dangerous criminals are put behind bars. But anyone who thinks that jailing a criminal undoes the agony crime leaves in its wake hasn't seen crime up close.

America's anticrime arsenal contains no weapons more powerful than the proven programs that help kids get the right start—like quality educational child care, youth development programs for the after-school and summer hours, child abuse prevention, and intervention programs proven to help get troubled kids back on track.

Yet today, inadequate funding for Head Start, educational child care, after-school youth development programs, and counseling for troubled kids leaves millions of children at needless risk of becoming violent or delinquent teens and adult criminals—and leaves every American at needless risk of becoming a victim.

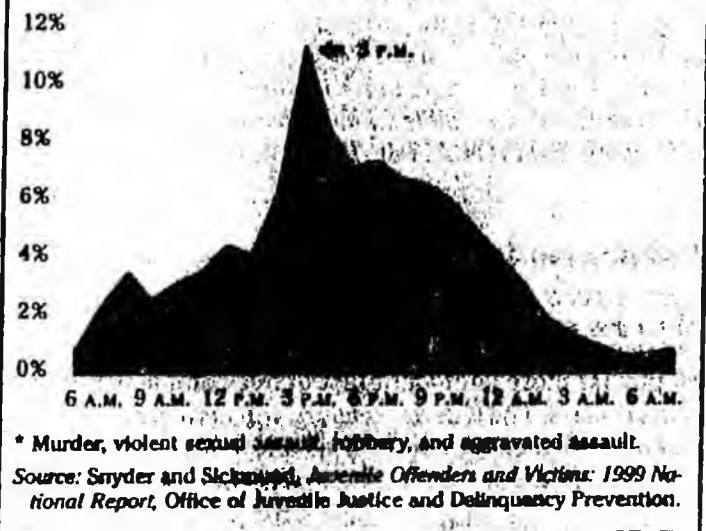
We call on all public officials to adopt a four-part plan to dramatically reduce crime and violence and adult crime and help young people learn the skills and values they need to become good neighbors and responsible adults. While no plan can prevent every violent act, this commonsense plan—based on our experience and the latest research about what really works to fight crime—can make all of us safer.

Four steps to dramatically reduce school and youth violence

1. Assure all schools have access to after-school, weekend, and summer enrichment programs to reduce the risk for juvenile crime.*

In the hour after the school bell rings, turning millions of children and teens out on the street with neither constructive activities nor adult supervision, violent juvenile crime suddenly *triples* and prime time for juvenile crime begins. On school days, the peak hours for such crime are from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. (based on data from eight states). These are also the hours when kids are most likely to become victims of crime (Fox & Newman 1997). They are the peak hours for teen sex, and being unsupervised after school doubles the risk that eighth graders will smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs (Richardson et al. 1989).

Hourly Percent of Serious Violent Crime Committed by Juveniles on School Days



Quality youth development programs can cut crime immediately and transform this prime time for juvenile crime into hours of academic enrichment, wholesome fun, and community service. They protect both kids and adults from becoming victims of crime and cut teen pregnancy, smoking, and drug use, while they help youngsters develop the values and skills they need to become contributing citizens. For example,

- When a public housing project intensively recruited youths to join in a new after-school program, *arrests among its teen residents plummeted to one-fourth of their previous level*, while those among the teens who lived in a nearby comparison project were actually going up by two-thirds (Jones & Offord 1989).
- High school freshmen boys randomly selected from welfare households to participate in the Quantum Op-

“When the peak hours of violent juvenile crime are between the end of school and 8 P.M., it’s just common sense to provide after-school programs that give kids the values and skills they need to say ‘no’ to crime and violence.”

— Patrick Sullivan, Sheriff
Arapahoe County, Colorado

portunities after-school program were *only one-sixth as likely to be convicted of a crime* during the high school years as those not selected. Together, the boys and girls who participated in the program were *50% more likely to graduate high school on time* (Taggart 1995).

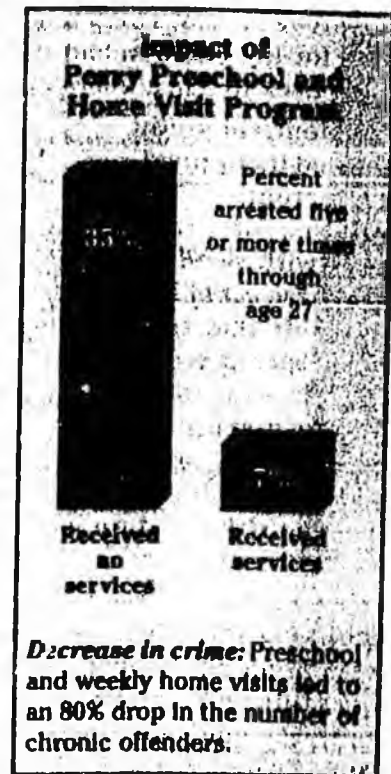
- Young people who received a Big Brothers/ Big Sisters mentor were *half as likely to begin illegal drug use or to hit someone* as [were] applicants randomly assigned to a waiting list (Tierney, Grossman, & Resch 1995).

In short, failing to provide programs like these can multiply by as much as four times your family’s risk that at-risk kids will become delinquent.



Rigorous studies, hard experience, and brain pictures from modern medical equipment tell the same story: In the first few years of life, children’s intellects and emotions and even their ability to feel concern for others—a prerequisite to “conscience”—are being permanently shaped. When parents are at work trying to make ends meet, programs providing nurturing, stimulating, educational child care for babies and toddlers can not only prepare children to succeed in school but also dramatically reduce crime (Yoshikawa 1994; Zigler & Styfco in press). For example:

- In Ypsilanti, Michigan, low-income three- and four-year-olds randomly assigned to be in the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation’s preschool program were *only one-fifth as likely* to have become chronic lawbreakers at age 27,



"America's fight against violence must begin in the high chair, not the electric chair. Anything less leaves America's police fighting with one hand tied behind our backs."

— George Sweat, Director
North Carolina Office of Juvenile Justice, and
former Winston-Salem Chief of Police

compared to similar children who did without this educational child care (Schweinhart, Barnes, & Weikart 1993).

- In Syracuse, at-risk infants and toddlers enrolled in a quality child development program, with parenting support for their mothers, were *only one-tenth as likely* as similar children to be delinquent [*delinquency is defined here as conduct that would be considered criminal if committed by an adult*] 10 years later (Lally, Mangione, & Honig 1988).

In other words, failing to make sure that at-risk kids have access to quality child care and development programs like these can multiply by 5 to 10 times the risk that they will grow up to lead a life of crime. When millions of struggling parents are forced to leave their children in inadequate child care, we all pay a terrible price.



When elementary school children display disruptive behavior, it is a warning signal that it is time to start looking for the causes of the problem and to provide the proven social skills training, counseling, and other help for the children and their families that can lead them back to a healthier path. For example,

- A Montreal study showed that providing disruptive first- and second-grade boys with services like these *cut in half* the odds that they would later be in special classes, rated highly disruptive by a teacher or by

peers, or required to repeat a grade in school—all signs that the risk of future violence has been sharply reduced (Tremblay et al. 1991).

- Five years after randomly selected disruptive, low-achieving seventh-grade students completed a three-year program involving behavioral therapy and rewards, they were only one-third as likely to have a juvenile record as those who did not receive these services (Bry & George 1980; Bry 1982).

"We could be saving thousands of lives—and sparing thousands of families unimaginable heartbreak—by investing up front in the proven early childhood care and youth development programs that can turn kids away from crime."

—Jean Lewis, President
National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children

4. Improve deficient parenting and prevent child abuse and neglect by (a) offering high-risk parents in-home parenting-coaching, and (b) making sure child protective, foster care, and adoption services have policies and enough well-trained staff to protect and heal abused and neglected children.

Being abused or neglected multiplies the risk that a child will grow up to be violent. Almost three million children are reported abused or neglected each year. Child protective and foster care services in most states lack adequate staff, and often the training or policy support, to protect children and to see that those who have been maltreated get the nurturing care and treatment needed to help them heal. We must also act *before* abuse takes place to expand parenting-coaching and family support programs that prevent children from being abused and neglected, prevent subsequent delinquency, and improve other outcomes for children. For example,

- The Prenatal and Early Infancy Project randomly assigned half of a group of at-risk mothers to receive visits by specially trained nurses who provide coaching in parenting skills and other advice and support. Rigorous studies show the program not only *reduced child abuse by 80%* in the first two years, but that 15 years after the services ended, *these mothers had only one-third as many arrests and their children were only half as likely to be delinquent* (Olds et al. 1997; Olds et al. 1998).

The bottom line: Investing in kids saves lives and money

When America fails to invest in its children and youth, we pay far more later—not just in lives and fear but also in tax dollars. The federal treasury will actually have *more* money to dedicate to other uses a few years from now—

whether for Social Security, paying off the accumulated national debt, or tax cuts—if we invest *today* in programs to help kids get the right start. For example,

- Economist Steven Barnett (1993) found that the High/Scope Founda-

tion's Perry Preschool Study *saved \$150,000 per participant in crime costs alone*. Even after subtracting the interest that could have been earned by investing the program's funding in financial markets, the project produced a *net savings of \$7.16*—including more than \$6.00 in crime savings—for every dollar invested.

- Barnett estimates that the cost, including increased crime and welfare costs, of failing to provide at least two years of quality educational child care to low-income

children is approximately \$100,000 per child. That's a total of about \$400 billion for all poor children now under age five (Barnett 1993).

• A recent study by Professor Mark A. Cohen of Vanderbilt University estimates that for each high-risk youth prevented from adopting a life of crime, the country would save \$17 million (Cohen 1997).

• A recent Rand Corporation report shows that, even without counting the savings to crime victims and society, the resulting savings to government alone from effective early childhood programs exceeds by two to four times the cost of the programs (Karoly 1998).

"Early childhood and youth development programs can lead us to a stunning victory against violence. When these investments are proven to save lives and tax dollars, why shouldn't policymakers provide the funding that will enable communities to get the job done?"



— Elliot L. Richardson, U.S. Attorney General

• Virtually every major national law enforcement organization—including the Major Cities [Police] Chiefs' Organization, the Police Executive Research Forum, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the National District Attorneys' Association—have adopted forceful calls for boosting critical crime prevention investments like these.

• In a George Mason University poll, 86% of police chiefs nationwide agreed that "expanding after-school and child care programs like Head Start will greatly reduce youth crime and violence." Nine out of ten chiefs agreed with the statement, "If

America does not make greater investments in after-school and educational child care programs to help children and youth now, we will pay far more later in crime, welfare, and other costs" (Mastrofski & Ketter 1999).

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Law enforcement united in calling for crime-prevention investments in kids

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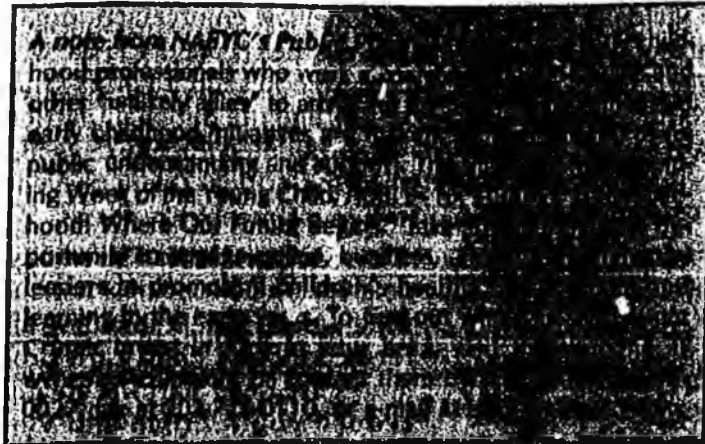
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