

HB

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(File 5)

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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HB 50-OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
HB 51-MENTAL HEALTH APPROPRIATIONS

✓ NAME: David Jackson Subject/Bill No: VA Funding
Co./Dept./Title: VAJ- Student Government Phone: _____
Address: PO Box 37333 Zip: 99803
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Josh Horst Subject/Bill No: VA Funding
Co./Dept./Title: VAS- Student Government Phone: 364-3239
Address: 513 St Anns Ave Douglas Zip: 99824
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Dick Mylius Subject/Bill No: 50
Co./Dept./Title: Citizen Phone: 2587349
Address: 3018 Alder Circle Anchorage Zip: 99508
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Heather Paige Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: _____ University Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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SB 304 HB 50-OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
SB 31 HB 51-MENTAL HEALTH APPROPRIATIONS

✓ NAME: Bruce Decker Kotzebue (Alaska) Technical
Subject/Bill No: Center
Co./Dept./Title: Alaska Resident Phone: _____
Address: P.O. Box 154 WLC AK Zip: 99770
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Cheryl Edenshaw Kotzebue (Alaska) Technical
Subject/Bill No: Center
Co./Dept./Title: Director Phone: 442-3733
Address: P.O. Box 51, Kotzebue AK Zip: 99752
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Tia Wakolee Kotzebue (Alaska) Technical
Subject/Bill No: Center
Co./Dept./Title: Alaska Resident Phone: 442-7366
Address: Box 357
Kotzebue, Alaska Zip: 99752
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Terri Beach Subject/Bill No: HB 50
Child Care Grants
Co./Dept./Title: AK Resident Phone: 364-3892
Address: POB 240270 Douglas Zip: 99824
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Michelle Zeiger Subject/Bill No: HB-50 Child Care Grants
Co./Dept./Title: Small Wonders Childcare, Owner Phone: 754-3686
Address: 8755 Aspen Ave, Juneau Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? ~~X~~ Yes No Respond To Questions I am opposed to the proposal to move funds from Child Care Grants to Child Care Assist
TOO LATE AT NIGHT - FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

✓ NAME: DON DAPCEVICH Subject/Bill No: Budget
Co./Dept./Title: Advisory Board on Alcoholism Phone: 586-2173
Address: Brt 021571 Zip: Juneau AK 99802
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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NAME: Anne Marie Holen Subject/Bill No: Budget
Co./Dept./Title: Alaska Native Health Board Phone: 562-6006
Address: 4201 Tudor Centre #105 Anch. Zip: 99508
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Ram Watts Subject/Bill No: Budget
Co./Dept./Title: City/Borough of Juneau Chemical Dependency DIVISION Phone: 586-9508
Address: 3250 Hospital Dr. Juneau Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Joyce Kitka Subject/Bill No: SB 50
Co./Dept./Title: C. Schists Supervisor Phone: 463-1717
Address: 10014 CRAZY HORSE DRIVE JUNO Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Dennis Egan Subject/Bill No: Safe Communities
Co./Dept./Title: Mayor - Juneau Phone: _____
Address: 155 So Seward St Juneau Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Rosemary Hagerz Subject/Bill No: Healthy Families
Co./Dept./Title: Executive Director Catholic Community Services Phone: 463-6151
Address: 419 6th St Juneau Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: ERIC F. MYERS Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: Board Member/American Cancer Society Phone: 248-3366
Address: 2834 Knik Ave Anchorage AK Zip: 99577
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Bill Legere Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: KTOD Public Broadcasting Phone: 586-1670
Address: 360 Egan Drive Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Karen Elliott Subject/Bill No: Budget
Co./Dept./Title: National Council on Alcoholism Phone: 4633755 ext. 203
Address: 211 4th St #102 Juneau Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: DAVE PALMER Subject/Bill No: Municipal #
Co./Dept./Title: CITY MANAGER JUNEAU Phone: 586-5240
Address: 155 SO SEWARD Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Kelley Huse Subject/Bill No: Healthy Families
Co./Dept./Title: Family Support Worker-Healthy Families JUNEAU Phone: 463-6130
Address: 520 Harris JUNEAU Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Mindy Howis Subject/Bill No: Healthy Families
Co./Dept./Title: Teen Parent Client Healthy Families Phone: Cornerstone
Address: Cornerstone Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Cynthia Shaw Subject/Bill No: Healthy Families
Co./Dept./Title: Parenting Instructor Parent Program JUNEAU TEEN Phone: wik 586-5742 790-3062
Address: P.O. Box 211221 Zip: 99801
Anke Bay, AK 99821
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Haron Fisher MD Subject/Bill No: Healthy Families
Co./Dept./Title: Valley Medical Care Phone: 586-1050
Address: 3220 Hospital Dr JUNEAU Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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NAME: NANCY WELCH Subject/Bill No: SCS 011B50(Fin)

Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: 479-4896

Address: 4303 Dartmouth Rd., Apt A, Fairbanks Zip: 99709-3047

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____

Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

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PUBLIC HEARING SENATE FINANCE

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BY:JNU
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LOCATION: ANCHORAGE

SB 30	MAYOR RICK MYSTROM		MUNI OF ANCH	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	✓GAIL	IGO Foster Care		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	✓MIKE	KEECH Foster Care		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	✓ELOISE	JOSEPH children		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	✓AGNES	JOSEPH		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	✓MICHAEL	TAVELLA comm schools		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	✓ALISON	ARIANS DNR		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	✓JAN	SCHWARTZ DNR		TESTIFY
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ALL ITEMS	CHERIE	SHRADER		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	VIC	FISCHER		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	KFN	BOZE		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	SUSAN	NIMAN		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	SUE	SAMET		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	CHRISTIE	MCINTIRE		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	DARRYL	WOOD		TESTIFY
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ALL ITEMS	DAN	BLACKARD		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	VALERIE	BAFFONE		TESTIFY

LOCATION: ~~BETHEL~~

SB 30	AGNES	PHILLIPS	CITY OF BETHEL	TESTIFY
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LOCATION: DILLINGHAM

ALL ITEMS	MARILYN	WILSON		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MIKE	DAVIS		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	CATHERINE	FLAVIN		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	CRISTY	WILLER TILDEN		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	CHRISTINA	SASAKI		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MARGARET	WOOD		TESTIFY

LOCATION: FAIRBANKS

SB 30	MS.	GARA	BRIDWELL	PNL	TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	JAMIE	PARRISH		TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	JAKE	POOLE		TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	CRAIG	HUGHES		TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	MARTA	MUELLER		TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	SYLVIA	WARD		TESTIFY

04/15/99 20:11:01 LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE NETWORK SYSTEM
MESSAGE FROM: LIOCNAK IN FAIRBANKS

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JNU

RE TCN: 90578 SCHEDULED FOR: 04/15/99 18:00 TO 22:00
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MESSAGE TEXT: FOR THE CHAIR: MAYOR HANK HOVE AND DAN L
ASOTA ARE HERE TO TESTIFY

*They've cooled their heels
for a little while!
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SB 30
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MR. NEAL MATSON
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SB 30	MS.	DIANA	CAMPBELL	TCC	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	BEN	STEWART		TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	TERESA	LYONS	AK NURSES ASSN	TESTIFY

LOCATION:GLENNALLEN

HB 50	MRS.	HEATHER	STRAIT	CVC LIBRARY	TESTIFY
HB 50	MR.	GRAHAM	WARD		TESTIFY

LOCATION:HOMER

ALL ITEMS	MS.	JULIE	CESARINI	SELF	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MRS	NANCY	HILLSTRAND	SELF	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	MIKE	YOURKOWSKI	HOMER CITY COUNCTESTIFY	
ALL ITEMS	MR	JOHN	FENSKE	HOMER CITY COUNCTESTIFY	
ALL ITEMS	MR	JIM	LEVINE	SELF	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	NEW	PAT	ARNOLD	SELF	TESTIFY

LOCATION:KENAI LIO

SB 30	MR.	TOM	BOEDEKER	CITY OF SOLDOTNATESTIFY	
SB 30	MR.	LARRY	MILLER	SELF	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	DUANE	BANNOCK	CITY OF KENAI	TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	JANET	MILLER	SELF	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	LELAND	BREWER	SELF	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	NATHAN	BAILY	TOBACCO ALLIANCETESTIFY	
SB 30	MR.	CLINTON	MOTT	DOT	TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	LINDA	SWARNER	CITY OF KENAI	TESTIFY

LOCATION:KODIAK

SB 30	MR	GARY	STEVENS	BOROUGH MAYOR	TESTIFY
SB 30	MS	CAROLYN	FLOYD	CITY MAYOR	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR	DAVE	JONES	KIBSD	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR	TOM	MANNINEN	BOROUGH MANAGER	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR	MIKE	MILLIGAN		TESTIFY

LOCATION:KOTZEBUE

SB 30	MS	MARGARET	WRIGHT	SELF	TESTIFY
SB 30	MS	NANCY	CANNINGTON	CITY OF KOTZ	TESTIFY

LOCATION:KETCHIKAN

SB 30	MR.	JAMES	VANHORN	KTN GATEWAY BOROTESTIFY	
SB 30	MS.	FRIEDA	SAVAHL	KTN HEALTH CRL	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	JACK	SHAY	KTN GATEWAY BOROTESTIFY	

LOCATION:MATSU

ALL ITEMS	MS	KRISTIN	VERNOLA		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	DR	CATHY	BALDWIN-JOHNSON		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	MARG	VOLTZ		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	KATHY	JUTILA		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	CAROL	TAYLOR		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	ROBERT	HALL		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	JEAN	KINCAID		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	MICHAEL	HANDRICKS		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	BARBARA	CADDEN		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	HOWARD	DELKETTIE		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	PAUL	GONZALES		TESTIFY

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ALL ITEMS	MS	FRAN	SEDOVIC	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	STEVE	KEPPEL	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	BRIDGET	MCIVER	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	ANDREW	ROBINSON	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	KAREN	NUGEN	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	JACKIE	COX	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MR	VERN	KJELLSZN	TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	MS	REGINA	HILEMAN	TESTIFY

LOCATION:NOME

ALL ITEMS	MR.	JIM	ADAMS	DOT/PF	TESTIFY
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LOCATION:SEWARD

SB 30	MR.	SCOTT	JANKE	CITY	TESTIFY
SB 31	MR.	ARTHUR	WALTERS	SELF	TESTIFY

LOCATION:SITKA

SB 30		STAN	FILLER	MAYOR	TESTIFY
SB 30		BARBARA	DELONG	SCHOOL BOARD	TESTIFY
SB 30		JOHN	HOLST	SUPERINTENDENT	TESTIFY
SB 31		ALICE	JOHNSTONE	ABADA	TESTIFY
SB 31		LORRAINE	ELSTAD	SELF	TESTIFY

LOCATION:WRANGELL LTC

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ALL ITEMS	SHARON	SMOLE		TESTIFY
ALL ITEMS	DELISA	AULPEPPER		TESTIFY

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MESSAGE TEXT: VIC FISCHER IS HERE AND HAS TIME CONSTRA
INT. CHAIR MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

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MESSAGE TEXT: MAYOR MYSTROM IS HERE

CORDOVA

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Legislative Teleconference Network SIGN-IN SHEET

Sponsor: Senator [unclear]

Subject: State Operating Budget

Start/End Time: 6:00

Meeting ID#: 72410 Dial-in: 1-907-258-8772; 267#; 252752#

	NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE #	TESTIFY	OBSERVE	BILL
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamara Nowak	P.O. Box 1303 Cordova, AK	99574	(907) 424-7590	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Harding	P.O. Box 728 Cordova AK	99574	907-424-7294	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Ospeund	P.O. Box 939 Cordova, AK	99574	907-3AA7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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**** ORDER SUMMARY ****

SPONSOR: SFIN SENATE FINANCE CHAIRS: PARNELL
PURPOSE: PUB PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE TORGERSON
CONTACT: DEBBIE TEL#: (907)465-6594
CHAIRING SITE: JUNEAU CAPITOL CAP532
TOLL FREE: (800)368-8772 DIAL-UP: LIO:(907)258-8772

SPONSOR REMARKS(PUB): TESTIMONY:Y ALLOWED 1 MINUTE LIMIT
TESTIMONY WILL BE TAKEN WITH A 1 MINUTE LIMIT. YOU MAY FAX WRITTEN TESTIMONY
TO 465-6592.

SPONSOR REMARKS(LIO): B.ACKUP MATERIAL:N MEETING IN PROGRESS:N MAX. SITES:48
OTHER SITES MAY ADD. WRITTEN TESTIMONY CAN BE FAXED TO 465-6592.

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TCN REQUESTED ON 04/15/99 AND HAS 20 UPDATES

**** AGENDA ****

- 1 SB 30 OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
- 2 SB 31 MENTAL HEALTH APPROPRIATIONS
- 3 HB 50 OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
- 4 HB 51 MENTAL HEALTH APPROPRIATIONS
- 5 PLEASE SEE EMAIL FROM JNU LIO ON 4/14
- 6 6-7PM - TESTIMONY FROM OFFNETS & VTS'S
- 7 7-8PM - TESTIMONY FROM ALL LIOS EXCEPT
- 8 ANC, FBX & JNU
- 9 8-10PM - TESTIMONY FROM ANC, FBX & JNU

**** PARTICIPATING LIOS ****

ANC ANCHORAGE	716 W 4TH, #200	LOCATION STAFF
B&T BETHEL	301 WILLOW ST.	LOCATION STAFF
COR CORDOVA	705 2ND STREET	LOCATION STAFF
DLG DILLINGHAM	KANGIQUATAQ BLDG	LOCATION STAFF
FBX FAIRBANKS	119 N CUSHMAN ST	LOCATION STAFF
GLN GLENNALLEN	COMMUNITY LIB.	LOCATION STAFF
HOM HOMER	345 W STERLING	LOCATION STAFF
* JNU JUNEAU	CAPITOL CAP532	LOCATION STAFF
KEN KENAI LIO	145 MAIN ST LOOP	LOCATION STAFF
KOD KODIAK	112 MILL BAY RD.	LOCATION STAFF
KOT KOTZEBUE	333 FRONT STREET	LOCATION STAFF
KTN KETCHIKAN	50 FRONT ST #203	LOCATION STAFF
MAT MATSU	600 E RAILROAD	LOCATION STAFF
NOM NOME	FRONT STREET	LOCATION STAFF
PSG PETERSBURG	101 GJOA STREET	LOCATION STAFF
SEW SEWARD	2001 SEWARD HWY	LOCATION STAFF
SIT SITKA	210 LAKE STREET	LOCATION STAFF
TOK TOK	MP 1314 AK. HWY	LOCATION STAFF
VAL VALDEZ	STATE BLDG. #13	LOCATION STAFF
WRG WRANGELL LTC	LONGSHORMEN'S	LOCATION STAFF

**** VOLUNTEER & OFFNET SITES ****

SIT CRA CRAIG	CITY HALL	✓ VICKIE HAMILTON	(907)826-3277
SIT PEL PELICAN	CITY HALL	✓ LOUISA WHITMARSH	(907)735-2202
SIT YAK YAKUTAT	CITY HALL	✓ MONA SWANSON	(907)784-3323
○ TOK EGL EAGLE	EAGLE COUNCIL	ELVA SCOTT	(907)547-2282

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SB 30	✓MS.	MARTA	MUELLER		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	SYLVIA	WARD		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MR.	NEAL	MATSON		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MR.	TERRY	SOLOMON		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	DIANA	CAMPBELL	TCC	TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MR.	BEN	STEWART		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	TERESA	LYONS	AK NURSES ASSN	TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	MARIE	SIMMONS		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	V.	MUNDT	TCC	TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	MARGARET	WILSON		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MR.	HAL	MEYER <i>Dr. of Lds.</i>		TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	NANCY	WEBB		TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	MIKE	YOUNG	FNSB ASSEMBLY	TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MR.	COLE	SONAFRANK		TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	DAVE	VEAZEY		TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	DAVE	VEAZEY		TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	KAREN	PARR		TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	EILEEN	CUMMINGS		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	PAM	KARALUNAS		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MR.	TIM	BECK		TESTIFY
SB 30	✓MS.	LAURA	BUSH <i>Healthy Families</i>	RCPC	TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	JANET	TADER	RCPC	TESTIFY
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SB 30	✓ MR.	CRAIG	HUGHES		TESTIFY
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SB 30	MR.	✓DUANE	BANNOCK	CITY OF KENAI TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	✓JANET	MILLER	SELF TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	LELAND	BREWER	SELF TESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	NATHAN	BAILY	TOBACCO ALLIANCETESTIFY
SB 30	MR.	CLINTON	MOTT	DOT TESTIFY
SB 30	MS.	LINDA	SWARNER	CITY OF KENAI TESTIFY
SB 30	MAYOR	JOHN	WILLIAMS	CITY OF KENAI TESTIFY

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SB 30	MS	CAROLYN	FLOYD	CITY MAYOR	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR	DAVE	JONES	KIBSD	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR	TOM	MANNINEN	BOROUGH MANAGER	TESTIFY
SB 30	MR	MIKE	MILLIGAN		TESTIFY

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SB 30	MS	✓MARGARET	WRIGHT	SELF	TESTIFY
SB 30	MS	NANCY	CANNINGTON	CITY OF KOTZ	TESTIFY

LOCATION:KETCHIKAN

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**SB 30 & 31
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NOTES

Good evening Senators

My name is Cynthia Shaw and I am the Parenting Instructor for the Juneau Teen Parent Program at Ya Kos Gei Daakahidi High School. As a teacher I have seen much better outcomes for my teen parents who are receiving Healthy Families Home Visitor Services. I wish that there was enough money to serve all of my students. These students have better school attendance, and are being linked to all services in Juneau to support healthy outcomes for families. It makes good financial sense to fund proven early intervention programs like Healthy Families

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The average cost of raising the child of one teen parent to age 18 before welfare reform was \$500,000.

By funding a program that supports school ready children at age 5, and parents who have finished highschool and received training for a living wage job makes good financial sense for the State of Alaska and is in line with Welfare Reform legislation. I urge you to fully fund this proven, effective early intervention program.

Thank you Senators
for your time.
Cynthia A. Shaw

**NANA Corporate Services, Inc.**

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April 16, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
Senate Finance Committee

Fax: (907) 465-6592

Dear Senator Parnell:

I am writing to let you know of my concern about the proposed funding cuts facing the Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue and to encourage you to support full funding for the center. NANA Corporate Services has and will continue to supply clerical, administrative and secretarial personnel to the Red Dog Mine and to other business and governmental agencies in the Kotzebue region and other areas of Alaska. We rely heavily on the ability to draw on the Kotzebue region for skilled personnel to support our clients. The elimination of the only vocational training facility located close to the villages in the region deprives the people of an important source of training that can help them move to self-sufficiency.

It is increasingly difficult to find people qualified in administrative functions within the region. Because of our commitment to hire NANA shareholders we rely greatly on employees who have the classroom training necessary to progress into administrative careers in the private and public sectors of employment in Kotzebue, surrounding villages and throughout the State of Alaska.

Senator Parnell, I encourage you to find a way to continue the full funding of \$609,000 for the Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue.

Yours most sincerely,

James L. Rhyner
General Manager

Ugashik Traditional Village

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April 16, 1999

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Senator Parnell
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: State Budget

Dear Senator Parnell:

There are a number of funding issues that have been severed from the budget passed along from the House of Representatives that we urge the Senate to reconsider because of their vital importance.

First and foremost is municipal revenue sharing and safe communities funding that has played a vital interest in assisting the communities of the Alaska Peninsula in meeting basic needs. These funds benefit Alaskan residents and the commercial fishing community through safe drinking water, sanitary solid waste disposal, and other important health and safety matters.

Another program that we believe needs funding at sustainable levels is the Power Cost Equalization program. Affordable electricity makes it possible for Alaskan residents to use refrigerators and freezers to keep basic foods available and safe for their families. Additionally, the school districts, businesses, and commercial salmon fishing industry must have reliable electrical resources made possible through the PCE program in order to operate. These organizations are the backbone of the Alaskan economy regardless of their location in urban or rural communities.

We urge the Senate to remember that rural communities are strongly interrelated in supporting Alaska's continued economic health and growth. Whatever happens with the oil industry cannot be allowed to jeopardize the support for governance at the local level which the current budget proposals ignore. Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns with you and the Alaska State Senate.

Sincerely,


Roy S. Matsuno
President

cc: Senator Hoffman

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Senator Parnell~

You need to know :

1. It is nearly impossible to find quality Child Care providers.
2. Current proposed House budget cuts will be eliminating means for improving and maintaining quality in existing child care centers and homes.
3. Every dollar we invest in Child Care helps Alaska in the following ways:
 - *Keeps Alaska's parents working generating more revenue.
 - *Keeps 6 week old -12 year old children off the streets.
4. We need to provide means for parents to find quality care.
5. The Child Care Grant dollars in DCRA Budget the only incentive for child care programs to become licensed. This is the only way for the state to assure that the childcare that they are subsidizing is quality.

Something is very wrong!

I understand that the Child Care Grant Program, Alaska's Resource and Referral Programs, and Education and Training Grants are all in proposed cuts!

It doesn't matter how many subsidy dollars we provide, if there is no acceptable care available!

I personally know the difficulties facing single parent families today. This is a critical issue for the working poor. These issues are also critical for providers who want to be able to continue to provide for these high risk kids!!!

Thank you for your consideration in HELPING ALL OF ALASKA'S CHILDREN by maintaining the Child Care Grant Program!!!!

Betty Robards Fax # 522-3359
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April 16, 1999

Co-Chair Sean Parnell
Senate Finance Committee
Fax 465-6592

Dear Senator Parnell,

The Senate Finance Subcommittee is working to reduce the budget for the Department of Commerce & Economic Development, Division of Trade and Development. Please do not eliminate the staff of the Mining & Minerals section. It would be unwise to remove positions whose focus is the promotion of Alaska's mining industry.

As a member of the Alaska Minerals Commission I don't see how the work could be handled by volunteers. I don't foresee the members of the Alaska Minerals Commission preparing the annual report to the Legislature and Governor without the work these two positions. It is important, for communications and coordination, to keep one position located in Juneau. The industry needs a contract person where our central point of government is located.

Please look closely at this budget line item and fund this necessary work. It is the goal of the State to stabilize and attract industry and one way is to support the budget that provides the work with the industry.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Irene Anderson
Alaska Minerals Commission
Chair

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Senator Sean Parneli
State Capitol Building
Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Sir,

As bush Alaska enters the rite of spring, along with the melting snow and the much welcomed warmer temperatures, comes the frustrating battle of trying to re-establish our importance to urban State legislators. This battle is as old as the state itself. As bush Alaskans we are the unsung heroes out on the front line, generating the economy that urban dwellers survive upon. We are in the trenches most often too busy working or trying to survive in a not so friendly environment to be bothered with the politics of infrastructure spending. We often choose to depend on the better judgment of the masses to see to it that we are rewarded with the basics for our efforts. But again and again we are abandoned, as if we were a troubled stepchild who is more of a bother than a valuable contribution to the family.

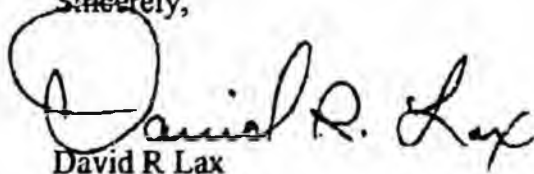
The point to be driven home, which unfortunately we have to do every year, is that in today's society, which evolves around a strong economy, there needs to be something or someone generating that economy for everyone to evolve around. In Alaska the economy is generated for the most part in the bush, by the forest of the southeast and central areas, the fisheries of the entire coast, the various minerals of all the outlying areas and the oil of Cook Inlet and the North Slope. These are the things that drive the State of Alaska. To facilitate all of this varied harvesting, these industries need support. To that, those of us in the harvesting business look to the urban centers to provide this support. If we were to fold up the urban centers tomorrow, the fishing, mining, oil extraction, National Parks, and game reserves would continue to operate. The people that make those industries work would find a way to move on by taxing the industry we serve and building our own infrastructure. If we closed down the National Parks, game refuges, all hunting and fishing, left the minerals in their resting grounds, left the oil in it's pockets and left the trees standing, what then would be the economy of the urban centers to revolve around?

It seems to me that we ask so little in return for our efforts. We don't ask for great shopping centers which provide consumables at affordable prices. We do not ask for beautiful theaters, hockey rinks, baseball or football fields. We don't ask for fast food

infrastructure to make our busy lives easier, or numerous city parks to improve our quality of life. We ask for the basics, education for our children, water and sewer services, the most basic of roads, electric generation that is affordable, docks, airports, medical facilities. Living in the bush, I, as most, fail to see why it is so hard to understand that it is not us against the urban dwellers, but all of us working together to paint the whole picture. As always those of us living in the outlying areas, where the states assets reside, will harvest the great riches of the state. The urban areas will provide us support to keep us moving ahead, productively and efficiently, so that we may compete as a state in what is now a global economy. It is a team effort at a minimum and not one where a portion of us should have to explain and defend ourselves every year.

Perhaps the budget season would go better for the bush areas if our legislative numbers were more representative of our contribution to the whole process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Lax". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David R Lax



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
committee name
 committee on University Budget . dated 4/15/99
bill/subject

Dear Senators,

Please accept this heartfelt urgent message in support of Full Funding of the University Budget. I write in the spirit of friendly but emphatic cooperation with you in your work. You have the most difficult job in the State now. However, I consider UofA support as both a fiduciary and a moral responsibility to all our residents and our future citizens. We must generate the fiscal resources as if there were no oil; it won't last very long anyway.

Respectfully,

Merritt Mitchell

Signed: MERRITT MITCHELL

Testifier

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April 16, 1999, Fairbanks, Alaska

Senators Parnell and Torgerson, Co-Chairs
Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol, Mailstop: 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Co-Chairs:

Below is a written copy of my testimony before your committee, given 15-Apr-99 (~11p.m.) from the Fairbanks LIO.

Thank you for this opportunity, and for staying late. There is plenty of discussion in our communities on the motives and goals of the legislature this year that I would like to share with you tonight.

First is the view that the legislature believes there is a public mandate to cut the budget.

Second is the view that the currently proposed cuts are designed to make the public so uncomfortable that they will happily support state taxes, or a dividend cap or cut.

Backing up a bit, why do we elect Representatives and Senators and send them to Juneau? I believe we try to select people who show vision and leadership, and who we think will do something positive for us? We select people who we think will look after our own personal interests, and also the best interests of the state. I would ask you, whose interests are you looking after today?

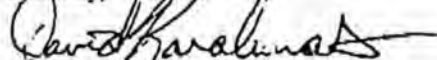
If you believe there is a public mandate to cut the budget, are you following this mandate at the long-term expense of the state? Would you follow any public mandate when there is evidence that many of these cuts in preventive public services will result in guaranteed cost increases many times over in the future?

If you are doing this as a means to invoke support for new taxes, are you doing so at the long-term expense of the state? Would you take a big step backwards in providing needed public services just to make your job less politically dangerous when you decide to work on a tax plan or dividend program change?

As a life-long Alaskan, I've talked to a lot of people for a lot of years about state spending. My sense is that Alaskans do not support short-term, politically expedient solutions to tough, long-term problems. We appreciate the difficulties in finding compromises in a diverse state. As I heard Representative Croft say today (15-Apr-99) on the radio, that is your job.

I echo the comments of (former) Senator Vic Fischer, the mayor of Sitka, (FNSB Assemblywoman) Nancy Webb, Andy Harrington, and others. Those of us who are citizens of and take ownership of Alaska support sound preventive medicine and long-term solutions. We are ready to pay for it, if you have the vision and leadership to let us.

Sincerely,



David Karalunas

dk

cc: Interior Delegation, Governor's Office

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FAX COVERPAGE

TO: LEGISLATOR SEAN PARRELL
 LOCATION: SENATE Finance Committee
 FAX# 465-6592
 FROM: MARY ALMY - City Clerk
 DATE: 4-16-99

Number of Pages: 2, plus coverpage

Original to follow VIA U.S. Mail: YES NO

Comments:

City of Tenakee Springs

RESOLUTION 99-24

In the Council
April 15, 1999

Introduced by the
Council President

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF TENAKEE SPRINGS, ALASKA OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE TERMINATION OF REVENUE SHARING AND SAFE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the amount the City of Tenakee Springs received in Revenue Sharing and Safe Community Programs represents 38.6% of General Revenues; and

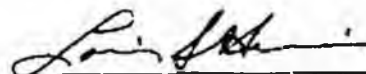
WHEREAS, the City of Tenakee Springs recognizes the financial difficulties of the State, however denying Revenue Sharing/Safe Community funds to the City for FY 2000 is only shifting the problem and creating extreme hardship; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sales tax represents only 4% of the City's General Revenue; and

WHEREAS, it would be unreasonable to increase the sales tax to a percentage necessary to make up even part of the proposed cuts

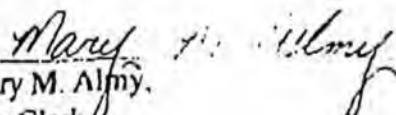
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska hereby petitions the members of the State House of Representatives to reconsider cutting off Revenue Sharing/Safe Community Funds to avoid hardship for communities such as Tenakee Springs, Alaska, and urges the State Senate to explore options other than elimination of Revenue Sharing Programs to handle the States' budgetary deficit.

ADOPTED 4 Yes. 3 Absent THIS 15th DAY OF April 1999



Louis S. Heins
City Council President
ex-officio MAYOR

ATTEST:


Mary M. Almy,
City Clerk

April 15, 1999

Senate Finance Committee:

As a single parent and former ATAP recipient, I would like to take this opportunity to address three concerns I have with transferring child care grant money over to assistance.

First and foremost, I would like to address the issue of safety. Stable daycare providers are the most important factor in the lives of working parents. Myself being a child of a single parent, I am aware of the hardships and difficulties that face families forced to accept whatever care is available and I have sought to obtain the best care possible for my daughter. Fortunately, in these times, I have been lucky enough to enroll her in Juneau Montessori Center. I am free to pursue higher education and full time employment knowing that my daughter is in the most loving environment possible. What if I didn't know that my daughter was utterly secure in my absence? I would *not* feel free to pursue my goals, rather I would feel these goals are being obtained at my child's *detriment* rather than for her better good. Her impressions during these delicate formative years will determine her future. The opportunity for her to trust in her childcare allows her to believe in the well being of the community as well as trusting that I value her safety.

Having been a part of the welfare reform, the ATAP assistance program, I believe that safe childcare is the major fear behind the move from welfare to work. While I have never personally been unemployed, I can imagine that the step from the home environment to the work environment can be a terrifying one for some parents. The issue of safe childcare is the option that can make or break the transition. As of August of 1997, the ATAP program allowed an individual five years worth of public assistance either at the full pay level, or as a partial supplementary program for working parents. This supplementary program makes the transition less overwhelming financially, yet, without the available childcare, welfare recipients would only be less inclined to make this step. Rather they could lean towards using their full allotted benefits until they are gone. This is a higher expenditure for the state as well as a serious impediment to the financial independence of the family. For some, this would be preferable to unstable childcare, even at the cost of future financial insecurity. Welfare and work are not just a matter of finance, they are a matter of confidence and lifestyle. There is no more important factor in this system than childcare and to lose it would be to lose the entire focus of this challenge for improvement. It's a step backwards.

Lastly, I would like to mention the staff of childcare environments. This work is a labor of love. A provider who spends their day lacing my daughter's shoes and listening to her words and validating her feelings makes as much as the fellow puts whip cream on a mocha. As appalling as this is, it speaks for the caregivers and their belief in what they do, their belief in children. I cannot imagine that the Senate Finance Committee would choose not to honor the individuals and establishments who have such an impact on the confidence, skills, and emotions of the youth of Alaska. Money spent in childcare is money spent on children, money spent on the well being and confidence of their families, money spent on people who provide love and security for children. This is money that is reinvested in the communities of Alaska through the psychological health, welfare, and education of young people. I can only hope that the committee will recognize it as such.


Bebhinn McIlroy



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
 committee name

committee on Tobacco settlement dated April 15, 1999
 bill/subject

Disease, misery, and death of Alaskans are the reasons that our state is receiving 25 million dollars a year for 25 years from a settlement with the tobacco industry. Knowing this, it frustrates me that you, our decision makers, are NOT spending part of this money towards the PREVENTION of the problem that caused so much suffering for so many Alaskans.

But alas, no strings were attached to the settlement. States have the right to put tobacco settlement money where it's needed. Doesn't it make ECONOMIC sense to put the health of our children first? 25 years from now, where is the money going to come from to cover the huge economic burden of today's young smokers who are sick and dying from smoking related illnesses. The tobacco money won't be coming into our state coffers then.

Also, as reported in the Daily News, the research from San Francisco School of Medicine shows that the younger a person starts smoking the more alterations in their DNA. Lets not have our young children affected in this way.

Preventative programs in other states are beginning to work. Florida is one example. This state needs a comprehensive and on-going preventative program to reduce tobacco use! Only part of the tobacco money is needed.

Not spending 14 cents a person for a comprehensive program would be a loss for our state, especially the children! 8 million for these programs is health wise and makes economic sense.

Spend OUR money wisely and in good conscience to prevent disease, misery and death of future Alaskans!!!!

Signed:

Sharon Smole
Testifier

myself as a parent & nurse
Representing (Optional)

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FY00 University Funding

Our kids are leaving the state for better educational opportunities. Why? Very simple answer. Our University system is suffering from funding cuts. We don't need more cuts. Less flowers, less bike trails, less catering to tourists. Cater to our own. Support full funding.

Pete Hill
Naknek

April 16, 1999

To Senator Sean Parnell and other members of the Committee:

I was not able to stay to give testimony last night (Thursday, April 15th) on the issue of tobacco tax settlement.

I speak as a mother, PTA Board member and ex-smoker. I am part of the 77% of Alaskans that support using at least \$11 million this year of the \$669 million tobacco settlement monies that will be paid out to Alaska. The Governor proposed \$3 million to be used for tobacco control and prevention. Now it looks like there will be nothing available to help communities, schools and agencies in these efforts. We have no power and no funds to fight the evil, manipulative tobacco industry. The same industry that calls "inhaling 43 known carcinogens refreshing." We need a tobacco control program in our state now. Our kids can't wait for the economy to improve. If we don't keep our kids from starting smoking soon we'll all be paying for their illnesses later.

We want you to appropriate at least \$8 million to get this effort off the ground.

Thank you.

Judith Bendersky
Judith Bendersky, M.S., MPH

in lieu of testimony

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April 15, 1999

**Senate Sean Parnell
Senate Finance Committee**

I would like to thank the Committee for all the hard work that you have completed on the operating budget for the State. I have some concerns regarding reductions that have been proposed, the reduction to the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse both administration and grant programs would cause a reduction in the services that are provided in the State. Substance abuse is Alaska number one health and social problem. Reducing ADA budget, at a time when the State is looking at downsizing API and asking the communities and substance abuse programs to have services in place for this population, will not be achieved. Alcoholism and Drug Abuse services have waiting list for persons to enter treatment, and this reduction would increase the number of person on programs waiting list. Services are needed and utilized.

I would request that you restore full funding for the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. If the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse does not receive full funding and the reduction in revenue sharing is not restored. Programs that offer residential services will have to reduce services or closed.

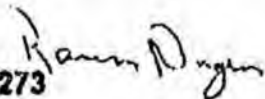
Either way the State of Alaska loses.

One area that has not been address is that certain substance abuse programs in the state of Alaska can not bill Medicare or Medicaid because of a federal regulation regarding the number of beds at a facility. The state needs to request a waiver for these programs, so that part of the cost of care in a detox program can be covered. Nugen's Ranch has 36 beds in long-term care and we offer 8 detox beds, but when the detox wing was constructed adjoining our long-term facility, the eight beds did not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid payment as both facilities are joined. If the Detox unit was a free standing then it would qualify for Medicare and Medicaid payments. I realize that this will shift costs, to another federal program that the state receives funding, it would help in providing detox services to the citizens of Alaska.

As the state is in a budget crisis, my suggestions are that Alaska reinstate the income tax, request a waiver from the federal government on the sixteen bed regulation, move the capital to Anchorage, and consulted certain state offices.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak regarding the state operating budget.

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FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS OF ALASKA

April 15, 1999

To Whom it May Concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in reference to the proposed budget cuts. The bill targets some essential elements that effect not only DFYS, but also foster families and especially foster children. The Foster Care Base Rate, and Additional Social Worker Caseload are what I will focus on.

The Foster Care Base Rate increase authorized last year was gratefully received by Foster Parents throughout the state. The subsequent reduction would disillusion the current Foster parents. Based on statistics, current Foster Parents are the best resource for promoting and finding new Foster Parents. The rate reduction could further increase the need for more foster families, and could cause some families to discontinue being Foster Parents.

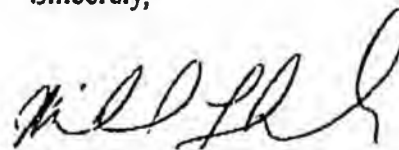
Therapeutic Foster Care is desperately needed to align more challenging children with families better equipped with training and experience. Failure to implement this program could place children in numerous homes until the right match, causing strife on children and the families.

Subsidized Adoption/Guardianship was established to defray the costs of adding children to a family for the purpose of permanence and to give the child a sense of belonging. Without the subsidy, many children will linger in foster care without placement, and if in place subsidies were revoked, the state would find a large number of adopted children returned due to the inability of the families to support them.

Additional Social Workers are needed due to the increasing workload from the state growth in population. Child protection is paramount, and without the workers, a child could die. Do you want that on your conscience?

In closing, please review these thoughts and keep in mind the work we do as foster families in a ministry of love, but certain economics issues are inherent in all we do. Focus on what's best for the children, and find it in your hearts to cut elsewhere and take care of Alaska's children. They are our future.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL KEECH
President

My name is Susan L. Baxter. I live at 1518 H Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. I am a Licensed Psychological Associate and am employed as a family therapist. I am opposed to proposed cuts in the ADA administrative budget (\$852,000.); opposed to cuts in the ASAP budget (\$168,400.); opposed to reductions in the base for ADA grants (\$838,000.); and opposed to denying incremental increases in budgets for FAS programs (\$489,000.) and Substance Abuse Treatment for Women (\$650,000.). Over the past 10 years I have observed that such programs can wield a significant impact in alleviating negative outcomes related to drug and alcohol abuse and be of significant support to families in recovery. At a time when substance abuse is recognized as a severe social problem facing Alaskans today, I believe it is imperative that we continue to set aside adequate funding to support education and intervention programs. These proposed cuts do not serve the best interests of the citizens of Alaska.

Susan L. Baxter, M.S., L.P.A.

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Comments: For public hearing, Thursday, 4-15 @ 6pm.

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
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committee on UST Financial Assistance Program dated 4/15/99
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To the Chairman:

The elimination of the funding for the UST Financial Assistance program would be a serious mistake. It would effectively stop many ^{volunteer} cleanup and closure projects ^{across the State} in ^{the} ^{State} ^{of} ^{Alaska} ^{and} ^{the} ^{contiguous} ^{United} ^{States}; thereby eliminating a chance to complete otherwise economically unfeasible projects to all but the most wealthy property owners ^{and large businesses}. It would reduce the tax appraisals on said property to zero, or a very low appraised value, because of possibly the remaining contamination which would eliminate it from being of value to anyone. This would hurt the public by reducing available revenues through property taxes. It would cause many property owners to go bankrupt due to mandates by the enforcement division of DEC of EPCRA to remove ^{any} ^{even minor} subsurface contamination which ~~may~~ might remain on the property. The cost of subsurface investigation and testing are in themselves unmountable by many property owners and businesses.

Signed: *Don Blackard*
Testifier

Joe & Mary Blackard & Don Blackard
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
committee name

committee on UA Budget, dated April 15, 1999
bill/subject

I strongly support President Hamilton's \$16.3 mil. request for increase to the UA budget. Over the past few years our budget has been cut to the bone - student services are now visibly suffering, -too few employees at the front line who are spread too thin.

Our new president, Mark Hamilton, has uncovered both the great strengths and serious challenges of the university as we enter the new millenium. Hamilton has carried his plea for budget help eloquently all over the state. He needs your help. He has done his homework, and I firmly believe the full \$16.3 million will be spent well and wisely. Please give him your support.

My husband, myself, and our three children much appreciate your serious consideration of the limitless value as a natural resource a fully educated citizenry can bring to their community. Unlike timber and oil, the value of a good education will never be used up. Thank you very much.

Signed:

Harriet Shaftel

Testifier

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April 15, 1999

Honorable Senator Sean Parnell
Room 518, State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Honorable Senator Parnell:

I am requesting that a motion be made to restore the funding to the requested amount for the Land Development component of the FY 00 Budget. Division of Land cannot sell or lease land or transfer land to the municipalities without the requested funding. A reduction in the Land Development component will result in increasing trespass, devaluation and degradation of the state's resources.

Currently the Division of Land generates approximately \$9 million in revenue annually from land sales and fees even though the Division of Land has not been adequately funded to hold land sales. Surveyed state lands accessible by road could be sold to provide an increased tax base for local governments and increased revenue to the state with adequate funding to Division of Land.

Adequate funding for Division of Land will support the processing of the backlog of applications for resource development projects throughout the state. Processing the backlog of applications will result in increased revenue from state land. The Division of Land is the manager of the State of Alaska's 150+ million acres of land. At statehood the Legislature charged the Department of Natural Resources with the job of managing state-owned lands for the "maximum public benefit". The Legislature required land use planning by Alaska Statute §38.04.065 to figure out the best use of state land with the greatest benefits for all Alaskans. Plans are required prior to a sale or lease of state land.

The Division of Land cannot continue to authorize the public to use state land and resources and make the best use of state land to bring in the highest sustained return to the public unless funding is restored to the Land Development component of the FY 00 Budget.

Sincerely,


Deborah K. Heebner



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
committee name

committee on STATE Budget, dated 15 APRIL 99
bill/subject

I ask that the committee reinstate the proposed cuts of the Division of Land. This cut will not only affect myself but you, your family and all other Alaskan citizens.

13 years of Budget cuts have not solved the budget problem. If Alaskans can share the wealth through the permanent fund dividend, then all Alaskans need to pay and share in the dept. I believe it is time for an income tax.

Cuts will cause long term costs such as litigation in access, land use and other permits which bring in monies to the state.

Signed: Terry Lee Peterson
Testifier

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April 15, 1999

Senate Finance Committee
C/O Sen. Sean Parnell
fax 907-465-6592

I am writing to encourage you to fully fund the Revenue Sharing Program and DHSS programs.

First, I would like to address the Revenue Sharing Program. I am an employee of the Municipality of Anchorage and because I am a relatively new employee, the cut in funds to this program could endanger my job. I am also a home owner in Anchorage which means if these cuts go through I will get hit with a double edged sword, along with possibly losing my job, I will also have to pay higher taxes.

Now, I would like to address the DHSS budget. Primarily I am concerned with the funds for Foster Care, the Foster Care review board, Adoption subsidies and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome program. With the increased emphasis on protecting children it would be counter productive to not fully fund these programs.

My wife and I are currently foster parents and have been for the past seven years. Last year was the first time the foster care daily rate was increased during our tenure as foster parents. This increase was minimal at that time and sorely needed. Not funding the foster care daily rate will adversely impact the recruitment of new foster parents and the retention of current foster parents. Also, lack of funding will deteriorate the quality of care for foster children.

The Foster Care Review board is very important as they provide oversight of DFYS. Without the review board more children will be in foster care limbo longer, making it harder to get them into a safe permanent home. We either take care of these children now or we pay the higher price later for correctional custody or long term mental health treatment.

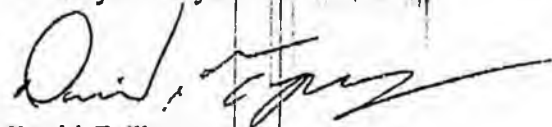
As previously stated, we are currently foster parents. However, we have also adopted three children and are about to finalize the adoption of two others. These children originally came to our home as foster children but, because the process dragged on, they became hard to adopt and we decided to try to adopt them ourselves. Two of these children are diagnosed with FAS, one will probably be diagnosed FAS when she gets older, one has cancer, and finally we have one that seems to be developing typically. Without the adoption subsidies we would be hard pressed to provide the special care these children need and deserve.

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We realize that the state has a budget crises, but the budget shouldn't be balanced on the backs of the most vulnerable of our society, the children. These children have no choice as to their situation. Please don't use them to balance the budget. I do suggest that the state consider diversifying its income sources. Some things that could be done is to raise gas taxes, alcohol taxes, tobacco taxes, on things like RV's, ATV's, boats, weapons and accessories and/or a state lottery. I don't support general sales tax unless it excludes basic food and clothing. Additionally, I don't support an income tax.

Finally, as I watch the public hearings of your committee and others I get the impression that members could care less about what people are saying when they testify. Things that give me that impression are like Sen. Green doing a crossword puzzle and reading a book that did not appear to have anything to do with the hearing or like Sen. Leman (who we voted for when we lived in his district) leaving in a suit and tie and returning later in a ski jacket.

Thank you for your consideration,



David C. Tapey

cc:

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Lt. Gov. Fran Ulmer (fax 907-465-5400)



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name

committee on Operative Budget, dated 4-15-99
bill/subject

I urge the Senate Finance Committee to fully fund municipal assistance + revenue sharing to Alaska municipalities. Not only will villages' services be seriously damaged or removed, but local urban municipalities will have to place the state shifting costs to local taxpayers. In Kodiak, a tax cap is in place so services, including education and road service districts as well as non profit organization will be severely cut.

Signed: Pat Branson

Testifier

Senior Citizens of Kodiak

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Comm.
committee name

committee on Municipal Revenue Sharing dated April, 15, 1999
bill/subject

I was ready to testify tonight after Alice Johnstone, but was not called.

I would like to say Thank you for funding SB 36. We have been working hard to add an enlarged summer school program, reading assistance in High School (already done in elementarys) and after school programs. This is being done to help our students pass the state High School Qualifying Exam, and to meet State standards. We feel these are good things that will benefit state students, however they do cost districts. Please do fund Revenue sharing so we don't have to cut deeper into our budget for next year

Signed: Barbara DeLong Thank you!

Testifier

Sitka School Board

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Alaska Public Health Association

Date: April 15, 1999

To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Delisa Culpepper, Alaska Public Health Association

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Tobacco related disease is the number one killer in Alaska and the number one preventable public health problems in our nation. The national tobacco settlement money Alaska will receive if the settlement is finalized is a one-time opportunity to allocate funds to help people who already smoke to quit and to help our youth that have not begun to make a healthy decision not to smoke.

Investment in the prevention of tobacco related disease would save millions of health care dollars, as well as lives, each year in Alaska – and this at a time when health care costs are again rising in double digit figures annually. We need to invest now to reduce future health care costs and lives.

The Alaska Public Health Association urges you to provide funding from the Tobacco Settlement to increase efforts in tobacco related disease prevention and control.

April 15, 1999

To: Senator John Torgerson
Co Chair - Capital Budget
Fax Number 907-465-4779

I realize you need to make cuts in the budget, but do you have to rob the poor to give yourselves a raise?

You have cut Municipal Assistance and that means that the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption will go by the wayside. I know that the state no longer funds this but the Boroughs or Municipalities do and with this resource gone the Seniors will lose this benefit. Although you all may believe we are all rich there are some of us who depend on social security and those who receive the Longevity Bonus are rapidly dying off. Some of us will never be eligible for the Longevity Bonus no matter how old we are so why put a needs basis on it?

You are cutting the Division of Alcoholism administrative costs, supposedly the cuts will be in Administration but the Division will find a way to cut programs that the people need and keep their jobs. The Treatment Program that serves the folks no one wants will be closed, because of the cuts in Treatment services that you are recommending. At the very least the services now offered will be less. The State of Alaska's biggest health problem and less treatment offered.

All you folks need to do is face the music and pass an income tax. Even us seniors, or at least this senior, will be happy to pay it. No it won't cover the total budget needs but it sure will make the cuts less in what it will bring in in the future years.

I am not too smart but I know that we need a ROBIN HOOD to save us from you members of the Sheriff of Nottingham's dudes.

These comments are my own opinion, I do not speak for any organization or other individuals.



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Alaska State Legislature

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TO SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS

I am on the Board of Directors of a child advocacy center, The Children's Place, which received dual tracking funding. They worked hard to qualify for the money. Five of the last eight kids seen there were 5 years and under. The collection of evidence was well-handled and gentle as possible. These are sexually and physically abuse little kids, who expect adults to watch out for them. These centers increase the likelihood of the case going to court and abusers being convicted. It's sick to be Alaskan taking money from a program designed to protect babies from the real sick Alaskans. Who stands to gain from losing this service? Please reconsider and fund dual tracking grants.

Kelli Mahoney
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Signed: _____
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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TO SENATE FINANCE AND ALL LOCAL LEGISLATORS FOR MAT-SU

am on the Board of Healthy Families Mat-Su. I know the expected outcomes and how well they meet them. This agency is effective. They are the best in Alaska at proving their program works. They serve a high number of teen parents. Clients demonstrate better parenting skills, less isolation, less domestic violence, healthier lifestyles, less substance abuse and more. Now, if you had a chance to hand pick parents and magically make those improvements in their lives, from this time forward, wouldn't you? Well, you do.

Kelli Mahoney
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Budget, dated April 15 1999
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Hello there! My name is Tamara Oowahk from Cordova.
I'd like to say I strongly support spending at least \$3 million
of tobacco settlement money for tobacco prevention and cessation.
As a student and new voter, I am the tobacco-free product
of various anti-tobacco campaigns. Tobacco awareness and
prevention programs work and are much needed if Alaska
wants to continue towards lower rates of death and disease
due to tobacco.

Thank you for your time.

Testifier Signature: Tamara P.K. Oowahk
Representing: (Optional) _____
Address: P.O. Box 1303 Cordova, AK 99574
Phone Number: (907) 484-7590



Alaska State Legislature
Written Testimony Form

Senate Finance

Please enter into the record my testimony to the _____ Committee on
(Committee Name)
_____, dated _____
(bill/subj)

Senators, please consider the very large, and seemingly small, consequences that a cut of \$309,000 in revenue sharing would have for a community of 2,500. The city of Cordova cannot afford to lose this funding without making drastic cuts to basic public safety and public works services. Mayor Mystrom is right: if you cut this funding, we will raise

Testifier Signature

Kristin J. Smith Kristin T. Smith

Representing: (Optional)

City of Cordova Council Member

Address

P.O. Box 1252

Phone Number

907.424.5135

taxes. And that action will reflect on legislators. I urge you to consider limiting PFD payments instead of further hindering small communities' providing basic services. Remember that our communities contribute to 25,000 jobs in Anchorage; as we go, so they go. Thank you

REMARKS FOR THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

I'm Jamo Parrish. I am here on behalf of my 13 year old daughter who deserves a vibrant and prosperous Alaska.

I spent the first 47 of my 50 years in the private sector of Alaska. The past three I have worked as General Counsel for the University of Alaska.

I came to the University filled with healthy skepticism based upon rumors of a bloated administration, uncaring personnel and lack of quality. From my vantage-point as the lawyer for the place, I do not see everything, but I do see quite a bit. And I can tell you, that overall the University is a collection of the finest, hardest working individuals you will find.

But I am not here to protect the many employees who will lose their jobs. I am not here because I have any concern for mine.

I am here because after 50 years, I know that without quality higher education, Alaska will be nothing but a stopover for skilled workers from other states. We will give the best jobs to outsiders, leaving Alaskans to pick up the crumbs.

I have heard all of the arguments about how Alaskans can go to schools outside. I reject those arguments for several reasons.

First, Alaska will be a better place if we have a population that will stay long enough to become knowledgeable about Alaska.

Second, most of the people the University serves are place-bound. They have no other options. When we send the rest outside, they often don't come back—wasting our K-12 investment.

Third, if we ever hope to attract industry to develop a diversified economy, and there are pipelines in other forms out there, we need on-site training programs. Talk to industry. That is how it works.

Now you may say, "So what, someone else will come and take the jobs they could have had." That's O.K., if that is what you want. I don't.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee name
 committee on operating Budget, dated April 15 '99
 bill/subject

1-207-465-6592

I request your support for
 maintaining safely our ~~highways~~ ^{roads}
 and airports.

I also request your support for
 revenue sharing for municipalities.

a recent example is a village
 school bus not being able to pick up
 the kids for school because the village
 ran out of funds to clear the snowdrifts.

Impacts like this will increase exponentially
with loss of revenue sharing.

thank you for the opportunity to
 speak.

Signed: [Signature] Jim Adams
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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TO: 907-465-6592 Sen. Parnell

FROM: Homer LIO

Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name
committee on HB 5051; SB 30, 31, dated 4/15/99
bill/subject

I would like to thank the Senate Finance Committee for
continuing to support Adult public assurance
for the disabled / and other categories. Those of
us living on these funds and re-entering them into
the economy, are thankful.

It is difficult to divide a smaller pie.

I also support money for mental health appropriations.

Signed: Patricia Arnold Patricia Arnold
Testifier

SELF: MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
Representing (Optional)

3479 Louisa #1 Homer, AK 99809
Address

235-7223
Phone No.

To whom it may concern,

I have been informed there has been a proposal to cut the budget that directly funds the Healthy Families program. This is a shock to me because it leads me to believe that supporting Alaska's Families and improving the lives of our next generation is less important than the Jobs program or Welfare reform. You must realize that you need a good foundation for success. You can't ignore things like high stress, low self-esteem, lack of support emotionally, lack of visible resources, or a lack of knowledge. After these areas have been tended the other programs can provide their functions more efficiently.

Often times young mothers have very little support or knowledge of how to raise their children, and there is nothing more stressful than wanting to help your child and not knowing how.

Healthy Families has provided me with tools month by month, and answered questions week by week on how to be an effective, positive, supportive and loving parent.

I know that all mothers want to do that, unfortunately not all mothers get the opportunity to learn how. I believe that children are our future, if we continue to let this chain reaction parenting run its cycle, how can we expect to be

anywhere as a society in the future?

No one could ever convince me that I could be as effective a parent as I am now without the careful teaching, guidance, support and confidence provided by this program.

I believe that sometimes all it takes is for someone to care about you for you to realize that you worth caring about, and its time to care about yourself.

For those who need more evidence or substantial facts here is a time outline of the difference Healthy Families Support made in 3 years.

1996

In and out of homeless shelters
On Welfare / No Job
In and out of counselling centers
Pregnant / no idea how to parent
On and on relationship with Nasser
No support or guidance
Very Alone
Depressed

1999

Steady living environment 2 years
Full time Good paying Job
No more counselling / Church
Active Parent, confident & Knowledgeable
Lots of Support and guidance
Always have someone to call
Have custody and no more Ab
Hopeful & Happy

I hope you can see the impact this program has had on my life. Please reconsider your proposal to cut the financial support of Healthy Families so they can continue to support a

Thank you for your time and patients,

Sincerely,

Maia Singhmor

Maia Singhmor
5050 Dunbar St., Ste A.
Wasilla, AK 99654



Alaska State Legislature

Keep Healthy Families + programs for Families.

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance committee name

committee on Budget, dated 4 15 1999
bill/subject

I have worked with families for nearly 20 years and have had many opportunities to share in the challenges and successes experienced by families in our community.

I am very concerned with proposed budget cuts to Health + Social services programs. Healthy Families referral + home visiting programs are voluntary, cost effective and are currently serving only 7% of the families who are eligible + willing to receive this type of ~~service~~ support. Families ask for help in learning to parent and nurture their children. but many we have already had to turn away due to the funding available now. Cuts can not be

Prevention, early intervention + treatment program are critical components of healthy Alaskan families

We trust that you will make decisions in the best interest of families + children. Thank you.

Signed: Kristin Vernola (print)
Testifier

Health + Social Services / Healthy Families
Representing (Optional)

HC 32 Box 3400 Wasilla, Ak 99654
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907-373-7710
Phone No.

FAX

Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 1485
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Date April 15, 1999
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To: Senator John Torgerson
Co-chair Senate Finance
Committee

Phone 907-465-2828
Fax Phone 907-465-4779
CC: _____

From: Wayne A. Stevens
Executive Director

email wayne@kodiak.org
Phone 907-486-5557
Fax Phone 907-486-7605

REMARKS:

- Urgent For your review Reply ASAP Please comment

Senator Torgerson, Attached is a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce. Please record our position in opposition to the proposed cut to Municipal Assistance and Revune Sharing as a part of the testimony for tonights Senate Finance Committee hearing
Respectfully, Wayne A. Stevens
Executive Director
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce

KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESOLUTION 99-04-01

A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Urging the House and Senate Finance Committees to continue funding the
Safe Communities/State Revenue Sharing Program

- WHEREAS**, the House Finance Committee has proposed eliminating the Safe Communities/State Revenue Sharing (SC/SRS) funding to reduce the state budget; and
- WHEREAS**, eliminating SC/SRS funding would reduce the state general fund budget expenditures, but in reality it will simply transfer the burden to residents by forcing municipalities to raise taxes or reduce local services; and
- WHEREAS**, this is not true budget cutting, but a blatant form of cost shifting as the State shifts its responsibilities and obligations to its citizens by way of local municipalities; and
- WHEREAS**, while it appears that this year's budget cut represents a small reduction to the current general fund operating budget, in reality it represents a cumulative reduction of more than 56 percent to local municipalities since 1980; and
- WHEREAS**, while the Legislature is cutting funding to local municipalities, they have just increased their per diem by 7 and 1/2 percent; and
- WHEREAS**, eliminating SC/SRS will have a devastating impact on small rural communities that depend on state shared revenues for their public services funding; and
- WHEREAS**, eliminating SC/SRS funding could accelerate the dissolving of municipal governments and thereby eliminate critical services upon which local residents rely; and
- WHEREAS**, eliminating SC/SRS funding would specifically impact the following Kodiak Island Borough Communities as follows:
- City of Akhiok, \$36,000 or 8 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
 - City of Larsen Bay, \$28,000 or 19 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
 - City of Old Harbor, \$35,000 or 19 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
 - City of Ouzinkie, \$33,000 or 15 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
 - City of Port Lions, \$38,000 or 24 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
 - City of Kodiak, \$560,000 or 5 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
 - Kodiak Island Borough, \$439,000 or 4 percent of their current annual general fund budget; and

WHEREAS, the state has cut SC/SRS nearly 70 percent in the last ten years, forcing local taxpayers to assume a larger share of school funding; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Kodiak Island Borough established a tax cap and the only option to cover the shortfall is to reduce the Borough and the School District budgets; and

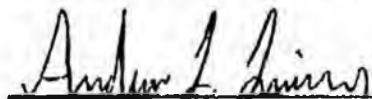
WHEREAS, SC/SRS is absolutely critical to the economy, education, health and safety of all Alaskans; so

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE that the House and Senate Finance Committees be encouraged and urged to continue funding for the Safe Communities/State Revenue Sharing program.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE that copies of this resolution be submitted to Governor Knowles, House Finance Committee Co-Chairs Representative Mulder and Representative Therriault, Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs Senator Parnell and Senator Torgerson an Senator Mackie and Representative Austerman.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THIS 12TH DAY APRIL 1999.

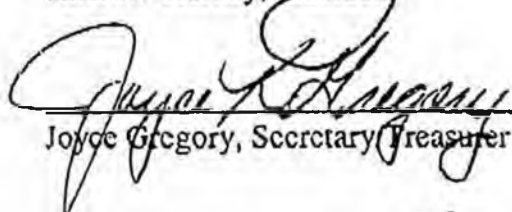
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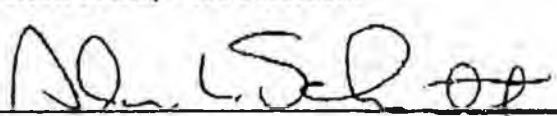
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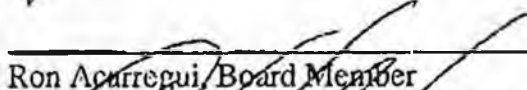
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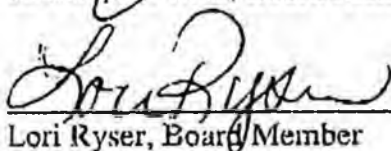
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Pamela Foreman, Kodiak Island Convention
and Visitors Bureau Representative

Edwin Kozak
Edwin Kozak, Kodiak Electric Association
Representative

Wayne A. Stevens
Wayne A. Stevens, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Genedine D. Taan
Genedine D. Taan, Office Administrator
Secretary to the Board of Directors



April 15, 1999

Dear Senate Finance Committee Member:

We are the staff and clients of the Teen Family Center, a drop-in center for pregnant and parenting teens located in the Zach Gordon Youth Center in Juneau, AK. The funding for our center is the result of a grant written collaboratively by many social service agencies in Juneau, including Tlingit and Haida, Public Health, REACH, and Healthy Families Juneau. Healthy Families Juneau currently manages, staffs, and supervises the activities at our center. We are writing to strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts for Healthy Families Alaska in the fiscal year 2000.

Teen pregnancy and teen parenting are not pleasant issues for the community to address. Often, teens who become pregnant and have children are made to feel ashamed, unsupported and discouraged. This discouragement can lead to a disengagement from social services, from much-needed education, and from healthy activities for their children. These are just a few of the reasons that the services provided by Healthy Families are so vital to teens who are facing parenthood. The strength-based model for developing healthy relationships between parents and their children used by Healthy Families encourages teens to build on the skills and strengths which they already possess, while also encouraging their desire for information and education about parenting. The home-visiting approach used by Healthy Families helps to ensure that vulnerable teen parents stay engaged in the many vital services they need, such as school/GED training, health care, and community activities.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important matter. We are confident that you will help to ensure the health and future success of Alaska's families and children by supporting Healthy Families Alaska in the fiscal year 2000.

Sincerely,

Janine LeBates
TFC Assistant

Bridget Eason
TFC Coordinator

Janie Seider
Teen Parent

Cristy Conrad - Teen Parent
April N. Johnson, Teen Parent

FROM :

PHONE NO. :

Apr. 15 1999 04:01PM P1

TO: Senate Finance Committee Members

FROM: The Teen Family Center, a program of Healthy Families Juneau

RE: Proposed reduction to statewide Healthy Families funding

DATE: April 15, 1999

We would like to request that this testimony be entered in the record for the Senate Finance Committee for the proposed Healthy Families Alaska budget for FY00. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. We appreciate your support.



Rick Mystrom,
Mayor

Municipality of Anchorage

Municipal Health and Human Services Commission

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Telephone:
343-4619

April 15, 1999

Honorable John Torgerson
Senate Finance Committee
Juneau AK 99811

Dear Senator Torgerson;

As Chair of the Municipality of Anchorage Health & Human Services Commission, I am writing to voice our concerns about the proposed demise of revenue sharing and municipal support from the State.

We are opposed to this cut, which amounts to \$17 million of the Municipality of Anchorage's operating budget. The Mayor of Anchorage has stated that this budgetary gap would necessitate the elimination of many positions throughout the Municipality.

As it is anticipated that a cut of this magnitude would be shared across all of the departments within the city, we are especially concerned that positions abolished in the already skeleton staff of the Health and Human Services Department will jeopardize the public health of the State's largest aggregate of Alaskans. Food safety and sanitation, animal control, air quality, disease prevention and control, and the very infrastructure that enables the largest city in the State to uphold the standards of public health would be at risk.

Together, the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska has worked to accomplish improvements in these areas. The State has acted as technical assistance for the services the city provides. Without the revenue sharing, Anchorage would need to look to the State for services, overloading an already scarce resource.

The Health & Human Services Commission is opposed to this proposed cut of revenue sharing funds. In the interest of public health, we hope you will see clear to keep this funding intact.

Sincerely,

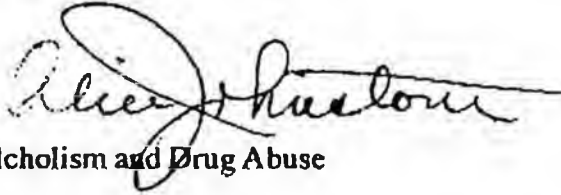
Cathie Schumacher, Chair

cc: Rick Mystrom, Mayor
Mary Good, Director

April 15, 1999

To: Senator John Torgerson

From: Alice Johnstone
Legislative Chair
Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse



Dear Senator Parnell,

I ask you to please restore funding to the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

The proposed cuts, which will result in drastic reduction in ADA personnel, will severely hamper the ability of the division to secure grants, (i.e. new dollars), from federal and private sources. The proposed reductions will reduce the number of dollars available for matching funds, required to demonstrate local concern in order to qualify for grants from many sources.

"Results Within Our Reach", the Alaska State plan for alcohol and drug abuse services has recently been released by the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. This plan was specifically drawn up in response to a legislative emphasis on outcomes in program development and for funding allocation. The proposed reductions in funding for both ADA administration and for grant programs would severely diminish them in their ability to measure results of treatment and prevention programs.

Over the last decade alcohol and drug treatment programs have had to respond to multiple slashes in their state grants. Already pared to the bone, with another cut in the next fiscal year treatment and prevention services will be forced to reduce payroll, curtail programs, and cut even more the hours they serve their habituated clients.

As I'm sure you know, alcoholism is a major medical problem in this state. Alcoholism affects not just individuals, but their spouses and their children, their co-workers, their employers, the police, hospitals, all aspects of the court system and almost every social service agency in the state. Every dollar spent for treatment and prevention of this devastating disease translates into substantial savings in policing, court systems, emergency room/hospital use and safe homes for battered and abused family members. Maximum funding of the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, a chronic, progressive and often fatal disease, should be a top priority for the legislature.

4/15/99

To: The Members of the Senate Finance Committee

From: Michele Girault 3740 Reflection Dr. Anchorage 99504

Dear Senators,

I'm writing on behalf of Duane Read, a man I am guardian for, who happens to have a developmental disability.

I know you all have had a difficult decisions to make in regards to balancing a budget this year. However I am dismayed that once again I must write to implore you to fund services for those who experience disabilities.

I am requesting that the Governors amount of 965,000 be FULLY FUNDED. Restoring the 361,000 you have chosen to cut will help community programs to maintain a level of solvency which makes a huge difference to those of us who must utilize these services.

The community programs in this state are excellent and the people they support some of the most needy.

PLEASE reconsider your decision. Restoring these funds will have a tremendous impact on those Alaskans who are most in need of our support.

Thanks you for your consideration!

SOUTHWEST ALASKA

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE



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April 15, 1999

The Honorable John Torgerson, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference President and Board of Directors have asked that I write to you regarding a very serious matter. Since the beginning of this year's legislative session, local government officials have watched with growing apprehension to see how the legislature would deal with the state budget crisis. Their apprehension was born of concern that the legislature might lack the political courage to accept, in some form, the Governor's budget recommendations and, instead, shift the unpleasant task of raising taxes to local government. From what we are now seeing, it appears that their concerns were justified. As you know, the House version of the budget completely eliminates State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Funding.

By now, you have surely seen or heard all the facts, figures and reasons that demonstrate the folly of eliminating, or even reducing, state assistance to local governments. Therefore, we will not rehearse that litany to you again. Rather, we urgently appeal to you not to balance the state budget on the backs of our local governments. It is incomprehensible to us that many legislators do not seem to understand the implications of what the House Finance Committee has done. For virtually all of Alaska's cities and boroughs, the elimination of state assistance will mean increased property and/or sales taxes. Besides being regressive by nature, local property taxes are highly discriminatory because of the multitude of exemptions that exist. The already smoldering resentment that exists among many non-exempt property owners will be fanned into open flame if this presently unequal burden is increased even more. And to impose or increase local sales taxes will only mean that many rural Alaskans will purchase their goods and services from Anchorage, which has no sales tax. Small rural businesses will simply not be able to compete.

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference represents the interests of about 30,000 state residents who live in about 54 small communities stretching from Kodiak to Adak. Many of these communities are facing severe financial difficulties because of failed salmon runs and past reductions in state assistance. The services that they provide are basic and essential, yet some of them face the real possibility of disincorporation because they lack the resources to pay for such services.

At the beginning of the session, the Governor presented a responsible and workable plan to the Legislature to address the state's fiscal dilemma. Among other things, it would have provided a way to capture some of the money that is earned here and taken away tax-free by non-residents. For a while, we dared to hope that the Legislature would have the courage to follow his lead. Sadly, if the House Finance Committee action prevails, that will not be the case. We hope that the Senate will have the courage to find a way to balance the state budget without devastating local government.

Respectfully,

Glen K. Vernon
Executive Director

SWAMC

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Anchorage, Alaska 99503
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Fax: (907) 562-0438

FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Date: April 15, 1999

To: Senator John Torgerson, Co-Chair,
Senate Finance Committee
Fax (907) 465-4779

Re: State Revenue Sharing & Safe Communities Funding

Sender: Glen K. Vernon
Executive Director

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE 2 PAGE(S), INCLUDING THIS COVER SHEET. IF
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April 15, 1999

CITY of WRANGELL, ALASKA

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BOX 531, 99929 (907) 874-2381
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Senator John Torgerson
State Capitol
Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

The City of Wrangell strongly opposes to the proposed budget cuts to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs. These funds have been decreasing annually forcing communities into raising taxes and eliminating services that are seriously needed. In 1992 Wrangell received almost 1.3 million from three separate sources from the state. If Municipal Revenue programs are eliminated, we will receive only the Timber Tax Revenue in the amount of \$100,000, resulting in a reduction of 1.2 million over the last 7 years. We currently have a 10 mil tax rate which generates about \$900,000 in property taxes and a 7% sales tax rate which generates about 1.6 million. We will be losing an amount more than all the property taxes we currently collect.

If the Legislature is going to keep eliminating revenue sources to communities, than you need to have the courage to eliminate mandated tax exemptions, such as Senior Citizens Property Tax, and let the communities have options on these without being mandated to do so.

Please understand the communities cannot take anymore cuts and we encourage you to maintain these programs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William B. Privett".

William B. Privett
Mayor



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April 15, 1999

The Honorable John Torgerson
Chairman, DOT Budget Subcommittee
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 514
Juneau, AK 99801

Faxed to 907 465-4779

Dear Mr. Torgerson:

Alaska Lining and Retrofit (ALR) has spent the past four months discussing with state agencies the use of our technology for upgrade to numerous underground storage tank (UST) systems owned and operated by the State of Alaska. We did so while bidding on state UST work that was solicited by three engineering firms under a state term contract administered by Dan Breeden with DOT. ALR was one of the UST contractors that supplied the engineering firms with costs to do the construction work included in the term contract. The reason for this letter is our belief that State resources are not being spent prudently with respect to this term contract.

ALR consistently saves our clients many thousands of dollars in upgrade costs by using the Armor Shield tank lining process to provide extended life to older tanks at remarkably reduced costs over conventional replacement methods. Tank lining typically saves our clients as much as 50% over the alternative of completely removing and replacing the tanks.

The Armor Shield process used by ALR is the only tank lining technology available that offers a UL listed product, and the process meets all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) standards. Armor Shield's 20-year warranty provided on the lined and cathodically protected tanks matches or beats what the rest of the tank industry provides on new tanks.

We have proposed upgrading the UST systems included under the term contract using our cost savings lining method. DOT allowed each individual state agency to determine their own approach to the upgrade of the UST systems. We have tried to work with all these agencies to educate them and save the state money on these upgrades by describing to each contact the advantages to the lining and in-place upgrade option and the numerous examples of where we have saved other clients money. Unfortunately, some of the agencies prefer to unnecessarily spend more money on new tank installations without much investigation into the merits of our cost savings approach. For example, the University of Alaska (Julie Redington 459-6874) is one agency contact with a UST system that could be easily upgraded in-place with substantial cost savings to the state.

Honorable John Torgerson, DOT Budget Committee

Budget Concerns, Page 2 of 2

Because of these reasons, and knowing the budget problems the state is currently having, we have submitted this letter for your review. We humbly request your input and attention in this matter. Thank you for this consideration and please call us if we can answer any questions or concerns you have with this information.

Sincerely,



Neil M. Cameron
President

c. Dan Breeden, DOT
Senator Lyda Green
Senator Loren Leman

April 15, 1999

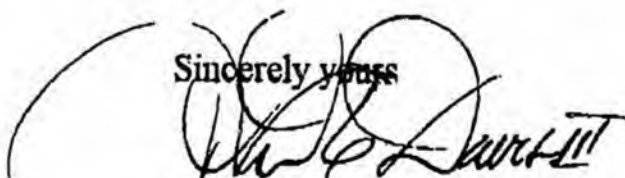
Mr. John Torgerson
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Mr. Torgerson,

I am in favor of full financial support for the University of Alaska by the legislature of our state..

By the way, perhaps one of the quickest ways to retain more high school students for the University of Alaska is to adopt a system used in other states: do not guarantee student loans to students studying at schools outside of our state.

Sincerely yours



Asa C. Davis III
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Anchorage, Alaska 99517

Founded in 1865
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General
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Legislative Affairs
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Senate Finance Committee Member:

We at the Salvation Army Clitheroe Center applaud your efforts to impose fiscal constraint upon the operating budget of the State of Alaska.

We agree that now is the time to prepare our communities for the inevitable decline in revenues due to the depletion of our oil production.

During the course of your deliberations please consider recent studies which conclusively demonstrate that every dollar spent on substance abuse treatment results in a minimum four (4) dollar savings in reduced costs to the state in health care, welfare, and criminal justice expenditures.

In light of this it would behoove the legislature to increase funding for substance abuse programs to save money. (The nonprofit sector operates at a fraction of the cost that state or for-profit programs require).

Thank you for your responsible approach to the future of our state.

Sheila M. Burke
Executive Director, SACC 276-2898

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Cheryl Mann
P. O. Box 240434
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14, April, 1999

Dear Senator,

I am writing to ask for your support in restoring the proposed cuts that would decimate the provision of alcohol and other drug abuse services for the people of Alaska. It is grossly unfair that the majority of the proposed cuts to the Department of Health and Social Services fall almost entirely on the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Further, they would seriously threaten both the direct and indirect delivery of substance abuse services to the families and communities who need them. Cutting more than 60% of the budget for ADA would result in losing more than half the staff and their ability to monitor state and federal grants. Thus, quality assurance would be greatly reduced and federal matching funds will be lost. And, Alaska was one of the few states to receive a federal prevention grant last year. Why are we thinking about eliminating the programs that can help our children have a better future?

These proposed cuts would eliminate the progress that we have made in the field in the last several years as well as jeopardize drug and alcohol service delivery. The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, a citizen group, worked for more than a year to develop a statewide Outcomes based plan using the Friedman model supported by the Legislature. Through collaboration with a variety of groups statewide we have developed what has been lauded as a model plan. It is very disappointing to think that this work was for nothing and that services are going to be arbitrarily cut before being able to demonstrate that the plan provides the framework for more effective and efficient delivery. Additionally, I teach at UAA and everyday I observe students come through my classroom who are changing their lives and those of their families to create better futures for themselves and for Alaska as a result of their participation in alcohol and drug treatment programs. What better demonstration can we have that these services work and benefit the state?

Please reduce these draconian cuts and acknowledge that solving our budget shortfall should not be done on the backs of individuals and families with substance abuse problems that can, and are, being treated.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Mann,
Chair, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

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Virginia B. Ragle
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April 15, 1999

Honorable Sean Parnell and John Torgerson
Co-Chairs, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Child care grants

Dear Co-Chairs Parnell and Torgerson,
and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

We are writing to urge the Senate Finance Committee to fund the child care grant program at at least its current level.

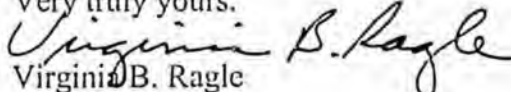
We understand that the Committee is considering transferring money that has historically been allocated to child care grants into the direct assistance program for low income families. The assistance program is certainly a valuable and worthy program that makes it possible for many low income families to obtain quality child care for their children. However, the grant program augments the direct assistance program, and also helps to provide better quality child care for all Alaskan children, regardless of whether they come from low income families or from middle income families that do not qualify for assistance.

Having used both a small in-home day care and a larger child care center, it is our experience that both charge "tuition" at a level the market will bear. Still, tuition is often not enough to cover all the expenses incurred in providing quality child care and preschool education. For example, at the Juneau Montessori Center that our son attends, some of the costs that are not covered by tuition are borne by parents and staff, who contribute hundreds of hours of volunteer work for fundraising and for maintaining the facility. A few parents who are financially able contribute cash, as well as volunteer time. A small but significant source of the school's funding is the State's grant program.

The approximately \$9,000 that the school anticipates receiving from the grant program provides staffing that benefits all of the school's children. Given the already-high level of volunteerism at the school, it is not likely that the school could replace the grant money through additional fundraising efforts. If the school is forced to raise tuition, clearly children of low income families will suffer first, and most. If a raise in tuition makes the school unaffordable and financially nonviable, then all of the children and families will suffer. Families that use other quality child care centers and licensed day care facilities around the state are at similar risk if this program is eliminated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Virginia B. Ragle

cc: Honorable Drue Pearce, President
Alaska State Senate

Margaret E. Holland
13232 Sean Circle
Anchorage, AK 99516

April 15, 1999

Senator John Torgerson
Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

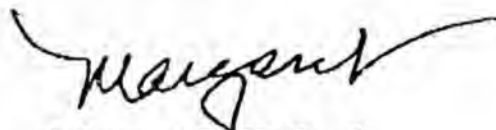
Dear Senator Torgerson:

The House Finance Committee has approved HB 50, next year's operating budget, which included a reduction in general funds support for the State's trade offices in Japan and Korea. The reduction in funding of \$350,000 is over half of the Division of Trade and Development's expenditures for the two offices.

Personally, I think these budget cuts significantly undermine the economic development and international trade mission of the DTD. The trade offices in Japan and Korea have been very successful in opening markets to Alaska businesses, and should be fully funded. For a state that looks to the Pacific Rim nations for business opportunities, decimating the trade offices does not make sense.

I hope you will work to restore this funding.

Sincerely,



Margaret E. Holland

KENNETH W. MOSS, M.D.

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4/15/99

Members, Senate Finance Committee:

Re: Healthy Family
Programs, Alaska

Dear Senators:

I've learned that the proposal
is to cut the budget for the
Healthy Family Program by 23%.

Though I appreciate the need
to limit spending, I hope you will
find it in your hearts not
to cut this program.

As a practicing pediatrician
I've seen this program work
well, and give a great deal
of positive opportunities for
families and children.

It is money well spent, and
a good investment.

Thank you

Kenneth W. Moss MD

Newhalen City Council

P.O. Box 103
Niamna, Alaska 99606
Phone (907) 571-1226

April 15, 1999

to: Senator Parnell and Senator Torgerson:

from: Jerry Gay Newhalen City Clerk

Please find following a draft council resolution that in all probability will be passed at the next council meeting. It is followed by a list of voters supporting the resolution. You might note that all of the council members and the Mayor have signed their support.

I hope this will do some good in influencing the finance committee to restore our revenue share funding. The city council plans to testify by teleconference at 6:00 tonight.

thank you for your efforts.

City of Newhalen

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RESOLUTION 99-12

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING AT THE FY 99 LEVEL FOR THE STATE REVENUE SHARING AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, The House Finance Committee has proposed the complete elimination of the State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs, and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs have already been cut by approximately 70 percent over the past 10 years, and

WHEREAS, budget cuts of this magnitude and significance to the health, safety, and welfare of Alaska's people should be done within the framework of a comprehensive, coherent, and publicly accepted long term fiscal plan, and

WHEREAS, municipalities should not be targeted again for program cuts because they provide the most basic of public services including police, fire, roads, water and sewer, solid waste, emergency medical, and schools, and

WHEREAS, 75 cities in Alaska rely on these programs for 20% of general fund revenues and 25 cities rely on them for over 40% of their revenues, and

WHEREAS, elimination of the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs simply shifts the burden for providing basic public services to local taxpayers and we can expect either drastic reductions in services or increased local taxes, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs will act as a further disincentive for the formation of new boroughs and will likely result in the dissolution of many cities, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs disproportionately impacts the poorest and small municipalities because they have limited options available to them in terms of raising or levying new taxes, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs will further widen the gap between the "haves" and "have nots" in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, all states in the United States share revenues with municipalities within their boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hickel and others have argued that statehood itself was premised upon the continued sharing of revenues derived from commonly held natural resources because the framers understood that local taxes would never be sufficient to provide for adequate public services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newhalen City Council has found that further cuts to the State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs are not in the public interest and would be poor and ill-advised public policy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council is strongly opposed to any further cuts to the programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby urges the Alaska Legislature to continue to fund these programs at FY 99 levels.

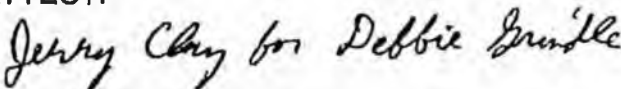
PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Newhalen City Council this 20th day of April, 1999.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

Wassie Balluta Sr., Mayor

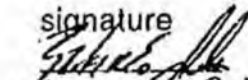
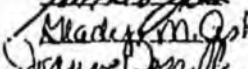
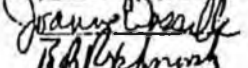
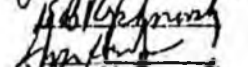
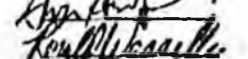
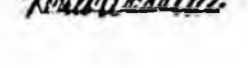


ATTEST:



Debbie Grindle, City Clerk

We, the undersigned residents of Newhalen, Alaska, do hereby urge our City Councilmen to approve the draft resolution described above at their next meeting on April 20, 1999.

signature	printed name	date of signature	residence address	p.o. box #
	Zacher Baker	4-6-99	Newhalen	51
	Gladys M. Askock	4-6-99	Newhalen	225
	Joanne Wassile	4-6-99	Newhalen	53
	Bob Rycknowsky	4-6-99	Newhalen	114
	George Horabarger	4-6-99	Newhalen	113
	Pamela Brundage	4-6-99	Newhalen	46

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FAX

Date 04/16/99

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TO: Members
HBA of Juneau

465-4925

FROM: Susan Ogden
HBA of Juneau

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CC:

REMARKS: Urgent For your review Reply ASAP Please Comment

URGENT! LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

The Legislature is attempting approval of SB113 which makes it mandatory for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to obtain legislative approval before issuing any bonds. All home mortgage payments could be appropriated by the legislature instead of paying off the bonds if this legislation passes. This appears to be a way to strangle the operations of AHFC. Please complete the following Public Opinion Message (POM) with one of the following 5 messages or you can submit a message of your own opposing this legislation.

- 1) Mandatory legislative approval of AHFC to issue any bonds will hamper their daily operations. They are successful operating currently! Do not support!
- 2) This appears to be a way to strangle the operations of AHFC in order to raid their assets in the future! Do not support!
- 3) All home mortgage payments could be apporpriated by the legislature instead of paying off the bonds if ths legislation passes! Do not support!
- 4) Every activity of AHFC would have to have legislative approval if this legislation passes? What is broken? Do not support!
- 5) Interest rates will rise on AHFC mortgage programs if this legislation passes. We don't need that right now! Do not support!

April 15, 1999

Senator John Torgerson, Co-chair Fax: 465-4779
Senate Finance Committee

RE: Fund land use planning

Dear Senator Torgerson:

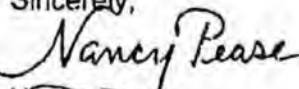
The latest draft of the Senate budget has a misguided cut of \$726,000 for the DNR Division of Land, which would specifically eliminate statewide land use planning. I urge you to restore the funding to the Division of Land for land use planning.

It is self-defeating to cut revenue-generating functions of state government. Without state land use planning, resource development such as forestry and large mines and tourist destination development will grind to a halt on state land. **The planning costs that the Senate is presuming to save will soon be offset by lost revenue from stalled resource development on state land.**

For example, without the Yakataga Area Plan, lawsuits would have prevented the University from harvesting millions of dollars of timber along the Gulf coast. Without the Tanana Basin Area Plan, the lucrative Fort Knox gold mine could not have proceeded. Without the Division of Land planning, local governments such as the Kenai Peninsula Borough cannot receive their municipal entitlement acreage to help develop their local tax bases.

Without Division of Land planning, random sales and scattered settlement of state lands could create impossible demands for government services (e.g. schools to serve 10 kids, forest fire and trooper protection, etc.). **Again, the costs of NOT planning for state lands will outweigh the savings.**

Count me among the responsible citizens who are willing to pay taxes to fund important government services, like planning for the use of 105 million acres of land owned by this state.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pease



Southeast Alaska Seiners

April 15, 1999

**Senator John Torgerson
CoChair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Rm 518
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182**

Dear Senator Torgerson,

I am writing in behalf of Southeast Alaska Seiners (SEAS), a membership organization representing commercial fishermen, to express concern over the substantial budget cuts proposed for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Department has been the target of very substantial budget reductions over the last eight years that threaten its ability to manage the fish and game resources of our state in compliance with the sustained yield principle of our Constitution. The commercial fishing industry, which provides employment for large numbers of Alaskans and generates tax revenues far in excess of its management costs, suffers as the operations of the Department are restricted. Therefore, SEAS urges you use the budget cuts proposed by the House of Representatives. These cuts provide a significant contribution to the Legislature's efforts to reduce spending while minimizing the impact on the thousands of Alaskans who rely on the Department of Fish and Game's stewardship of Alaska's renewable resources.

Since 1990, the Legislature has reduced the budget of the ADF&G by over \$6.1 million. Steady erosion from inflation has compounded these cuts and impacted the ability of the Department to manage the fishery resources of our state. With management activities curtailed, Alaskans suffer since the Department must be increasingly conservative as a consequence of its inability to gather necessary information on our fish stocks. In the past several years, the Department has had to curtail stock assessment work on sockeye salmon, King crab, and herring in Southeast Alaska. We have little information on groundfish or shrimp. Information that leads to further beneficial, income producing harvests requires general fund expenditures.

With fishermen paying more into the general fund than the current costs of management, the cuts to the budget that affect our industry should be restrained. After all, we cannot pay taxes on fish that a budget strapped ADF&G can't permit us to harvest. The House version of the budget adds \$412 of reductions to the \$6.1 million

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April 15, 1999

Senator John Torgerson
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol – Rm. 516
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

by fax: 465-4779

Dear Senator Torgerson:

I am writing this letter in support of the full restitution of funding for the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Program. The recent action taken by the House to balance the budget on the backs of local government is unacceptable. You are well aware of the importance of the RS/SC money to communities of all sizes in this state. We have seen these funds diminishing since 1986 to the point that for many small, rural communities, they are the equivalent of life support in a hospital.

Raising taxes and increasing fees at a local level to make up for the loss of this funding is, in many cases, impossible. On the one hand there is just not enough tax base to do it, and on the other hand, for those of us that do tax, an increase in taxes may push us over the brink. The question here is not whether municipalities are sharing the burden of the state's loss of revenue, but whether local government can be viable within the state of Alaska. Restitution of less than the full amount of funding accomplishes nothing.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Juettner
Administrator

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To: The Senate Finance Committee
Re: The Healthy Families Program

April 15, 1999

My daughter, Maia Singhmor, had abuse problems. After a serious abusive incident, while pregnant with her first child, she went to the doctor and make sure that her baby was not injured. The doctor referred her to The Healthy Families Program. Kim Tolbert has been God Sent. She is a wonderful addition to the Healthy Families program.

Healthy Families has continually been a support group and learning tool for the growth and mental health of my now two grandchildren, and their mother.

Healthy Families taught us the importance of getting at the childrens level, on the floor. They loan out special toys of learning and teach families how to use them, handing out homework to the parents that give guidelines to good parenting skills.

Without Healthy Families my grandchildrens lives would not nearly be as complete, nor would they be as advanced as they are now in attitude and scholarly.

Healthy Families would be sorely missed if you were to cut their Program. There are so many woman out there abused, confused, lost and ready to give up who need this program.

There are young parents that haven't a clue how to raise children for whom The Healthy Families Program is a vital source of information.

Healthy Families also gets a 'birdseye view' of how the children are being treated in their homes as people let them in more willingly than any other organization. Healthy Families works hand in hand with investigators of abuse.

Healthy Families helps our Generation to Come, cutting this program could be cutting their throat.

Please don't,

Debora Chrisman
925 S. Chugach St.
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Sen. Finance
committee name

committee on tobacco settlement funds, dated 4-15-99
bill # / subject

Balancing the budget now and into the future is best done by enhancing revenues, NOT by cutting essential services and programs.

Being proactive is securing the future by spending now in the right ways and in the right places.

Just one way to do this is to increase the funding for tobacco control and prevention and to dedicate a substantial portion of the tobacco settlement money to this program.

The tobacco settlement only pays for expenses incurred in the past, NOT in the future. We can reduce these future expenditures by reducing smoking in the future. Please be proactive not reactive.

Signed:

Nathan O. Bailey

Testifier

Self, and Tobacco Alliance of The Peninsula

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 3337 Kenai 99611

Address

907 283 3984

Phone number

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

~~Dear Members:~~

I have looked over the report on the KPB Fiscal Planning Session and sincerely wish my business would have allowed me to attend. I have listed below the comments I would have made.

1. Education—we cannot simply throw money at anything labeled education and expect our children to obtain what they need. I feel that the word education has had a suffix added to it in today's definition—if it says education—it means we cannot not find it. This is thinking that simply doesn't serve anyone. There are many things in this world that I could learn but they would not be of any benefit to me. I want to see our children receive an education that will help them in their life. They need to know how to do everyday things like balance a checkbook, budget for a family, comparison shop so that they can get the most for their dollar. They need to learn to be productive and responsible citizens. We can provide opportunities for our children to learn, we cannot make them learn. We need to make our children understand that it is their responsibility to take advantage of the educational opportunities that they are being afforded. We as parents, legislatures and teachers are doing children an injustice if we do not expect them to achieve. A teacher cannot spend all of his or her time trying to just keep order in a classroom and be expected to "teach" also. I have worked in our schools. I know how much time and effort a few disruptive students can demand and how much their behavior deprives the students who really are wanting to learn. We need to find a way to deal with this problem. Our schools need to return to being an honored place of order and study opportunities. A place to prepare our children for life and to give them the tools that they will need to pursue their dreams.

I do not care how many computers you have access to or can operate—they can never take the place of a solid knowledge of the basics of math, spelling, language arts, history or science. Our society seems to think that with a computer you no longer need to know how to spell (just use your spellcheck) and that the spreadsheet will do your math computations for you. The computer will spit out a spellchecked letter that is misspelled and grammatically incorrect and a spreadsheet that does not reflect the true figures at all. We have to know what and why we are putting information into that PC. Thank God they can not replace humans. They are simply a helper.

I am so grateful for my junior high math and English teachers. They taught me the principles I needed to know to further my education—both in school and in the world. These great teachers let me know that they cared not only about the knowledge we gained but, also the people we became. You cannot separate the two. Knowledge can be used to cause harm as well as good. We all need to put some effort into character building by example and by rewarding. Educational programs need to be scrutinized for value as much if not more than any other government paid for programs.

2. Tourism—We need to have sufficient facilities and safe roadways. If we want people to come and visit our beautiful state we have to provide a safe and usable road system and camping areas. If we want to show them that we respect our state and expect them to also, we need to maintain these roadways and camping areas and to penalize anyone who trashes them. I know that the overcrowding in our campgrounds and the congestion of our narrow roads has been a determining factor in having tourists decide not to return to our state. We cannot afford to chase away our "repeat customers". Our highway department needs to stay at least as manned as it is. We need the roads we already have and we need more.

In our bid for tourism, please do not forget the locals. We need places to walk, ride horses, fish, hike and camp also. We need to utilize our roadway sides and I am including a letter I have sent on to DOT with some ideas for this utilization.

3. Privatization—I am totally against it. I know it looks cheaper on the surface but, we would pay later on. We have essential services that need to be performed. Services that government was set up to perform. National defence, national transportation and national communication. Government on a local as well as a national level has far exceeded these parameters. Our roadways qualify as an essential government service and they need to be maintained. If the state were to sell off all of its equipment and give the work to a contractor and that contractor finds that he cannot fulfill his obligation for the agreed upon price the state is over a barrel. To keep our roads open more money would have to be found. I feel we would be in much less control of the situation than we are now and would receive less for our money in the long run. Here also, we have the right and the obligation to expect performance for public monies spent. We, as citizens of the state of Alaska, need to expect and receive quality work from our employees whether they be the Governor, legislators, teachers, DOT employees, or any other state employee and these employees deserve a fair wage for their work. I am tired of hearing about wage cuts that do not start at the top and work down. If there are to be state employee wage cuts it ought to start at the Governor and work its way down from there. If we as a State are short of money, no one should be exempt from

feeling the bite. If a laborer can afford to have his wages cut, so can his boss, so can the legislators and so can the Governor.

4. State Income Tax. I am for it. I don't mind paying my fair share as long as everyone else has to too. I believe welfare benefits should be taxed. Many studies have shown that useable dollar for useable dollar a welfare family ends up with more than a medium income household. In addition, the welfare family does not have to worry about medical costs-which can be a very major concern to a medium income family with no medical insurance and too much income to qualify for help from anyone. These welfare dollars and benefits should be taxed just like the wages of any other family. An income tax would be federally tax deductible, and it would mean that every worker who earns money in the state of Alaska would be adding money to her coffers. The seasonal out of state fisherman, tourist industry workers and oil industry out of state workers would all be paying into an income tax system. They should be shouldering some of the expense. They are getting income from this state resources-its only fair. Why should they not pay state taxes to Alaska and go home and pay state taxes to Texas or Oklahoma or where ever they are from. The landowners and business owners of this state cannot be taxed to death. We need industry. We need agriculture that is viable. We need small business. We have to make a place for these endeavors. (Why does the local farmer still pay \$190.00 a ton for urea when we see in the papers that no one else is paying this for our urea?)

5. Permanent Fund. I do not want this touched. It is the only thing that keeps growing and if it begins to be syphoned off it will not stop until its gone. We cannot allow this to happen. I believe that welfare recipients should not be allowed to get a permanent fund check. They are receiving aid monthly from the state already. Maybe this would be a added incentive to get off of the welfare system. We need to stop the welfare fraud. There are fathers who are not marrying the mothers of their children for the express purpose of allowing her and the children to stay on the program. Some of these men are making excellent wages, living in a subsidized home, eating food stamps food and having their children's medical care covered by the state. Where is the pride? We need to insure that our welfare benefits are not so appealing that people are coming to our state just to receive them. I believe in people working. It is best for them and best for the society as a whole. We need to find opportunities for as many citizens of our state as possible. I believe in Alaskans being hired first. I believe everyone can contribute something worthwhile and that they will be happier when they are. We need to help those who genuinely need it and to expect those that are able to help themselves.

6. I believe in a luxury sales tax. I do not believe in food, utilities, or medical care being taxed. With a luxury tax we have the choice of whether we want the item badly enough to pay the price or not. We at least get the satisfaction of making our own choice.

7. State employees work week changed back to a 40 hour week with no pay increase. I would go along with this if some other things were done.

1. Since this is in essence a wage cut, I believe everyone in the state's employ should take a corresponding cut. All state employees. Those in any government role. If it's fair for one its fair for all.

2. When state legislators have to go into special session, they will not get any more pay. They also should be expected to get their work done in a timely manner.

3. No per diem increases for anyone unless it is proven necessary because costs have risen and if so, per diem increases apply to everyone not just the legislators.

Something needs to be done to provide necessary medical care and perscriptions at an affordable price to all who need it. A necessity of life should not be denied to anyone and they should not have to give up a lifetime of possessions to get it. There is no justice in the elderly who have contributed for a lifetime and managed to pay for a home, and a car and some simple but invaluable personal possessions having to loose everything because they have cancer or Alzheimers disease or any of the other terrible conditions we all may have to face in our later years. The medicare system and the welfare system do nothing to alleviate this problem. The pricing of some procedures and medications is astronomical. There must be a better solution.

Government needs to encourage new industry and small business endeavors by lessening paperwork and financial costs. We need to have a diversified economy and there are people who have great ideas and who would be happy to explore them if it were more feasible to do so. We need to lessen the tax burdens on land and business owners so they can try to expand their business's and utilize their lands.

Thank you for taking your time to read this. I know we all have work to do-but, working together is what it's all about isn't it. Sharing ideas and coming up with solutions that benefit as many as possible.

Priscilla Mott Phone 262-2871 Fax 260-3350 33640 Echo Lake Road Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Priscilla G. Mott

Jean Kincaid
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Wasilla, Alaska 99687

April 15, 1999

The Honorable Pctc Kelly
Senate Finance Subcommittee, Chair
State Capitol, Room 510
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

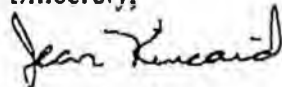
Dear Senator Kelly,

I know you have some tough decisions to make to balance the budget, but I would ask that you take a second look at the proposed cuts to programs that affect the children of our state. One program in particular is the Healthy Families program. If you have seen, heard or read any of the information on brain development, you must know how critical the first five years of a child's life are for healthy growth and brain development. Young children are born with very little "prewired" in their brains, but those connections are made very rapidly. Healthy Families is the only program in our community that begins prenatally and stays with families through those first five years, to help parents who have multiple stress factors, to have the supports to help them be the best parents they can be. These are the supports families need so their children can grow up with good medical care, a place to live, food to eat and a nurturing environment that is free of abuse and neglect.

Our program in the Mat-Su Valley has almost 100 families enrolled. As you know, it takes a long time to make changes and it will be many years before society will see the benefits for these families. They can see a difference themselves, just in how their lives are different from how they grew up and feel good that their child has a better life.

We hear so much in the media about child abuse and how there are not enough social workers to deal with all the reports and follow up adequately. Why not keep working from the prevention end and see if that will make a difference? Current data seems to show that 94% of the families involved in Healthy Families, have had no substantiated abuse and neglect. Please give them more time before you destroy what has been started, families lose services. Then, we're back to where the benefits are so small and only to a select few that you still won't be convinced that it really makes a difference.

Sincerely,



Jean Kincaid
376-8220

cc: Sen. Sean Parnell
Sen. John Torgerson
Sen. Dave Donley
Sen. Lyda Green

Sen. Loren Jeman
Sen. Randy Phillips
Sen. Gary Wilkin
Sen. Al Adams



FROM HOMER LIO
FAX 907-465-6592

Sen. Parnell

Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate
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committee on SB-30, 31 dated 4/15/99
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HB 50, 51

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES: THERE ARE HARD TIMES
COMING, WE KNOW. WE MUST ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF
THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY THE EXTENDED
CAMPUS. I DITO THE NEW PRESIDENTS LETTER ON
THIS ISSUE. "FUND THESE NEEDS" - ASK YOURSELF, WHICH
IS A PRIORITY, "PRISONS" OR "SCHOOLS"? I AGREE!

THE PERMANENT FUND WAS USED YEARS AGO ON THE
STATE DEFERRED TO THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES & BOPSAK'S
PAST FUNDING CUTS (SCHOOLS, AIRPORTS, HARBORS, ETC.)
IF YOU ARE GOING TO CUT, THEN CUT! DON'T
PASS IT DOWN TO US TO TAKE THE HEAT,
WE HAVE OUR OWN CUTS TO MAKE! THANKS
FOR THE GOOD WORK, DO IT!

Signed: [Signature] JOHN FENSKER

Testifier City of Homer (COURAID) KAC KENAI PENINSULA
COLLEGE

Representing (Optional)

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Phone No.

4/15/99

I wish to speak to the budget issue on behalf of the natural resources of this state. A lot of the discussion I've heard has regarded the importance of the permanent fund and the loathing of taxes. Very little has been heard however, regarding the other assets of this state and the Kenai Peninsula, such as clean air and water, scenic landscapes, mineral riches, and the abundance of flora and fauna. This natural capitol provides the basic resources that fuel most of our economy.

As the logging industry on the Peninsula has grown, oversight of that industry has disappeared. Haze from slash fires reduces air quality to abysmal in the Homer area. Are these fires within state guidelines. No one knows since there are no DEC representatives in Homer. I do know that for anyone with respiratory problems this is a significant health and safety issue. Another burning respiratory issue is the tobacco lawsuit settlement. That money should be used to cover expenses caused by smoking related illnesses. While no funds can be dedicated, there are plenty of health related illnesses caused by smoking, and using this money in the general fund is inappropriate.

You folks are considering eliminating over one million dollars from Department of Natural Resources Division of Land with the express purpose of wiping out the division's land use planning capabilities. The Kenai Borough has spent years trying to create a land use plan that is fair to all the residents and with this one move all that effort will be wasted. However, the problems caused by not having a plan will continue to get worse, as gravel miners argue with homeowners in Anchor Point, and snowmachiners trespass over private lands because the borough has no plan for where different activities are appropriate.

I don't disagree with spending cuts to ineffective programs. Re-appropriate the \$145 million for interties. This is money that was appropriated in the early 90's to subsidize utilities that can pay for interties through their users. CUT \$21.1 million for Northern Region new road construction. Why is the state trying to construct new roads when the existing ones can't be maintained adequately. CUT \$1.3 million for Arctic Power & Arctic Refuge lobbying. BP/Amoco/Arco has enough money to lobby just fine on their own. CUT \$8.1 million for AIDEA & other foreign trade offices. These high risk ventures should be funded by the private sector, not the public. This would be a savings of over \$175 million.

Thank you for your time tonight.

JIM LEVINE
P.O. Box 1075
HOMER, AK 99603

Jim Levine



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee on Operating Budget, dated 4-15-99
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The tobacco settlement money needs to be divided and not placed into a general fund. Please do apply some of the millions the state of Alaska receives to tobacco prevention and cessation.

I am a registered nurse and see the ramifications of tobacco usage. It will save the state money to have healthy, well informed residents. It is important to prevent teenage tobacco usage and cease all tobacco usage. Let the state of Alaska promote health.

Signed: Renaire Clotard, RN
 Testifier

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April 15, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell, Co-chair Fax 465-6592
Senate Finance Committee

RE: Fund land use planning

Dear Senator Parnell:

The latest draft of the Senate budget has a misguided cut of \$726,000 for the DNR Division of Land, which would specifically eliminate statewide land use planning. I urge you to **restore the funding to the Division of Land for land use planning.**

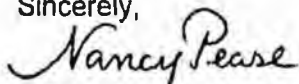
It is self-defeating to cut revenue-generating functions of state government. Without state land use planning, resource development such as forestry and large mines and tourist destination development will grind to a halt on state land. **The planning costs that the Senate is presuming to save will soon be offset by lost revenue from stalled resource development on state land.**

For example, without the Yakataga Area Plan, lawsuits would have prevented the University from harvesting millions of dollars of timber along the Gulf coast. Without the Tanana Basin Area Plan, the lucrative Fort Knox gold mine could not have proceeded. Without the Division of Land planning, local governments such as the Kenai Peninsula Borough cannot receive their municipal entitlement acreage to help develop their local tax bases.

Without Division of Land planning, random sales and scattered settlement of state lands could create impossible demands for government services (e.g. schools to serve 10 kids, forest fire and trooper protection, etc.). Again, **the costs of NOT planning for state lands will outweigh the savings.**

Count me among the responsible citizens who are willing to pay taxes to fund important government services, like planning for the use of 105 million acres of land owned by this state.

Sincerely,



Nancy Pease

19300 Villages Scenic Parkway
Anchorage, Alaska 99516
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Thank You.

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier

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See attached ~~one~~ ^{four} pages

Fax to 907-465-6592 Sen. Parnell

From Homer L10

Signed: MICHAEL YOURKOWSKI

Testifier

HOMER CITY COUNCIL

Representing (Optional)

3059 KACHEMAK DR.

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235-2628 / 299-2628

Phone No.

FROM MICHAEL YOURKOWSKI CITY COUNCIL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK -
I UNDERSTAND THE BUDGET PROCESS
WE HAVE TO SET OUR PRIORITIES, BUT
I HAVE TO QUESTION THE WISDOM OF
TRYING TO BALANCE THIS BUDGET ON
THE BACKS OF OUR CHILDREN. WHEN
WE LOOK AT THE EFFECTS OF THE
PURPOSED CUTS ON HOMER WE SEE
OUR POLICE BUDGET CUT WHICH
WILL AFFECT OUR CHILDRENS SAFETY,
WE SEE OUR LIBRARY CUT WHICH
EFFECT OUR CHILDRENS EDUCATION,
WE SEE CUTS TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
WHICH EFFECT OUR CHILDRENS EDUCATION
AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.

WE HAVE CUT OUR BUDGET TO THE
BONE ALREADY AND CANNOT ABSORB

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A \$260,000 UNBUDGETED REDUCTION.
WHEN I COMBINE YOUR ATTITUDE
ON MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING WITH
YOUR PURPOSED USE OF THE
TOBACCO ~~SET~~ SETTLEMENT MONEY
WHICH WAS EARMARKED FOR ANTI-
SMOKING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR
OUR CHILDREN, I SIMPLY HAVE TO
QUESTION YOUR PRIORITIES. WE CAN
CUT 145 MILLION DOLLARS SIMPLY
BY REAPPROPRIATING MONIES FROM
THE RAILBELT ENERGY FUND WHICH
WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE USED.
THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEY
SHOULD BE USED FOR ANTI SMOKING
CAMPAIGNS (THE CENTER FOR DISEASE

CONTROL HAS DETERMINED THAT 8⁽³⁾ MILLION SHOULD BE SPENT ANNUALLY IN ALASKA) AND HEALTH CARE IN ALASKA NOT PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND. THIS WILL SAVE US BILLIONS IN THE FUTURE. IT SHOULD BE THOUGHT OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE. PLEASE earmark these funds for our children's future.

I PERSONALLY FAVOR THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN, ~~CASH~~ IT MAKES TOUGH DECISIONS AND PURPOSES FAIR TAXATION SCHEMES AND APPROPRIATE SPENDING.

THANK YOU

MICHAEL YURKOWSKI

P.S. TO SENATOR BERGENSON - JOHN FENSKE, LUKE WELLS AND MYSELF WILL SEE YOU IN JUNEAU FOR AML AT THE 5:00 A.C. THE MONTH

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK (4)
ON THE FISHERIES TAX ISSUE AND THE
HEADS UP ON THE TORA/HARBOR PLAN.

4/15/99

Hello my name is Carl High. I am the foreman here in Homer at the D.O.T. Highway Maintenance Station. It would be a mistake to place further cuts on the DOT road maintenance budget. The deferred maintenance program has over run its intended course. Even at current spending levels, many of our roads are in substandard condition. Increased cuts will lead to the continued deterioration of our system and more importantly, a further reduction of service.

Presently, 6 operators, 2 of which are seasonal, and myself maintain approximately 300 lane miles of roads on a daily basis. This winter the Homer area has received a total 237" of snow. That translates to 19 3/4 feet. There are many times when our work load exceeds not only our man power but our equipment resources as well. With this small crew, we provide coverage 7 days a week. Typically, 3 operators begin at 4 am on weekdays. They are responsible for opening all of our roads and providing safe passage for school buses and the motoring public to make it to work. If you do the math, that is 100 miles of road per employee, in 3 to 3 1/2 hours. We are so tight that any minor mechanical problem, crew illness, or leave is enough to put us well behind our performance curve. We have 1 operator on duty to care for all of our roads from 2 PM until 10 PM. No one is on from 10 PM until 4 am.

When formulating your decision on cutting the M & O budget, I ask you to factor in the value you would place on a bus load of school children, the worth of your wife's safety as she travels to and from work, or the ability of troopers and city police to make their way to work.

In closing, I would like to touch upon the issue of privatization. I urge you to interview anyone that lives on a Borough maintained road in the Homer area. Privatization is simply inefficient and ineffective.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carl S.High
TML 1
235-5218

To whom it may concern:

I would like to write my input about Nugen's Ranch Rehabilitation Program.

This is a place where I am starting to learn and live a new way of life, which is helping me a great deal.

I strongly suggest that Nugen's Ranch (being a long term facility) be a place where individuals who need help on Alcohol and Drug abuses.

This place does not focus on Alcoholism and Drug Abuses, only but Nugen's Ranch also provides Constructive Educational classes and groups such as Assertiveness Nurturing, Medicine Wheel, ACOA = Adult Children of Alcoholics, Anger Management, Life Skills and more to better understand about themselves and how we can be helped.

Not only myself but hundreds of individuals have

been helped by coming to
Nagenis Kamik for treatment.

I can also say from
experience that this long term
treatment is more efficient
than a short term treatment,
for in a long term individuals
are working on themselves
on their own pace, where in
short term treatment issues
are cramped into them and
never really understanding what
they just learned.

Thank you for your
time and interest,

Sincerely

Patricia J.

Karaywak

(Client)

3701 Palmer-Wasden Hwy.
Wasden, AK 99687



THE CHILDREN'S PLACE

... a place to be heard.

... a place to be helped.

April 15, 1999

Senator Lyda Green
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Lyda,

Lyda & the members of the Senate Finance Committee

We are writing to request your support for funding of the Dual Track Differential Response to Child Protection pilot project in the Mat-Su Borough. I know you are aware from our previous conversations that the Mat-Su Borough has significant problems with child physical and sexual abuse, as well as neglect, with over 1400 reports of harm yearly to our local Division of Family and Youth Services. Each report is prioritized. "Priority 1" reports are those where a child is in imminent danger, and immediate intervention is needed. "Priority 2" reports are those where risk to the child is high, and must be responded to within 72 hours. Over 700 of these are considered "Priority 3" reports, which require a response within 7 days. In reality, however, approximately 96% are "work-load adjusted" and receive no investigation. A recent survey by a social work intern at DFYS revealed that 80% of these families had prior reports of harm (30% of them 6 or more prior reports); 67% had prior substantiated investigations; and 89% had no referrals to community resources. The reality is that children and their families do not receive intervention until significant harm occurs.

The Dual Track project is a model where families with these Priority 3 reports receive a family assessment (rather than an investigation) that looks at family strengths and needs, and provides referrals to existing community programs and resources. The purpose of this program is to identify families in trouble early, and intervene in a positive way that promotes family integrity, family strength, and good parenting.

The Children's Place, the Mat-Su Borough's new Children's Advocacy Center, successfully applied for and received funding for the fourth quarter of FY99 to develop this project in Mat-Su as a model for the rest of the state. We are in the midst of hiring and training staff and developing the protocols to work with local agencies and programs in the most effective way possible. We have full support from the Mat-Su Agency Partnership and the community at large, because this program provides a local community controlled and community appropriate response to child maltreatment, and utilizes existing resources rather than creating or enlarging state agencies. This program will reduce costs both short and long term for the state. Privatization brings money back in the community, and use of existing resources is more cost-effective. State foster care, juvenile crime, teen pregnancy, and substance abuse are the long term, expensive consequences of child maltreatment. Strong, effective, and safe families raise successful children that contribute positively to our local communities and our state.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely Yours,

Cathy Baldwin-Johnson
Cathy Baldwin-Johnson, MD, Medical Director

Margaret Volz, PNP
Margaret Volz, PNP, Program Director



Alaska State Legislature

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I urge you to reconsider your budget through the eyes of children. The Child Care Grant provides my daughter's care providers training that they would not receive without the grant.

My daughter and all children of parents who have to work deserve quality care provided by professionals who can make a livable wage.

Your budget cuts are a short-term solution that will have long-term financial implications when we have to pay for more expensive services for children who did not receive quality care.

Signed: Rebecca W. Williams
Testifier (print)
Voting Parents
Representing (Optional)
240 Irene St. Palmer AK 99645
Address
745-7198
Phone No.

Cheryl Mann
P. O. Box 240434
Anchorage, Alaska 99524

14, April, 1999

Dear Senator,

I am writing to ask for your support in restoring the proposed cuts that would decimate the provision of alcohol and other drug abuse services for the people of Alaska. It is grossly unfair that the majority of the proposed cuts to the Department of Health and Social Services fall almost entirely on the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Further, they would seriously threaten both the direct and indirect delivery of substance abuse services to the families and communities who need them. Cutting more than 50% of the budget for ADA would result in losing more than half the staff and their ability to monitor state and federal grants. Thus, quality assurance would be greatly reduced and federal matching funds will be lost. And, Alaska was one of the few states to receive a federal prevention grant last year. Why are we thinking about eliminating the programs that can help our children have a better future?

These proposed cuts would eliminate the progress that we have made in the field in the last several years as well as jeopardize drug and alcohol service delivery. The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, a citizen group, worked for more than a year to develop a statewide Outcomes based plan using the Friedman model supported by the Legislature. Through collaboration with a variety of groups statewide we have developed what has been lauded as a model plan. It is very disappointing to think that this work was for nothing and that services are going to be arbitrarily cut before being able to demonstrate that the plan provides the framework for more effective and efficient delivery. Additionally, I teach at UAA and everyday I observe students come through my classroom who are changing their lives and those of their families to create better futures for themselves and for Alaska as a result of their participation in alcohol and drug treatment programs. What better demonstration can we have that these services work and benefit the state?

Please reduce these draconian cuts and acknowledge that solving our budget shortfall should not be done on the backs of individuals and families with substance abuse problems that can, and are, being treated.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Mann,
Chair, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Allen E. Klein
Virginia B. Ragle
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April 15, 1999

Honorable Sean Parnell and John Torgerson
Co-Chairs, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Child care grants

Dear Co-Chairs Parnell and Torgerson,
and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

We are writing to urge the Senate Finance Committee to fund the child care grant program at at least its current level.

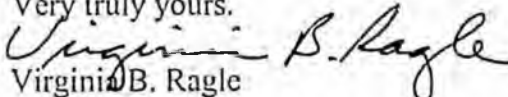
We understand that the Committee is considering transferring money that has historically been allocated to child care grants into the direct assistance program for low income families. The assistance program is certainly a valuable and worthy program that makes it possible for many low income families to obtain quality child care for their children. However, the grant program augments the direct assistance program, and also helps to provide better quality child care for all Alaskan children, regardless of whether they come from low income families or from middle income families that do not qualify for assistance.

Having used both a small in-home day care and a larger child care center, it is our experience that both charge "tuition" at a level the market will bear. Still, tuition is often not enough to cover all the expenses incurred in providing quality child care and preschool education. For example, at the Juneau Montessori Center that our son attends, some of the costs that are not covered by tuition are borne by parents and staff, who contribute hundreds of hours of volunteer work for fundraising and for maintaining the facility. A few parents who are financially able contribute cash, as well as volunteer time. A small but significant source of the school's funding is the State's grant program.

The approximately \$9,000 that the school anticipates receiving from the grant program provides staffing that benefits all of the school's children. Given the already-high level of volunteerism at the school, it is not likely that the school could replace the grant money through additional fundraising efforts. If the school is forced to raise tuition, clearly children of low income families will suffer first, and most. If a raise in tuition makes the school unaffordable and financially nonviable, then all of the children and families will suffer. Families that use other quality child care centers and licensed day care facilities around the state are at similar risk if this program is eliminated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Virginia B. Ragle

cc: Honorable Drue Pearce, President
Alaska State Senate

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April 15, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Room 518
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Citizens' Foster Care Review Board

Dear Senator Parnell and Members of the Committee:

Due to personal commitments, I will be unable to testify at the public hearing tonight but wished to convey my concerns to you. The statements in this letter represent my own personal views and do not constitute the official position of the Alaska Court System.

I am Master for Children's Court in Anchorage responsible for hearing and case management of Child in Need of Aid cases. I am also a former director and past president of the National Association of Foster Care Reviewers, a group which provides training and technical assistance to review agencies across the country.

The reforms brought about by the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, as reflected in Alaska statutes pursuant to HB 375 (Smart Start), have posed new and significant challenges for the child protection justice system. Child welfare agencies and courts must move rapidly to achieve permanency and prevent foster care drift under the new timelines. Accountability for permanency by all entities involved in the lives of abused children must be assured.

Citizen foster care review boards can be a major force in our achieving the system reforms needed under the new act. The volunteer hours that these reviewers commit to their work are a significant contribution, the monetary value of which should be strongly considered in making budgetary decisions. The fresh perspectives and insights they bring in scrutinizing the service plans provided in these cases aid both the court and the agency in making quality and timely decisions.

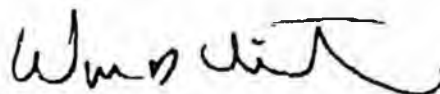
I am sure that there are those in DFYS who will tell you that review merely duplicates the efforts of the Division. Such a perspective overlooks the multi-disciplinary nature of the child protection system. Independent third-party

review provides valuable information to courts and agencies alike, not only on individual cases but on broader systemic problems that policymakers need to know about.

We are at a critical juncture in the evolution of the child protection system in this country. I cannot envision a worse time to eliminate a program such as this. We need the involvement of the broader community of caring and willing volunteers to meet the challenges these increasingly complicated cases bring us. Government cannot do this job alone. We should not turn our backs on the dedication and concern of these citizens to help make a difference in the lives of children.

I urge the Committee to continue to support and assist this project in achieving its true potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. D. Hitchcock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

William D. Hitchcock
Master, Children's Court
Anchorage



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April 14, 1999

Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol

Dear Senate Finance Members,

During our recent visit to Juneau, we were encouraged that Alaska's Legislators seemed prepared to develop and implement a unified long-term fiscal plan for the State of Alaska, and to do so this session. Everyone seemed to agree that no amount of realistic budget cutting would balance the state budget, and that it is time for the legislators to determine new revenue streams to fund basic services. Nowhere did we hear of a proposal for wholesale elimination of state aide to municipalities.

The proposal passed by the House Finance Committee to eliminate Revenue Sharing and Municipal Assistance is not a real cut but rather a transfer of fiscal responsibility to local taxpayers. A responsibility that every state in the union meets today, and that Alaska has offered since long before oil began flowing through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Sitka receives over \$702,000 through Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities funding. The proposed cut to our operating dollars would be devastating to the Municipality of Sitka and Sitka Community Hospital. We are already going before the voters this fall to request that our sales tax be maintained to offset revenue losses as the result of the closure of the APC mill. Sitka simply cannot absorb this massive additional reduction in support.

Other proposed cuts are also going beyond prudent management. For example, eliminating the Forest Products Specialist position and major travel funds in the Department of Commerce will be a huge waste of all the development efforts which have gone into getting this position in place. It is functioning extremely well, assisting the forest products industry which has dropped from 4,000 to 1,200 employees in the last eight years. Sitka needs this position to support our Wood Utilization center and other efforts to build a new forest products industry in the state. We understand the Department of Environmental Conservation's budget may be cut to no longer permit restaurant inspections. It is poor planning to cut or pass on to municipalities basic state services when the resources are available to fund state government at a reasonable level of maintenance.

Sitka pledges to do our part to educate our constituents on the seriousness of the state's budget crisis and the need for new sources of revenues. Please put your efforts into developing a long-range fiscal plan rather than engaging in unplanned cuts that jeopardize the health and safety of our people.

Sincerely,



Stan J. Filler, Mayor



City of False Pass

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Telephone (907) 548-2319 • Fax (907) 548-2214

DATE: April 15, 1999
FROM: John Nickels II, Mayor
TO: Senator Sean Parnell
Senate Finance Committee Members
RE: Revenue Sharing/Safe Communities

I would like to express my strong disapproval for the current House plan to eliminate all funding for municipal revenue sharing programs. Every state shares revenues with its municipalities because it is the responsibility of state government to ensure that citizens have basic services. Because Alaska has a greater number of poor communities than most states, it is imperative to continue funding revenue sharing programs or risk losing basic services in the rural areas. While this sort of cut may be acceptable in urban areas and larger communities where the loss can be made up for in higher local taxes, it simply won't work in our community. There is no way a community of 58 people can increase local taxes enough to make up for lost revenue sharing funds. I urge you to retain revenue sharing programs, at least in the rural areas, where revenue sharing funds are an important part of local municipal budgets.

Sincerely,

John Nickels II (signed in his absence)
John Nickels II - Mayor

sr/JN

J.A. Robbins
1657 Second Avenue #46
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
April 14, 1999

The Honorable Sean R. Parnell
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 518
Juneau, Alaska 99801
(Via Fax: 907-465-6592)

Re: University of Alaska Funding

Dear Sir:

I am writing you to express my support for fully funding the University of Alaska. I understand that the state is facing an oil revenue deficit, but under-funding the UA system is not a viable way to solve the problem. It is my desire to see the University fully funded with the additional \$16.3 million general fund increment that they have requested. As an alternative, I would have no problem with this money coming from Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve account. A reduced dividend is a small price to pay for preserving the future of higher education in Alaska.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Allen Robbins

Cynthia J. WentworthP. O. Box 83565
Fairbanks, AK 99708

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Telephone 907-474-4984

April 13, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: UAF Funding

Dear Senator Parnell:

As a UAF alumnus, treasurer of the UAF Alumni Association, and mother of a high school student, I am extremely concerned about adequate funding for the University of Alaska. I fully support President Hamilton's request for a \$16.3 million increase in general fund appropriations over the next three years. When we lose our faculty and programs, we lose our students. I don't want my son to have to choose a "lower 48" college because budget cuts eroded his program of interest to such an extent that he cannot obtain a quality education in his home state.

I urge you to demonstrate your unequivocal support of our children, our university, and our state by funding the full \$16.3 million increase requested by our outstanding new President.

Sincerely,



Cynthia J. Wentworth



AMEREF

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April 14, 1999

Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: AMEREF Funding

Dear Finance Committee Members:

On behalf of the Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF), I am writing to urge the Finance Committee to restore the state's \$50,000 general fund match dedicated to AMEREF in the Department of Education's budget for FY 2000. These funds are critical to AMEREF's survival.

AMEREF is one of Alaska's finest examples of a successful public/private partnership. In fact, since 1982 AMEREF and the state have cooperated to deliver one of the nation's best natural resource and energy education programs. AMEREF is a one of a kind education program providing Alaska students with the information they need to make informed decisions about development issues. AMEREF has been accepted in all of Alaska's 54 school districts, and over the past 17 years hundreds of teachers and thousands of students have been exposed to the program.

At the heart of the AMEREF program is the Alaska Resources Kit. This Alaska-specific, interdisciplinary set of lesson plans and educational activities includes samples of oil, minerals and rocks indigenous to Alaska, videos, posters, maps and reference books. These materials are continually revised and updated by Alaska teachers and industry scientists to ensure their accuracy. The private sector is solely responsible for funding, building and disseminating the kits.

The lesson plans and activities included in AMEREF's curriculum modules can not be found elsewhere. Currently, AMEREF is funding the revision of Module B: Alaska's Geology to meet Alaska's new education standards.

AMEREF's curriculum modules are used both on their own, and in conjunction with existing lessons in physics, chemistry, geology and Alaska history.

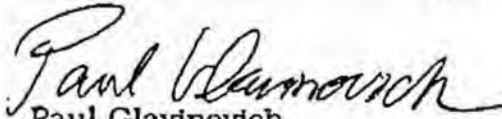
The work of the public sector is equally indispensable. AMEREF's part-time coordinator in the Department of Education oversees a teacher advisory board, contracts professional education writers to develop curriculum modules, acts as a liaison between industry representatives and teachers, provides training opportunities for teachers who wish to use the kits, and builds awareness of the AMEREF program throughout Alaska's urban and rural school districts. This work can not be duplicated by the private sector.

Through this public/private partnership, AMEREF provides a unique valuable education program to Alaska students. At a time when Alaska faces a billion dollar budget shortfall, AMEREF furnishes a beneficial public service in a cost-effective manner by sharing the financial responsibilities with the private sector. Without adequate public funding, however, the program will not continue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Tadd Owens (276-0700) on AMEREF's staff if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

ALASKA MINERAL & ENERGY RESOURCE EDUCATION FUND


Paul Glavinovich
AMEREF Past President

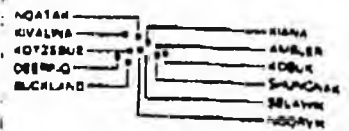
April 14, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

Hi, My Names is, Sarah Ashepak I graduated from the Alaska Technical Center, and with their help I was able to get skills and employment. I'm writing on, behalf of the Alaska Technical Center Members to get more funding to keep the education at the ATC available for trainees to attend further education.

Thank you

Northwest Arctic Borough School District
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PROPERTY SERVICES DEPT.
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TO: Final Finance Committee FAX NO: 465-6592
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 ATTN: _____ DATE: 4.19.99
 FROM: SARAH

Richard E. Harding 12611 Toilsome Hill Drive, Anchorage, AK, 99516

April 13, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
State Capitol, Room 504
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

VIA FAX (907) 465-2788 ⁶⁵⁹²

Dear Senator Parnell:

Yesterday the house voted to back a plan to eliminate municipal revenue sharing. A cut to municipal revenue sharing is nothing but a property tax increase on Anchorage property tax payers, it is not a true reduction in government.

There are approximately 260,000 people living in Anchorage using public services such as police, schools, and road service. There are, however, only 70,000 property owners in Anchorage, 60,000 are homeowners and these property owners are paying for all city services that are not covered by state municipal revenue sharing.

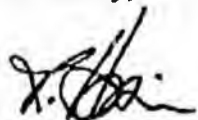
There are also approximately 1.4 million* visitors to Anchorage every year that have the benefit of public roads and the availability of Anchorage police and other public services. They too should share in the cost. Anchorage cannot pass a sales tax soon enough, if ever, to cover the loss. The state could pass a tax and continue revenue sharing.

If the entire 260,000 residents and 1.4 million visitors paid for services provided by the city, it would significantly increase the tax base and distribute the cost evenly and fairly. It would also contribute to the revenue sharing for rural villages.

As unpopular as sales tax is, an State sales tax would solve this inequitable situation and make owning a home in Anchorage far more attractive. I cannot afford to live here if we do not do something to relieve the homeowners property tax. Its one of the highest in the United States.

If you must cut revenue sharing, do it in increments. The best solution, however, would be to select specific programs and provide a state sales tax to supplement them. There should also be a floating gas tax to cover the fluctuating oil prices. When oil prices drop, the pump price would remain the same and the tax difference would help offset the loss from oil revenues.

Sincerely,



Richard Harding

* Last count 1993 - estimate increase 4 to 8% annually - Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Alaska Rural Development Council
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in Rural Development

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Facsimile Transmittal

To: Senator Sean Parnell Fax: (907) 465-6592

Re: _____ Date: _____

From: Chuck Akers *Chuck Akers* Pages (include cover): 1

Message

We the Alaska Rural Development Council, serving rural needs in economic development, support municipal assistance and revenue sharing. City of Manokotak budget will decrease by 80%, City of Angoon, 20%, and City of McGrath's budget will decrease by 30%. These are just a few examples that will change the outlook for Rural Alaska. Many small cities will have to reduce police and public safety services, which will increase demand on State Troopers and other State Agencies.

We represent 22 City, State, and Tribal governments on our Council from across our Great State. Our recent meeting in Thorne Bay, Alaska, demonstrates the real needs of rural communities. With the depressed Tongass Forest area, depressed fishing areas, and others across the state. Can we really afford to also cut municipal assistance and revenue sharing?

WE THINK NOT!

WE SUPPORT REVENUE SHARING AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE!

Maniilaq Manpower

P.O. BOX 725

KOTZEBUE, ALASKA 99752

PHONE

(907) 442-3800

April 14, 1998

Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Committee Members:

I would like to offer written testimony on behalf of funding for the Alaska Technical Center here in Kotzebue during this legislative session.

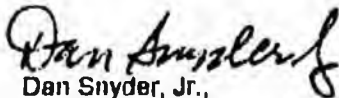
Maniilaq Manpower, being a funding agency for students from the Northwest Arctic Borough attending technical training, has had experience in funding students in a variety of schools, with a majority of those funded attending Alaska Technical Center. Currently, we are funding 22 students in technical training, with 15 of those students funded attending the Alaska Technical Center. With The Alaska Technical Center being in a rural setting, it has had a higher success rate in graduating rural students. The Alaska Technical Center offers rural residents an alternative to urban based technical institutes and have been very successful in preparing residents for a career.

During the period July 1, 1997 through July 30, 1998, we had 48 students funded with 34 attending Alaska Technical Center. Of the 48 students, 16 were carried over into our current funding cycle. 12 of these 16 students have completed training in December and all have went to work. Of the 12, 10 are still working. Of the remaining 32 students, 26 went to work. Once this information is submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor, we discontinue tracking them.

If the Alaska Technical Center is not funded, I feel our success rate of graduating students from technical centers will diminish. This would not only hurt the economy of Northwest Arctic Borough but the State of Alaska as well. Therefore, I would strongly encourage you folks to continue funding the Alaska Technical Center.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dan Snyder, Jr.,
Executive Director

cc: Alaska Technical Center



MANHLAM BAWAAKBRAGSIUGVIA

MEMBER VILLAGES

IMPAAPPAAT, NUNATCHIAQ, IPNATCHIAQ, KATYAAK, KIVALINGO, LAUGVIK, OMKIOTABRUK, NAUTAAG, NUUHYK, AKULIGAO, ISINNAQ

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907-465-6592

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

STOP THE BUDGET CUTS! Over the last several years, approximately 95% of the courses I completed, towards my Associate's of Arts Degree and a BA in Social Work, are courses that were offered through distance education at the Chukchi Campus. Taking courses, offered through distance education/ audio-conference, takes self-discipline and self-direction. You do not have a professor to teach you in a classroom setting, however without the opportunity to take courses in this fashion, many rural Alaskan people could not 'attend' college. Not funding rural branches of the University of Alaska Fairbanks is nothing less than another form of genocide, because to survive in today's world, you need education. Many, if not most, of the rural populations that are served by the University of Alaska Fairbanks are primarily Alaska Native people. Without education in modern society, Alaskan Natives do not survive.

Another form of genocide is to cut off the funding and therefore services which provide treatment, referral sources, prevention, education on alcoholism, and other addictions to a population that is primarily Native. This is true even-though the Native population is only 16% in Alaska. Without the treatment and understanding that is demanded to treat the disease of alcoholism, and other drug addictions, the population of Native people will continue to suffer and die at rates much higher than that of the non-Native population.

Without these essential services, our Native People will continue to suffer the effects of genocide. It is we, who are the leaders. It is we, who are educated and alcohol/drug free, who must determine how important that it is that we are so... With this understanding, we must act on the importance that education and alcoholism and other addiction treatment SHOULD be available for others as we would have wanted it available for us.

Please consider that we do have a voice, and if budget cuts are made that effect these services, Native People will continue to fight for their rights to these services. Thank you for your time and consideration on this serious matter.

Sincerely,



Elmer Ann Pellon

P.O. Box 74

Kotzebue, AK 99752

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**Full Finance Committee
Juneau, Alaska**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hello! My name is Mildred Nelson, and I recently graduated from the Alaska Technical Center. I was born and raised in Kotzebue Alaska.

Because I took the Office Occupations program offered by the ATC, I am now employed full time at the Kotzebue Middle/High School. I think that a lot of people can benefit from the programs that that ATC has to offer. If it is closed down, the people from the surrounding villages will have to go a lot farther from home to learn the skills that they are learning now, or will be learning in the days to come.

Thank you for your time, and thank you for understanding.

Sincerely,

Mildred Nelson

Mildred Nelson



April 14, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
Fax: 907-465-6592

Dear Senator Sean Parnell,

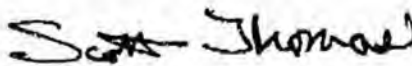
Alaska Wildland Adventures has operated backcountry lodges, natural history, rafting, and fishing trips for twenty-three years on the Kenai Peninsula and Denali National Park. Our goal is for our guests to actively experience Alaska in the spirit of appreciation, participation, and sensitivity toward the land and its inhabitants.

I am writing in regards to the proposal to cut \$1.5 million dollars from DNR's Division of Land, which would virtually eliminate all land use planning. The tourism industry is dependent upon the maintenance of the Alaska's wilderness character, scenic viewsheds, healthy fish and wildlife populations, and the preservation of their critical habitat. Our industry ultimately depends upon these qualities to attract clients.

Without planning safeguards in place, Alaskan businesses will suffer. Proper land use planning is critical for responsible development and business opportunities. Our business supports planning efforts, such as the Kenai Area Plan, to promote responsible development on Alaska's public lands. It is within the state's best interest to protect public lands and allow development in a responsible manner.

Please do not eliminate funding for land use planning within the Division of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,



Scott Thomas
Program Director

cc: Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association (AWRTA)
Alaska Conservation Voice

NATIVE VILLAGE OF BUCKLAND

BUCKLAND I.R.A COUNCIL
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April 14, 1999

Alaska State Legislature
Attn: Finance Committee

Dear Sirs,

The Buckland IRA Council would like to express their support for continued full funding for the Alaska Technical Center. We feel that it benefits our community by having the school in our region, so that our people can get technical training close to home.

We have students that have graduated from the Technical Center and are now working at Red Dog and other places. We still have students attending the School now. We also know that the students we provide scholarships for usually want to attend the Ak. Technical Center.

Thank You.

Sincerely,



Percy Ballot
IRA President

April 14, 1999

Finance Committee
Fax : 465-6592
Juneau, Alaska

This is a letter of support for 100% funding for the operation of the Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue, Alaska

My name is Robert Hingsbergen. I attended the Millwright Industrial Maintenance program last year at the Alaska Technical Center, which I did complete.

Since the Alaska Technical Center is located in Kotzebue, I've had the chance of coming home to Selawik every weekend to help my family. Another good thing was that I did not go far away from my home and that I was able to continue a subsistence way of life by fishing and hunting.

Now that I've completed the training, I've received a full time job at the Red Dog Mine. Because of the training certificate I've received, the job I now have is a good paying job, and I get to work a 4 weeks on, 2 weeks off schedule. The schedule is long and I have to be away from my family, but I know now that I can fully support my family.

I strongly encourage you to continue the 100% funding to have the Alaska Technical Center in operation. Who knows maybe 15 years from now, your grandchild or their children will get the chance of training at this wonderful school.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Robert Hingsbergen
Former Graduate of the Alaska Technical Center

FROM : TENAKEE HOT SPRINGS LODGE

FAX NO. : 907 736 2400

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Tenakee Hot Springs Lodge

P.O. Box 3 • Tenakee Springs, AK 99841 • (907) 736-2400 • (907) 736-2245

April 14, 1999

Sean Parnell
Senate Finance Committee
State of Alaska
Fax 907-465-2295

Dear Senator Parnell,

I am deeply concerned about the proposed reduction or elimination of revenue sharing for rural communities. Our municipal government receives 30% of its operating budget from state revenue sharing. Our maintenance of our infrastructure depends on these funds. We have few options, if any, for raising the revenues needed to continue our city government. All states share revenues with communities and rural Alaskan communities need assistance as well. Please continue the revenue sharing and other financial help.

Sincerely,
Dan McDon

Subject: Fiscal Plan Analysis

Date: Tue, 13 Apr 1999 14:39:49 -0800

From: "Cheryl Frasca" <cfrasca@alaska.net>

To: Debbie Grundmann <Deborah_Grundmann@legis.state.ak.us>

Debbie:

Last week Fiscal Policy Council members had a conference call with Senators Pearce and Parnell. The purpose was to learn more about where things stood, and how the Council could help. During the discussion, we offered for Scott Goldsmith from UAA's ISER to come and visit with Legislative folks about the model he/we are using to evaluate plans. Pearce and Parnell said that would be okay. In the meantime, Scott has had conversations with Phil at Leg Finance and Scott says the two of them see things pretty much the same as far as their respective models that evaluate plans.

So, I re-touched based with Wendy Lindskoog this afternoon on whether she thought there was value in Scott coming to Juneau. Her advice was that they are really occupied on budget stuff right now and we concluded there really wasn't much value to Scott coming down.

When we had discussed this during the conference call, Sean had said to coordinate with you. So with this message I wanted to touch base with you to learn if you had any insights that might suggest Scott should come down. Please let me know if you do....

In the meantime, hope all is going well--or as well as it can be with only five more Saturdays until adjournment!

Thanks!
Cheryl.

P.S. I'm especially sensitive because I remember how these Anchorage-types who aren't in the trenches think they can just pop into Juneau and pronounce how things ought to be...!



CITY OF NOME

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April 12, 1999

Alaska Senate Finance Committee
C/O Senate Finance Secretary
Capitol, Room 520
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
FAX: (907) 465-2187

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

Attached, please find City of Nome, Alaska Resolution No. R-99-4-2 (Amended), expressing the Nome Common Council's support for the continuation of State Revenue Sharing and Municipal Assistance Funding for Alaska's Communities. The Nome Common Council passed this resolution at their most recent city council meeting, held on March 9, 1999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen I. Dickson".

Helen I. Dickson, City Clerk
City of Nome, Alaska

Presented By:
City Manager
Action Taken:
Yes 6 No 0

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-99-4-2 (Amended)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL
SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF STATE REVENUE SHARING
AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING
FOR ALASKA'S COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the House Finance Committee is giving serious consideration to eliminating State Revenue Sharing and Municipal Assistance funds to Alaskan communities as an option to help address the State's budget shortfall; and,

WHEREAS, this important source of state assistance has been decreasing annually for numerous years for the City of Nome, ranging from \$894,663 in FY 89 to \$395,969 for the current fiscal year ; and,

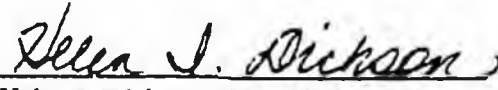
WHEREAS, this dramatic decrease in state assistance forces the City of Nome to raise local taxes, cut services, defer maintenance on infrastructure, retain equipment beyond reasonable limits along with heavy use of fiscal reserves, and further, to find local means to offset the loss of services and state shared revenues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council supports the continuation of State Revenue Sharing and Municipal Assistance Funding for Alaska's Communities, by presenting this resolution to the Alaska House Finance Committee, and Alaska Senate Finance Committee.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 9th day of April, 1999.


John K. Handeland, Mayor

ATTEST:


Helen I. Dickson, City Clerk

MEMO

Lafayette, Silver Lining, Crusader
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Ketchikan, AK 99901
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To: Members of the Senate Finance Committee
From: Leigh Gerber
Subject: Budget Proposal for FY 2000
Date: 4/15/1999

As a fish plant manager and professional member of the Alaskan fishing community I oppose any funding cut to ADF&G budget. Past cuts have reduced the ADF&G budget to operating essentials and your proposed cuts will harm the fisheries management of the State of Alaska. Fishing revenues to the State of Alaska more than support the current budget with the excess going to the General Fund. Federal funds to replace lost dollars are not guaranteed. The science for intelligent management of Alaskan fisheries (the pride of many Alaskans) must be properly funded.

Sincerely



Leigh Gerber

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Senator Parnell, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska Capital

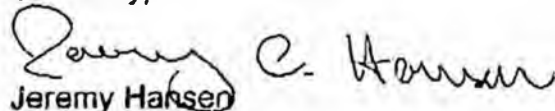
Dear Senator Parnell,

I just started fishing my own limited entry permit in 1998 to help fund my college education. I have grown up in a family that commercially fishes for salmon, crab, groundfish and herring. I am concerned about the budget cuts ADFG has received over the last few years. Please consider the level of funding the House of Representatives used in their operating budget.

This large of cuts to the ADFG budget will only provide less general fund revenues to the State as the Dept manages more conservatively and fishermen loses opportunity to catch fish due to lack of in season information.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the committee with my views.

Sincerely,


Jeremy Hansen

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Senator Parnell, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska Capital

Dear Senator Parnell,

As an Alaskan commercial fisherman and resident for the last 14 years, I am concerned about the drastic budget cuts ADFG has received over the last few years. I would like to suggest that the Senate Finance committee consider the level of funding the House of Representatives put in their budget.

This large of cuts to the ADFG budget will only provide less general fund revenues to the State as the Dept manages more conservatively and fishermen loses opportunity to catch fish due to lack of in season information.

Sincerely,


Ed Hansen



United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

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FAX COVER SHEET

Date: 4/15/99

From: Kathy Hansen, USAG Executive Director

To: Senator Parnell

FAX: 465-2187

Number of Pages including cover sheet: 2

MESSAGE

Please distribute our comments to all Senate Finance Committee Members
Thank You



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April 14, 1999

Senator Torgerson, Co-Chair
 Senator Parnell, Co-Chair
 Senate Finance Committee
 Alaska State Legislature
 State Capitol (MS 3100) Room 520
 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson & Senator Parnell & Committee Members,

We are writing today in regards to our concern for the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game budget. Commercial fishing in the State of Alaska is the number 1 private employer and contributes significant amounts of revenue to the state, which ½ of the funds is then shared with the communities where the fish is landed. By not adequately funding the Dept of Fish and Game the State of Alaska receives less money in the general fund. This occurs because the Dept. manages the fisheries more conservatively as they don't have adequate in-season information.

A cut as large as the senate ADFG finance sub-committee is suggesting for the Dept of Fish and Game will most likely include the closure of ADFG area offices, and cuts to in-season management programs such as weirs, marking and recovery programs and biologists on the fishing grounds to determine what is happening in season. Without the in season information the Dept must and should manage conservatively therefore fishing opportunities are lost.

General Fund appropriations have decreased over 15% in the last 5 years. In 1997 state revenues from commercial fishing totaled \$67.5 million and expenditures were \$57.1 gaining the state net revenues of \$10.4 million to the general fund.

While we understand that the Legislature is facing tough choices in dealing with the shortfall in the State budget, crippling an industry that pays its own way does not gain the state in the long run. We understand that it has been suggested that the Dept can gain back funds from the Federal Government as they take over subsistence management on navigable waters. It is unrealistic to consider that as a source of funds until there is an agreement with the Federal Government that they will pay the State for management of subsistence.

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters would like to request that the Senate Finance Committee considers the funding level developed in the House version of the budget. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen, Executive Director



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Dear Senator Parnell:

The City of Wrangell strongly opposes to the proposed budget cuts to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs. These funds have been decreasing annually forcing communities into raising taxes and eliminating services that are seriously needed. In 1992 Wrangell received almost 1.3 million from three separate sources from the state. If Municipal Revenue programs are eliminated, we will receive only the Timber Tax Revenue in the amount of \$100,000, resulting in a reduction of 1.2 million over the last 7 years. We currently have a 10 mil tax rate which generates about \$900,000 in property taxes and a 7% sales tax rate which generates about 1.6 million. We will be losing an amount more than all the property taxes we currently collect.

If the Legislature is going to keep eliminating revenue sources to communities, than you need to have the courage to eliminate mandated tax exemptions, such as Senior Citizens Property Tax, and let the communities have options on these without being mandated to do so.

Please understand the communities cannot take anymore cuts and we encourage you to maintain these programs.

Respectfully,

William B. Privett
Mayor



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
 committee on Operating Budget, dated 4/15/99,
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Please help ensure that the fall \$16.3 million funding request for the U of A be approved. A sound education system, including our public TV and radio stations, needs to be Alaska's top priority to realize solutions for economic diversification and revitalization. Short changing our youth's education is a disservice to Alaska's future.

Signed: ~~Phil Kaspari~~ Phil Kaspari
 Testifier

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RESOLUTION 99-07

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING AT THE FY 99 LEVEL FOR THE STATE REVENUE SHARING AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has proposed the complete elimination of the State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs, and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs have already been cut by approximately 70 percent over the past 10 years, and

WHEREAS, budget cuts of this magnitude and significance to the health, safety, and welfare of Alaska's people should be done within the framework of a comprehensive, coherent, and publicly accepted long term fiscal plan, and

WHEREAS, municipalities should not be targeted again for program cuts because they provide the most basic of public services including police, fire, roads, water and sewer, solid waste, emergency medical, and schools, and

WHEREAS, 75 cities in Alaska rely on these programs for 20% of general fund revenues and 25 cities rely on them for over 40% of their revenues, and

WHEREAS, elimination of the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs simply shifts the burden for providing basic public services to local taxpayers and we can expect either drastic reductions in services or increased local taxes, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs will act as a further disincentive for the formation of new boroughs and will likely result in the dissolution of many cities, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs disproportionately impacts the poorest and small municipalities because they have limited options available to them in terms of raising or levying new taxes, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs will further widen the gap between the "haves" and "have nots" in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, all states in the United States share revenues with municipalities within their boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hickel and others have argued that statehood itself was premised upon the continued sharing of revenues derived from commonly held natural resources because the framers understood that local taxes would never be sufficient to provide for adequate public services.

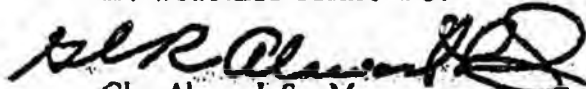
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly has found that further cuts to the State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs are not in the public interest and would be poor and ill-advised public policy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly is strongly opposed to any further cuts to these programs, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly hereby urges the Alaska Legislature to continue to fund these programs at FY 99 levels.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly this 13th day of April, 1999.

IN WITNESS THERETO:


Glen Alsworth Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Maria Shzwback, Borough Clerk



CITY OF POINT HOPE



FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: *Senator Sean Parnell*

FROM: *City of Pt. Hope*

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April 06, 1999

Written Testimony from the City of Point Hope
Mayor Caroline P. Cannon
P.O. Box 169
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Telephone: (907) 368-2537

In response to memos received from Department of Community and Regional Affairs and Alaska Municipal League informing each respective entities that will be effected by budget cuts focused on Rural areas dependent on the Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) for technical support needed throughout the year.

All small communities rely on DCRA for training new staff since the city entities have staff changes continuously, due to shortage of funds by the beginning of the year, or no increase of pay because the city budget is small that the village are unable to give any pay increases. Continuation of Regional Offices are vital to our community. Without our Individual Regional Offices we would not function the way the State of Alaska requires that the smaller villages operate with all the regulations and codes that the villages are required to keep up to date.

DCRA staff are our right arm and if you amputate our right arm we will become handicapped and you (the State of Alaska) will have to take major responsibility for our community. If that is taken away from us we would not be able to keep our pride and handle our own sovereign rights as a community. We require continuous advise from DCRA and over all training done by your staff under the Department of Community and Regional Affairs should be recognized.

I formally oppose the HB40 which would combine the Department of Community and Regional Affairs and the Department of Commerce. Combining these two would impact technical support we receive year round from DCRA. We require intense training since change overs in villages are like the seasons, and without DCRA here for us we would not have the ability to receive adequate training for staff and council members. This would be like slow suicide for villages. We are unable to increase pay or receive any health benefits and that is part of the reason for change overs.

DCRA not only assist us with the technical training but this department assists us with State Laws, Roles, and procedures. Knowledge and training on budget requirement, and accounting skills. If we have limited resources of applicants applying for a position - DCRA trains new hires on procedures and requirements, and accounting skills. Rural communities do not have funds to send every new hire out to train so DCRA assist us via telephone or onsite visits.

If you eliminate this resource from us we will have improper reporting done, accounting reports would not be correct, funds available to us would not make it to us. We strongly oppose HB40 and please do not make us handicapped.

Thank you.

Mae R. Hawk for Caroline P. Cannon
Caroline P. Cannon, Mayor City of Point Hope

April 06, 1999

Written Testimony from the City of Point Hope
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In response to memos received from Department of Community and Regional Affairs and Alaska Municipal League informing each respective entities that will be effected by budget cuts focused on Rural areas dependent on the Municipal Revenue Sharing Funds which is given by the State which may look like a minor portion to them but this fund is vital to our community. This is what the City of Point Hope depend on yearly to assist us in operational costs.

My opposition to eliminate the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program by the House Finance Committee is very strong and should not be taken from us. If the decision is made to eliminate this program you would be jeopardizing our ability to continue to keep our City Office open on a regular schedule. It is bad enough that we are facing dramatic budget cuts from all directions and these budget cuts are impacting us economically.

Please consider the small communities that rely on the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs, we do need this funding so, please reconsider leaving this fund open for all Rural Communities. The State of Alaska wished for Rural Communities to organize a city government now you want to close the doors for the Rural governments? If these doors are closed we will have to consider going back to our tribal governments to continue serving our community.

We are requesting that the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs not be eliminated! We the Rural Communities need this funding so please reconsider your direction you are voting for.

Thank you.

Mae K. Hanks for Caroline P. Cannon
Caroline P. Cannon, Mayor City of Point Hope



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name
committee on Budget - Tobacco, dated April 15, 1999
bill/subject

Greetings:

The devastating problems associated with using tobacco - smoking and chewing - must be addressed - now! With millions of dollars received from the heavy state tax (\$1 per pack) and the national tobacco settlement (\$25 million per year for 25 years), this money was originally intended to go toward FIXING Alaska's smoking addiction epidemic. More than 77% of Alaskans want to see the settlement go towards tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Alaska must take drastic action to reduce the use of tobacco especially in rural communities. Prevention now is a good investment. It is costly to have to medicate those suffering from the disastrous illnesses associated with tobacco users. Good prevention now means far less costs in the future.

The states of California and Florida are reporting excellent, positive results in reducing the use of tobacco in their states. Reporters indicate extensive media campaigns have contributed significantly to youth awareness and the reduction of use by youth can be directly attributable to the high profile media campaigns. These media campaigns are costly but not nearly as costly as having to treat those suffering tobacco-related diseases.

Those of us who strongly supported the increased state tax on tobacco did so with the belief a significant portion would be used to directly address the need to provide prevention/cessation information for youth and adults. As a community service, our TV stations in Sitka and Juneau contribute valuable television time to promote tobacco use prevention. We are also spending hours developing a CERTIFIED TOBACCO PREVENTION SPECIALIST program. It is going to take a lot more investment than providing a few PSA's in the media.

Please consider allocating at least \$8 million dollars toward tobacco control programs - a purpose for which the money has been received. As do most, I have several friends and family members haunted by tobacco addiction. Please do your duty by helping to keep others from beginning or continuing the use of tobacco.

Sincerely, Dr. Dan Etulain

Signed: _____

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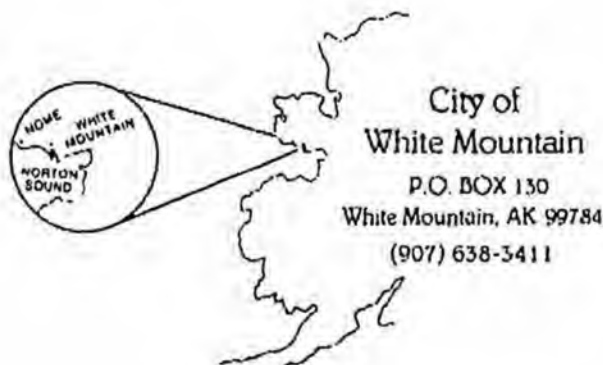
to: Senator Parnell and Senator Torgerson:

from: Jerry Clay Newhalen City Clerk

Please find following a draft council resolution that in all probability will be passed at the next council meeting. It is followed by a list of voters supporting the resolution. You might note that all of the council members and the Mayor have signed their support.

I hope this will do some good in influencing the finance committee to restore our revenue share funding. The city council plans to testify by teleconference at 6:00 tonight.

thank you for your efforts.



April 13, 1999

Alaska State Legislature
Senate Finance Committee
State Capital Building
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Elimination of State Revenue Sharing Funding

To the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the residents of the community of White Mountain, we, the White Mountain City Council, wish to express our opposition of Representative Eldon Mulder's proposition to eliminate State Revenue Sharing funding during the next State fiscal year.

Though this very important funding has been cut by 70% during the past ten years, it remains the primary source of funding that enables the City of White Mountain, and indeed other rural municipalities, to operate on a daily basis.

For fiscal year 1999, the City of White Mountain received \$36,072.00 in State Revenue Sharing monies. To those representatives and senators from urban Alaska, this may not seem like a significant amount of funding, but for communities in rural Alaska, such as ours, which raise on average a total of \$7,000.00 in sales tax revenues, this is a vital source of funding.

Should this proposition pass, Alaska's poorest communities will be hit the hardest. The City of White Mountain heavily relies on State Revenue Sharing funding for over 65% of all General Fund revenues. In addition to the State Revenue Sharing funding, the monies from the Municipal Assistance program and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program provide an additional 25% of General Fund revenues.

Without this funding, the City of White Mountain will not be able to provide even the most basic governmental services. Services such as public safety, roads and landfill maintenance will no longer be provided, and departments such as our Administration and Finance, City Council, Streets and Roads and Health and Welfare Services departments will be forced to shut down.

In conclusion, we would like to expound the fact that every state in the U.S. shares revenues with their municipalities because it's their sole responsibility to ensure that all of their citizens have access to basic public services. If the State of Alaska abandons its general revenue sharing responsibility, it will only widen the gap between Alaska's "have" and "have not" citizens, or basically its "urban" and "rural" communities.

SIGNED:

Mary D. Charles
Mary D. Charles, Mayor

SIGNED:

Daniel H. Harrelson
Daniel H. Harrelson, Vice-Mayor

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Thomas Gray FOR
Thomas Gray, Secretary

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Howard Lincoln, Member

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Esther Lincoln
Esther Lincoln, City Clerk

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April 15, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol – Rm. 518
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

by fax: 465-6592

Dear Senator Parnell:

I am writing this letter in support of the full restitution of funding for the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Program. The recent action taken by the House to balance the budget on the backs of local government is unacceptable. You are well aware of the importance of the RS/SC money to communities of all sizes in this state. We have seen these funds diminishing since 1986 to the point that for many small, rural communities, they are the equivalent of life support in a hospital.

Raising taxes and increasing fees at a local level to make up for the loss of this funding is, in many cases, impossible. On the one hand there is just not enough tax base to do it, and on the other hand, for those of us that do tax, an increase in taxes may push us over the brink. The question here is not whether municipalities are sharing the burden of the state's loss of revenue, but whether local government can be viable within the state of Alaska. Restitution of less than the full amount of funding accomplishes nothing.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Juettner
Administrator

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4/15/99

To: The Members of the Senate Finance Committee

From: Michele Girault 3740 Reflection Dr. Anchorage 99504

Dear Senators,

I'm writing on behalf of Duane Read, a man I am guardian for, who happens to have a developmental disability.

I know you all have had a difficult decisions to make in regards to balancing a budget this year. However I am dismayed that once again I must write to implore you to fund services for those who experience disabilities.

I am requesting that the Governors amount of 965,000 be FULLY FUNDED. Restoring the 361,000 you have chosen to cut will help community programs to maintain a level of solvency which makes a huge difference to those of us who must utilize these services.

The community programs in this state are excellent and the people they support some of the most needy.

PLEASE reconsider your decision. Restoring these funds will have a tremendous impact on those Alaskans who are most in need of our support.

Thanks you for your consideration!

FROM :

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TO: Senate Finance Committee Members

FROM: The Teen Family Center, a program of Healthy Families Juneau

RE: Proposed reduction to statewide Healthy Families funding

DATE: April 15, 1999

We would like to request that this testimony be entered in the record for the Senate Finance Committee for the proposed Healthy Families Alaska budget for FY00. Thank you very much for you time and attention to this matter. We appreciate your support.

April 15, 1999

Dear Senate Finance Committee Member:

We are the staff and clients of the Teen Family Center, a drop-in center for pregnant and parenting teens located in the Zach Gordon Youth Center in Juneau, AK. The funding for our center is the result of a grant written collaboratively by many social service agencies in Juneau, including Tlingit and Haida, Public Health, REACH, and Healthy Families Juneau. Healthy Families Juneau currently manages, staffs, and supervises the activities at our center. We are writing to strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts for Healthy Families Alaska in the fiscal year 2000.

Teen pregnancy and teen parenting are not pleasant issues for the community to address. Often, teens who become pregnant and have children are made to feel ashamed, unsupported and discouraged. This discouragement can lead to a disengagement from social services, from much-needed education, and from healthy activities for their children. These are just a few of the reasons that the services provided by Healthy Families are so vital to teens who are facing parenthood. The strength-based model for developing healthy relationships between parents and their children used by Healthy Families encourages teens to build on the skills and strengths which they already possess, while also encouraging their desire for information and education about parenting. The home-visiting approach used by Healthy Families helps to ensure that vulnerable teen parents stay engaged in the many vital services they need, such as school/GED training, health care, and community activities.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important matter. We are confident that you will help to ensure the health and future success of Alaska's families and children by supporting Healthy Families Alaska in the fiscal year 2000.

Sincerely,

Janine LeBates
TFC Assistant

Bridget Eason
TFC Coordinator

Janie Seider
Teen Parent

Christy Conrad - Teen Parent
April N. Johnson, Teen Parent



Rick Mystrom,
Mayor

Municipality of Anchorage

Municipal Health and Human Services Commission

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April 15, 1999

Honorable Sean Parnell
Senate Finance Committee
Juneau AK 99811

Dear Senator Parnell:

As Chair of the Municipality of Anchorage Health & Human Services Commission, I am writing to voice our concerns about the proposed demise of revenue sharing and municipal support from the State.

We are opposed to this cut, which amounts to \$17 million of the Municipality of Anchorage's operating budget. The Mayor of Anchorage has stated that this budgetary gap would necessitate the elimination of many positions throughout the Municipality.

As it is anticipated that a cut of this magnitude would be shared across all of the departments within the city, we are especially concerned that positions abolished in the already skeleton staff of the Health and Human Services Department will jeopardize the public health of the State's largest aggregate of Alaskans. Food safety and sanitation, animal control, air quality, disease prevention and control, and the very infrastructure that enables the largest city in the State to uphold the standards of public health would be at risk.

Together, the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska has worked to accomplish improvements in these areas. The State has acted as technical assistance for the services the city provides. Without the revenue sharing, Anchorage would need to look to the State for services, overloading an already scarce resource.

The Health & Human Services Commission is opposed to this proposed cut of revenue sharing funds. In the interest of public health, we hope you will see clear to keep this funding intact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathie Schumacher'.

Cathie Schumacher, Chair

cc: Rick Mystrom, Mayor
Mary Good, Director

**CITY OF SAINT PAUL**

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**STATEMENT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET HEARING
APRIL 15, 1999**

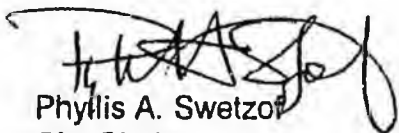
The City of Saint Paul would like to express their support to the Senate Finance Committee for the re-instatement of Safe Communities and Revenue Sharing funding. These two programs are crucial to small communities, vital to every city in Alaska. In some cases, the loss of this funding would cause hardship that could not be remedied.

St. Paul has been lucky this fiscal year with the opilio crab season and we expect to receive revenue not originally forecast in our budget workshops last fall. However, the City has been deferring maintenance on buildings, postponing projects, and was not wishing to continue to do so. We were thrilled that, fiscally, things were taking a turn for the better. Now we may have to consider postponing again. It is not cost-effective to postpone maintenance to the point of "replacement"! The City saving money to offset the municipal cuts that the Legislature is considering would create stagnation. It is also true that we could not save enough money from this year's tax earnings to even begin to cover more than one year of revenue sharing and municipal assistance cuts.

We find it hard to believe that the Legislators can sit in session considering this measure when they are all no doubt aware of the impacts this will have in their districts, in their home towns. Surely there are other programs to glean from that wouldn't have such a detrimental affect on the constituents. This is a statewide, fairly administered program that benefits each and every city in Alaska, that helps keep them solvent and secure, that provides reporting to the State, that provides incentive to search for locally generated revenue, and allows for consistent income.

Please don't take that away.

On behalf of the Council of the City of Saint Paul, sitting in Public Session 4/14/99:



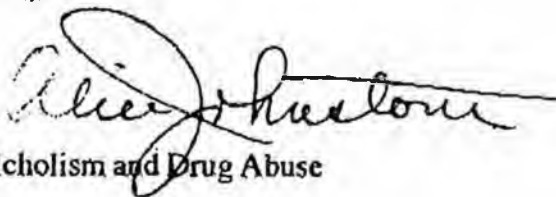
Phyllis A. Swetzer
City Clerk

PAS/me

April 15, 1999

To: Senator John Torgerson

From: Alice Johnstone
Legislative Chair
Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse



Dear Senator Parnell,

I ask you to please restore funding to the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

The proposed cuts, which will result in drastic reduction in ADA personnel, will severely hamper the ability of the division to secure grants, (i.e. new dollars), from federal and private sources. The proposed reductions will reduce the number of dollars available for matching funds, required to demonstrate local concern in order to qualify for grants from many sources.

"Results Within Our Reach", the Alaska State plan for alcohol and drug abuse services has recently been released by the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. This plan was specifically drawn up in response to a legislative emphasis on outcomes in program development and for funding allocation. The proposed reductions in funding for both ADA administration and for grant programs would severely diminish them in their ability to measure results of treatment and prevention programs.

Over the last decade alcohol and drug treatment programs have had to respond to multiple slashes in their state grants. Already pared to the bone, with another cut in the next fiscal year treatment and prevention services will be forced to reduce payroll, curtail programs, and cut even more the hours they serve their habituated clients.

As I'm sure you know, alcoholism is a major medical problem in this state. Alcoholism affects not just individuals, but their spouses and their children, their co-workers, their employers, the police, hospitals, all aspects of the court system and almost every social service agency in the state. Every dollar spent for treatment and prevention of this devastating disease translates into substantial savings in policing, court systems, emergency room/hospital use and safe homes for battered and abused family members. Maximum funding of the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, a chronic, progressive and often fatal disease, should be a top priority for the legislature.

10 PACCO Industry Settlements for Medical and Education Prevention

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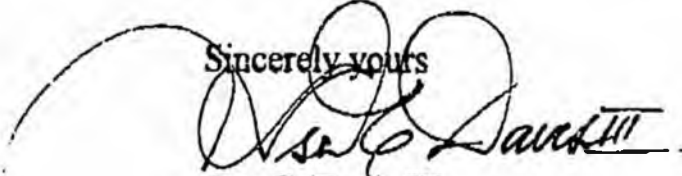
Mr. Sean Parnell
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Mr. Sean Parnell,

I am in favor of full financial support for the University of Alaska by the legislature of our state..

By the way, perhaps one of the quickest ways to retain more high school students for the University of Alaska is to adopt a system used in other states: do not guarantee student loans to students studying at schools outside of our state.

Sincerely yours



Asa C. Davis III
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Legislative Affairs
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Senate Finance Committee Member:

We at the Salvation Army Clitheroe Center applaud your efforts to impose fiscal constraint upon the operating budget of the State of Alaska.

We agree that now is the time to prepare our communities for the inevitable decline in revenues due to the depletion of our oil production.

During the course of your deliberations please consider recent studies which conclusively demonstrate that every dollar spent on substance abuse treatment results in a minimum four (4) dollar savings in reduced costs to the state in health care, welfare, and criminal justice expenditures.

In light of this it would behoove the legislature to increase funding for substance abuse programs to save money. (The nonprofit sector operates at a fraction of the cost that state or for-profit programs require).

Thank you for your responsible approach to the future of our state.

Sheila M. Burke
Executive Director, SACC 276-2898

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CONFIDENTIAL FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

DIRECTED TO Sean Darnell - DATE: 4-15-99

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April 15, 1999

To: Senator Sean Parnell
Co Chair, Operating Budget
Fax Number 907-465-6592

I realize you need to make cuts in the budget, but do you have to rob the poor to give yourselves a raise?

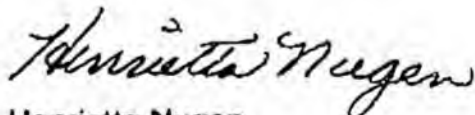
You have cut Municipal Assistance and that means that the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption will go by the wayside. I know that the state no longer funds this but the Boroughs or Municipalities do and with this resource gone the Seniors will lose this benefit. Although you all may believe we are all rich there are some of us who depend on social security and those who receive the Longevity Bonus are rapidly dying off. Some of us will never be eligible for the Longevity Bonus no matter how old we are so why put a needs basis on it?

You are cutting the Division of Alcoholism administrative costs, supposedly the cuts will be in Administration but the Division will find a way to cut programs that the people need and keep their jobs. The Treatment Program that serves the folks no one wants will be closed, because of the cuts in Treatment services that you are recommending. At the very least the services now offered will be less. The State of Alaska's biggest health problem and less treatment offered.

All you folks need to do is face the music and pass an income tax. Even us seniors, or at least this senior, will be happy to pay it. No it won't cover the total budget needs but it sure will make the cuts less in what it will bring in in the future years.

I am not to smart but i know that we need a ROBIN HOOD to save us from you members of the Sheriff of Nottinghams dudes.

These comments are my own opinion, I do not speak for any organization or other individuals.



Henrietta Nugen
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Margaret E. Holland
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April 15, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

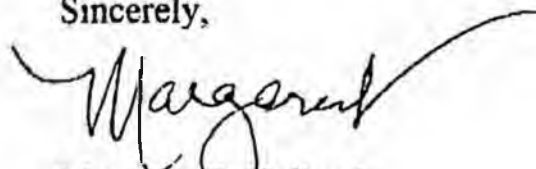
Dear Senator Parnell:

The House Finance Committee has approved HB 50, next year's operating budget, which included a reduction in general funds support for the State's trade offices in Japan and Korea. The reduction in funding of \$350,000 is over half of the Division of Trade and Development's expenditures for the two offices.

Personally, I think these budget cuts significantly undermine the economic development and international trade mission of the DTD. The trade offices in Japan and Korea have been very successful in opening markets to Alaska businesses, and should be fully funded. For a state that looks to the Pacific Rim nations for business opportunities, decimating the trade offices does not make sense.

I hope you will work to restore this funding.

Sincerely,



Margaret E. Holland

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4/15/99

Members, Senate Finance Committee:

Re: Healthy Family
Programs, Alaska

Dear Senators:

I've learned that the proposal
is to cut the budget for the
Healthy Family Program by 23%.

Though I appreciate the need
to limit spending, I hope you will
find it in your hearts not
to cut this program.

As a practicing pediatrician
I've seen this program work
well, and give a great deal
of positive opportunities for
families and children.

It is money well spent, and
a good investment.

Thank you

Kenneth W. Moss MD

City of Soldotna

177 North Birch • Soldotna, Alaska 99669 • Phone: (907) 262-9107

Soldotna



Senators, this is Mayor Ken Lancaster from the City of Soldotna and President of the AML.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you this evening regarding our State's financial future.

We at the AML and ACOM are concerned that the Municipal Assistance/Safe Communities funding gets restored to full funding or at the very least, reduced no more than the rest of the State budget.

Also, we feel that the long range budget plan is what needs to be worked on; take parts, if you will, from the various plans that are available and blend the good or portions and produce a plan we can all buy into, one which produces the long range fiscally responsible budget that the citizens expect and deserve.

We are available to be a part of that process or discussion, as I'm sure all business and labor leaders around the State are, so that we can go into the next millennium with a positive, productive outlook.

Thank you again for this opportunity to speak with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Lancaster", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

4/15/99

TO: Senate Finance Members

From: Sara Hansen

Jeneau

586.9680

Maintain child care grants

and increase by 50%.



**City of
Ketchikan**

Gateway Center for Human Services

3050-3052 Fifth Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
907-225-4135/225-4154

April 14, 1999

To: Members of State Finance Committee,
From: Kevin Murphy, Deputy Director of Gateway Center of Human Services

As a professional and a citizen of the state of Alaska for the past twenty years, I have repeatedly seen the cost and impact of substance abuse on entire communities. The long term savings more than validate the need to support a viable treatment system for the people of this state. Dollars spent to support the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Women and Children's services result in multiple savings in the areas of Correction, Medical costs, Mental Health and Disability, Education and all most every area of Health and Social Services.

We the employees of the Ketchikan Gateway Center for Human Services urge you to not cut funding for the following programs:

1. Treatment programs for substance abuse and specially Women's and Children's services and the FAS programs.
2. The administration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services.

Kevin Murphy

To: Mr./Ms. Finance Committee Members

Of Alaska State Legislature, Juneau

From: _____

Date: _____

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Remarks: Enclosed are letters in support of funding for the
Alaska Technical Center

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Urgent

Please Reply

For Your Information

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TO: *Senate / House Finance Com.* FROM: *Pete Schaeffer*

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April 15, 1999

Finance Committee
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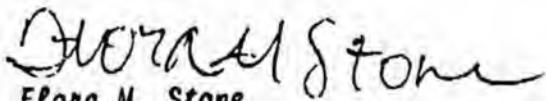
Finance Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Noorvik IRA Council and Staff. Working as an Administrative Assistant, and working for people who are interested in furthering their education. I see a lot of people who come in wanting financial assistance for a training that is held at the Alaska Technical Center from a one week to nine month training.

The Alaska Technical Center is the main training facility on our region. But our region isn't the only ones who attend the facility, we see a lot of people from Bethel area and even some from the Indian Country of Fort Yukon.

Our office is in support of the Alaska Technical Center in the full support of the State Funding.

Sincerely,
Jake Wells, President


Flora M. Stone
Administrative Assistant

"Our children are our future"

Native Village of Kotzebue Kotzebue IRA

Post Office Box 296, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752-0296

Tribal government serving the Inupiaq people of Qikiktagruk



April 14, 1999

Alaska State Legislature
Senate/House Finance Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Finance Committee Members,

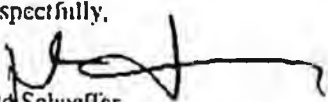
The issue of the non-funding of the Alaska Technical Center is particularly bothersome to our region as it is very poor timing.

As you well know, we are into year two of the removal of the Welfare program as we knew it. We believe that you would agree if the departing comment was "Good riddance" as we do. However, the transition from welfare recipients - (not all of Native Alaska are) - to something more self sustaining is not without problems.

For example, transitioning from welfare to work is a task that requires re-education, especially in a region such as Northwest Alaska that suffers from high unemployment as well as underdeveloped economic opportunities that raise the question of if or if not options such as jobs exist. We believe that the Alaska Technical Center is a critical part of any positive transition that would expect success as an option to what will happen if the funding for this facility were to cease. At the moment, we anticipate that were the Technical Center were to be eliminated, it would increase the possibility for the failure of emerging self sustaining successes that could be expected if the Technical Center were to continue to function.

We ask that you reinstate the level of funding necessary to operate effectively.

Respectfully,


Peter Schaeffer,
Executive Director

Cc:
Alaska Technical Center

The Qikiktagrugmiut, forever sovereign, will live our Inupiaq way of life for all generations.
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Flora M. Stone
Post Office Box 118
Noorvik, Alaska 99763

April 14, 1999

Finance Committee
Post Office Box 113000
Juneau, Alaska 99811-3200

Finance Committee:

My name is Flora M. Stone. Back in 1994-95 I went to Alaska Technical Center to further my education. I completed one year in the Office Occupation program. Being close to my home town, it was really comforting, since I had a baby who was with my parents. I was able to come home weekends at a low costs. It helped me by coming home occasionally. If I hadn't been so close to home, I would have gotten home sick and not do so well in school.

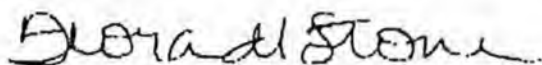
After completing my training at the Alaska Technical Center, I was able to find a job with my educational background. I started working full time on a permanent office position in September 1995 and have been employed since. Today I hold an Administrative Assistant Position at the Noorvik IRA Office.

I have been married for one year. My husband Larry wasn't able to go to training. He too is looking forward into getting a higher education in the Building Maintenance Program. But since we have two children, it would be hard for him to be away from home. We need him to be close to where it wouldn't cost so much for him to come home occasionally.

With this welfare reform going on, parents that have children and who are on welfare will need to find jobs and be able to support their families. It would be better if they went to school for a more better chance of getting a job.

Please put a full funding towards the Alaska Technical Center. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Flora M. Stone

NATIVE VILLAGE OF VENETIE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Established January 25, 1940

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April 14, 1999

Dear Committee Members:

The Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government would like to express sincere concern that Alaska Technical Center has been stated to receive slated cuts to their operating budget.

Alaska Technical Center has been a vital link to employment for tribal members who have completed Alaska Technical Center training programs over the past several years.

On behalf of the Alaska Technical Center, the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government strongly discourages any cuts to Alaska Technical Center's operating budget.

Thank you for your thoughtful reconsideration to cutting Alaska Technical Center's operating budget.

Sincerely,



Donna M. Erick
Tribal Administrator

cc: NVTG Chief & Council

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Venetie Village Council
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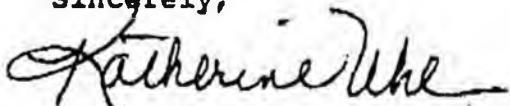
April 15, 1999

Dear Finance Committee Members:

The Northwest Arctic Borough has a continued need to train local health care providers such as Certified Nurse Aides and Personal Care Attendants. At the present time there is a need to train and certify more personal care attendants from the outlying villages to care for the elders who need health and personal care in their homes. The Alaska Technical Center provide the educational facility and instructor to train and certify nurse aides and personal care attendants for our Home Care Service.

We support the continued State education funding for the Alaska Technical Center.

Sincerely,



Katherine Uhl
Elder Services Coordinator
Home Care Services

MEMBER VILLAGES

*Ivisaappaat, Nunutchiuq, Ipmatchluq, Katyaak, Kivalintq, Laugviik, Qikiqtagnik, Nautaaq, Nuuvik, Akuligaq, Istinaq
Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Klana, Kivalino, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noutuk, Nuorvik, Selawik, Shungnuk*

April 14, 1999

Attention Finance Committee
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Finance Committee Members:

This is a letter of support for funding the Alaska Technical Center.

I am a 1997 graduate of the Alaska Technical Center. I took the Secretarial course. Before attending Alaska Technical Center, I had gone job hunting as the welfare reform began. Being 46 years old with only a GED getting into a position of any choice looked gray. The Secretarial course I took gave me the knowledge and confidence to get into the job force. Today I am employed at Alaska Technical Center, and INDEPENDENT (off welfare !!).

Sincerely,


Bonnie Nauska

TO: Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

FROM: Christine Jamin
421 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

RE: Support of the University of Alaska's budget request

DATE: April 16, 1999

I am writing to you to urge you to support the University of Alaska's budget request of \$16.3 million.

It is well documented that public investment in higher education yields a return of several dollars for each dollar invested. It is also common knowledge that most jobs in the 21st century will require some training beyond high school. Higher education promotes economic opportunities both for individuals and for the state as a whole. Numerous studies have shown that increased education is correlated with reduced criminal activity, lessened reliance on public assistance and increased civic participation.

In this country, each state has the responsibility to provide its populace with the opportunity for education. This is **not** an area that can be cut any further in Alaska. With lower oil prices and a reduction in oil development, an educated workforce is Alaska's **most important** natural resource.

I support using proceeds from the earnings reserve account as well as other funds available from the Permanent Fund program, including a cap on the dividend, to fund education, both K-12 and at the post-secondary level.

This is a time for legislators to make difficult choices. Please have the courage to take a **stand for education**. There is no better investment you can make for the future of our state.

FY00 University Funding

I believe you should provide the funding amount President Hamilton has requested. The University system has been taking cuts year after year and any more cuts and the future of the system will be jeopardized. Education is always a wise investment and should be planned out carefully. The University budget should be held as sacred as our Permanent Dividend fund. It's return will continue to benefit the future of our state.

Mary Burtness
King Salmon

FY00 University Funding

The University needs full funding of 16.3 million to provide quality educational services. This is important to people like myself who live in the Alaskan bush and depend upon rural campuses to provide higher educational opportunities which contribute to the health of our communities.

Tim J. Cook

Naknek

FY00 University Funding

Give the University full funding, 16.3 million as it has requested. Rural Alaskans need continuing education to stay competitive in the job market. WE get this from our University system.

**Becky Savo
Naknek**

FY00 University Funding

It's a sad day for a state like ours that ranks 48 out of 50 states in funding our university system--we should be ashamed of ourselves.

Our University system deserves no less than full funding--our university enrollees deserves the best our state can afford and that is full funding. Do you feel good about cheating your own children.

Donald F. Nielson
South Naknek



Southeast Alaska Seinners

April 15, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
CoChair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Rm 518
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Parnell,

I am writing in behalf of Southeast Alaska Seinners (SEAS), a membership organization representing commercial fishermen, to express concern over the substantial budget cuts proposed for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Department has been the target of very substantial budget reductions over the last eight years that threaten its ability to manage the fish and game resources of our state in compliance with the sustained yield principle of our Constitution. The commercial fishing industry, which provides employment for large numbers of Alaskans and generates tax revenues far in excess of its management costs, suffers as the operations of the Department are restricted. Therefore, SEAS urges you use the budget cuts proposed by the House of Representatives. These cuts provide a significant contribution to the Legislature's efforts to reduce spending while minimizing the impact on the thousands of Alaskans who rely on the Department of Fish and Game's stewardship of Alaska's renewable resources.

Since 1990, the Legislature has reduced the budget of the ADF&G by over \$6.1 million. Steady erosion from inflation has compounded these cuts and impacted the ability of the Department to manage the fishery resources of our state. With management activities curtailed, Alaskans suffer since the Department must be increasingly conservative as a consequence of its inability to gather necessary information on our fish stocks. In the past several years, the Department has had to curtail stock assessment work on sockeye salmon, King crab, and herring in Southeast Alaska. We have little information on groundfish or shrimp. Information that leads to further beneficial, income producing harvests requires general fund expenditures.

With fishermen paying more into the general fund than the current costs of management, the cuts to the budget that affect our industry should be restrained. After all, we cannot pay taxes on fish that a budget strapped ADF&G can't permit us to harvest. The House version of the budget adds \$412 of reductions to the \$6.1 million

thru: Debbie



Alaska State Legislature Written Testimony Form

Please enter into the record my testimony to the S FIN Committee on
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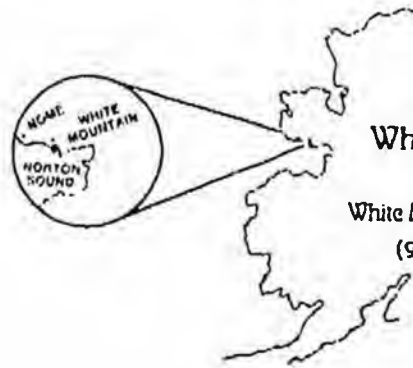
I'm glad to see the legislature attempting to balance the budget and at the same time trying to cut the cost.

Government is not supposed to take over where the private sector is available and many of the functions with in the government are not mandated government functions. Many agencies have usurped the powers that rightfully belong to the people, and this is wrong.

As for the agencies, they are no longer operating as the public servants they were meant to be, but monsters totally out of control. The budget process is the only way the legislature can bring the unruly, oversized government back under control. Remember, there are people who profit from corrupt and corrupt governments. They are employees and beneficiaries of such governments and they will defend that corrupt system even if it is self-destructing.

Good luck and I will stand by your budget cuts.

Denny Kay Weathers



City of
White Mountain

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White Mountain, AK 99784
(907) 638-3411

April 13, 1999

Alaska State Legislature
Senate Finance Committee
State Capital Building
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Elimination of State Revenue Sharing Funding

To the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the residents of the community of White Mountain, we, the White Mountain City Council, wish to express our opposition of Representative Eldon Mulder's proposition to eliminate State Revenue Sharing funding during the next State fiscal year.

Though this very important funding has been cut by 70% during the past ten years, it remains the primary source of funding that enables the City of White Mountain, and indeed other rural municipalities, to operate on a daily basis.

For fiscal year 1999, the City of White Mountain received \$36,072.00 in State Revenue Sharing monies. To those representatives and senators from urban Alaska, this may not seem like a significant amount of funding, but for communities in rural Alaska, such as ours, which raise on average a total of \$7,000.00 in sales tax revenues, this is a vital source of funding.

Should this proposition pass, Alaska's poorest communities will be hit the hardest. The City of White Mountain heavily relies on State Revenue Sharing funding for over 65% of all General Fund revenues. In addition to the State Revenue Sharing funding, the monies from the Municipal Assistance program and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program provide an additional 25% of General Fund revenues.

Without this funding, the City of White Mountain will not be able to provide even the most basic governmental services. Services such as public safety, roads and landfill maintenance will no longer be provided, and departments such as our Administration and Finance, City Council, Streets and Roads and Health and Welfare Services departments will be forced to shut down.

In conclusion, we would like to expound the fact that every state in the U.S. shares revenues with their municipalities because its their sole responsibility to ensure that all of their citizens have access to basic public services. If the State of Alaska abandons its general revenue sharing responsibility, it will only widen the gap between Alaska's "have" and "have not" citizens, or basically its "urban" and "rural" communities.

SIGNED:

Mary D. Charles
Mary D. Charles, Mayor

SIGNED:

Daniel H. Harrelson
Daniel H. Harrelson, Vice-Mayor

SIGNED:

Thomas Gray FOR
Thomas Gray, Secretary

SIGNED:

James Bergamaschi, Jr.
James Bergamaschi, Jr., Treasurer

SIGNED:

Carl Brown
Carl Brown, Member

SIGNED:

Howard Lincoln FOR
Howard Lincoln, Member

SIGNED:

Lincoln Simon
Lincoln Simon, Member

ATTEST:

Esther Lincoln
Esther Lincoln, City Clerk

KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESOLUTION 99-04-01

A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Urging the House and Senate Finance Committees to continue funding the
Safe Communities/State Revenue Sharing Program

WHEREAS, the House Finance Committee has proposed eliminating the Safe Communities/State Revenue Sharing (SC/SRS) funding to reduce the state budget; and

WHEREAS, eliminating SC/SRS funding would reduce the state general fund budget expenditures, but in reality it will simply transfer the burden to residents by forcing municipalities to raise taxes or reduce local services; and

WHEREAS, this is not true budget cutting, but a blatant form of cost shifting as the State shifts its responsibilities and obligations to its citizens by way of local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, while it appears that this year's budget cut represents a small reduction to the current general fund operating budget, in reality it represents a cumulative reduction of more than 56 percent to local municipalities since 1980; and

WHEREAS, while the Legislature is cutting funding to local municipalities, they have just increased their per diem by 7 and 1/2 percent; and

WHEREAS, eliminating SC/SRS will have a devastating impact on small rural communities that depend on state shared revenues for their public services funding; and

WHEREAS, eliminating SC/SRS funding could accelerate the dissolving of municipal governments and thereby eliminate critical services upon which local residents rely; and

WHEREAS, eliminating SC/SRS funding would specifically impact the following Kodiak Island Borough Communities as follows:

City of Akhiok, \$36,000 or 8 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
City of Larsen Bay, \$28,000 or 19 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
City of Old Harbor, \$35,000 or 19 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
City of Ouzinkie, \$33,000 or 15 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
City of Port Lions, \$38,000 or 24 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
City of Kodiak, \$560,000 or 5 percent of their current annual general fund budget,
Kodiak Island Borough, \$439,000 or 4 percent of their current annual general fund budget; and

WHEREAS, the state has cut SC/SRS nearly 70 percent in the last ten years, forcing local taxpayers to assume a larger share of school funding; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Kodiak Island Borough established a tax cap and the only option to cover the shortfall is to reduce the Borough and the School District budgets; and

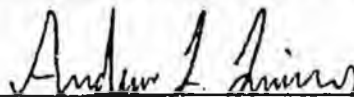
WHEREAS, SC/SRS is absolutely critical to the economy, education, health and safety of all Alaskans; so


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE that the House and Senate Finance Committees be encouraged and urged to continue funding for the Safe Communities/State Revenue Sharing program.

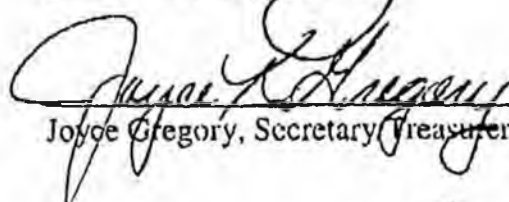
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE that copies of this resolution be submitted to Governor Knowles, House Finance Committee Co-Chairs Representative Mulder and Representative Therriault, Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs Senator Parnell and Senator Torgerson an Senator Mackie and Representative Austerman.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THIS 12TH DAY APRIL 1999.

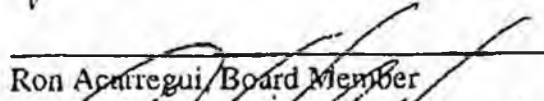
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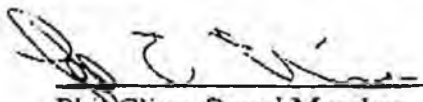

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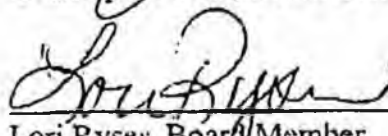

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RESOLUTION 99-12

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING AT THE FY 99 LEVEL FOR THE STATE REVENUE SHARING AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, The House Finance Committee has proposed the complete elimination of the State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs, and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs have already been cut by approximately 70 percent over the past 10 years, and

WHEREAS, budget cuts of this magnitude and significance to the health, safety, and welfare of Alaska's people should be done within the framework of a comprehensive, coherent, and publicly accepted long term fiscal plan, and

WHEREAS, municipalities should not be targeted again for program cuts because they provide the most basic of public services including police, fire, roads, water and sewer, solid waste, emergency medical, and schools, and

WHEREAS, 75 cities in Alaska rely on these programs for 20% of general fund revenues and 25 cities rely on them for over 40% of their revenues, and

WHEREAS, elimination of the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs simply shifts the burden for providing basic public services to local taxpayers and we can expect either drastic reductions in services or increased local taxes, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs will act as a further disincentive for the formation of new boroughs and will likely result in the dissolution of many cities, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs disproportionately impacts the poorest and small municipalities because they have limited options available to them in terms of raising or levying new taxes, and

WHEREAS, elimination of these programs will further widen the gap between the "haves" and "have nots" in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, all states in the United States share revenues with municipalities within their boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hickel and others have argued that statehood itself was premised upon the continued sharing of revenues derived from commonly held natural resources because the framers understood that local taxes would never be sufficient to provide for adequate public services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newhalen City Council has found that further cuts to the State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs are not in the public interest and would be poor and ill-advised public policy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council is strongly opposed to any further cuts to the programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby urges the Alaska Legislature to continue to fund these programs at FY 99 levels.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Newhalen City Council this 20th day of April, 1999.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

Wassie Balluta Sr., Mayor

Wassie W. Balluta Sr.

ATTEST:

Jerry Clay for Debbie Grindle
Debbie Grindle, City Clerk

We, the undersigned residents of Newhalen, Alaska, do hereby urge our City Councilmen to approve the draft resolution described above at their next meeting on April 20, 1999.

signature	printed name	date of signature	residence address	p.o. box #
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Date: April 15, 1999

To: Senator Sean Parnell, Co-Chair,
Senate Finance Committee
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Re: State Revenue Sharing & Safe Communities Funding

Sender: Glen K. Vernon
Executive Director

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April 15, 1999

The Honorable Sean Parnell, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 518
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Parnell:

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference President and Board of Directors have asked that I write to you regarding a very serious matter. Since the beginning of this year's legislative session, local government officials have watched with growing apprehension to see how the legislature would deal with the state budget crisis. Their apprehension was born of concern that the legislature might lack the political courage to accept, in some form, the Governor's budget recommendations and, instead, shift the unpleasant task of raising taxes to local government. From what we are now seeing, it appears that their concerns were justified. As you know, the House version of the budget completely eliminates State Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Funding.

By now, you have surely seen or heard all the facts, figures and reasons that demonstrate the folly of eliminating, or even reducing, state assistance to local governments. Therefore, we will not rehearse that litany to you again. Rather, we urgently appeal to you not to balance the state budget on the backs of our local governments. It is incomprehensible to us that many legislators do not seem to understand the implications of what the House Finance Committee has done. For virtually all of Alaska's cities and boroughs, the elimination of state assistance will mean increased property and/or sales taxes. Besides being regressive by nature, local property taxes are highly discriminatory because of the multitude of exemptions that exist. The already smoldering resentment that exists among many non-exempt property owners will be fanned into open flame if this presently unequal burden is increased even more. And to impose or increase local sales taxes will only mean that many rural Alaskans will purchase their goods and services from Anchorage, which has no sales tax. Small rural businesses will simply not be able to compete.

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference represents the interests of about 30,000 state residents who live in about 54 small communities stretching from Kodiak to Adak. Many of these communities are facing severe financial difficulties because of failed salmon runs and past reductions in state assistance. The services that they provide are basic and essential, yet some of them face the real possibility of disincorporation because they lack the resources to pay for such services.

At the beginning of the session, the Governor presented a responsible and workable plan to the Legislature to address the state's fiscal dilemma. Among other things, it would have provided a way to capture some of the money that is earned here and taken away tax-free by non-residents. For a while, we dared to hope that the Legislature would have the courage to follow his lead. Sadly, if the House Finance Committee action prevails, that will not be the case. We hope that the Senate will have the courage to find a way to balance the state budget without devastating local government.

Respectfully,

Glen K. Vernon
Executive Director

To: Mr./Ms. Senate Finance Committee

Of Alaska State Legislature, Juneau

From: Dan Snyder Jr., Executive Director
Manilaq Manpower, Inc.

Date: April 14, 1999

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Remarks: Enclosed is a letter in support of funding for the Alaska Technical Center

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April 14, 1999

Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Committee Members:

I would like to offer written testimony on behalf of funding for the Alaska Technical Center here in Kotzebue during this legislative session.

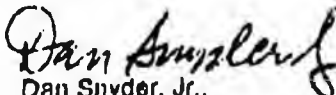
Maniilaq Manpower, being a funding agency for students from the Northwest Arctic Borough attending technical training, has had experience in funding students in a variety of schools, with a majority of those funded attending Alaska Technical Center. Currently, we are funding 22 students in technical training, with 15 of those students funded attending the Alaska Technical Center. With The Alaska Technical Center being in a rural setting, it has had a higher success rate in graduating rural students. The Alaska Technical Center offers rural residents an alternative to urban based technical institutes and have been very successful in preparing residents for a career.

During the period July 1, 1997 through July 30, 1998, we had 48 students funded with 34 attending Alaska Technical Center. Of the 48 students, 16 were carried over into our current funding cycle. 12 of these 16 students have completed training in December and all have went to work. Of the 12, 10 are still working. Of the remaining 32 students, 26 went to work. Once this information is submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor, we discontinue tracking them.

If the Alaska Technical Center is not funded, I feel our success rate of graduating students from technical centers will diminish. This would not only hurt the economy of Northwest Arctic Borough but the State of Alaska as well. Therefore, I would strongly encourage you folks to continue funding the Alaska Technical Center.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dan Snyder, Jr.,
Executive Director

cc: Alaska Technical Center



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RE: Letter of Support for Alaska Technical Center

Dear Finance Committee, Juneau:

FAX: (907) 465-6592

Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation supports the Alaska Technical Center for all the training and different courses that they provide.

If it were not for the Alaska Technical Center, KIC would have to send employees as well as corporate members out of region for training.

ATC provides training that is necessary for people in our region to qualify for jobs available in our region. Many of KIC's employees and members have received training at ATC in a variety of areas, including, but not limited to: Boiler and Oil Burner Maintenance, Management Training Series, the Accounting Game, CPR, First Aid, Office Occupations, Dump Truck Driving, Commercial Drivers License, HAZWOPER Training, Asbestos Abatement, Fire Extinguisher and Inspection Maintenance, Board of Directors Training, et cetera.

As a result of recent KIC management meetings, we will be soon be giving much more emphasis on training our personnel in a variety of areas. Naturally, we would hope that ATC could provide assistance in this regard. Your support to continue funding for the Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue is essential to provide employment opportunities for our Native Shareholders.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Marc Van Dongen, President

cc: Alaska Technical Center
Board of Directors

Cut in Safe Communities Funding Means Property Tax Increase

Last week the House Finance Committee decided to eliminate \$47.8 million in funding for Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing, the intent of which is to support public safety- police and fire protection- in communities throughout Alaska.

What does this mean for Ketchikan? The City of Ketchikan currently receives \$607,000 per year in Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing funds. In addition, community agencies such as Ketchikan General Hospital, WISH, and Community Connections receive an additional \$95,600 in pass-through funds. Finally, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough receives nearly \$340,000 in Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing funds.

The elimination of Safe Communities/State Revenue Sharing Funding is not a real cut to state government on the part of the Legislature- it is literally "passing the buck." It means that, while state government remains the same, the City Council and Borough Assembly will have to make the tough decisions- either cut local budgets and services or raise local property taxes to compensate for the loss of state funding. For Ketchikan, I do not foresee any way that our public safety budgets could be reduced by over \$700,000 without significant reductions in both personnel and critical services for our community.

It is likely therefore that the City Council would be forced to consider the other alternative- raising property taxes. To compensate for the loss of Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing funds, the mill rate would increase at the City level from 6.4 to 7.5, a property tax increase of more than 17%! In addition, the loss of funds to the Borough equates to about .3 mill. For a City residence assessed at \$150,000, this would translate to an annual tax increase of \$210.

It should be noted that, due to cuts in Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing programs since 1986, the City mill rate is already about 16% higher than it would need to be otherwise. To put it another way, if the Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing funds are eliminated, it will mean that fully one-third of our local property taxes are a direct result of the legislative reductions to this program.

In my opinion, unlike some revenue-raising proposals which have been proposed, additional cuts in this program are made more unfair because their impact will fall entirely on Alaskans- not on the many nonresident workers who enjoy what Alaska has to offer, including municipal services.

The Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing program is the oil revenue giveaway. It was implemented in 1969- long before oil was a significant factor in Alaska's economy. Every state in the U.S. shares revenue with its municipalities. In the past ten years, the state of Alaska has cut Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing nearly 70%, while local taxpayers have simultaneously been forced to take over a larger share of school funding. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Alaska has increased their reliance on local property taxes more than any other state, while most states are decreasing reliance on property taxes.

Municipal leaders throughout Alaska understand that the state has a fiscal problem, and are committed to working with the Legislature to develop a long-range fiscal plan. The sudden, total elimination of Safe Communities/Revenue Sharing funds has not been part of anyone's proposed fiscal plan. Its surprise nature is not good planning at all, as it does not

allow local communities the time needed to properly assess the full impacts on local budgets and services and take appropriate measures.

At the same time, citizens in Ketchikan have not been calling for cuts in those municipal services- like police and fire protection- which could be directly impacted by the funding cut, nor in those services- like schools- which could be indirectly impacted if local property taxes are raised just to maintain the status quo.

In closing, the funding cut approved by the House Finance Committee simply transfers the state's revenue problem to us. We will either pay higher local taxes or see major cuts in local services. If you are concerned about the impact of the funding cut on our community, and want to see neither higher local taxes nor major cuts in critical services, I would urge you to contact our legislators in Juneau right away.

Bob Alekster



NEA-ALASKA

Affiliated with the National Education Association
NEA-ALASKA POSITION STATEMENT

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

Public school teachers, school employees and parents express our thanks to the Finance Education Subcommittee for prioritizing public school funding by increasing the recommended funding level for public education at a most difficult time. Teachers, school employees, and parents understand the difficult position the 21st Legislature finds itself.

Parents and school employees seek smaller classes for students, greater student proficiency with computers and challenging curriculum. They want their children to attend schools that are safe and are modern. They want schools to implement quality initiatives to improve learning and accountability.

NEA-Alaska has historically lobbied to present the case for funding Alaska's public schools. Preparation of children for the challenges of the new century is critical to the economic development of Alaska and its improved quality of life. Jobs of the future will demand that our people have special technical and academic skills to master new challenges. Public schools are teaching those skills today.

In 2010, today's first graders will have completed twelve years of instruction. Some of today's first graders are children "at risk;" some come from secure loving families, some don't; some require special education, some don't; some suffer from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, some don't; some come from dysfunctional families, some don't; and some experience domestic violence on a daily basis while some don't. The promise and responsibility of our public schools is to educate all children regardless of means or position in life.

Both parents and school employees recognize that problems confronting children in 1999 don't compare to the problems we experienced as children. The school of 1999 has a totally different set of challenges than the school of 1979 or '69 or '59.

In the past we have seen too many expectations demanded of our public schools that were not funded adequately. For the ten-year period 1983-1993, school enrollment in Alaska grew by more than 25,000 or slightly less than 26 percent. Alaska has historically ranked in the top ten states nationally in the percent increase in student enrollment from one year to the next. In 1983 Alaska ranked 8th nationally, and in 1996 we ranked fifteenth nationally in the percent change in public school enrollment from the previous year. In 1995, 22.5 percent of the state's population was 5-17 years old.

alternative programs. Even though districts hired more teachers, the pupil-teacher ratio increased. Alaska is a young state with many school-aged children. From 1997 to 1998 public school enrollment increased an estimated 1.92%. This represents the fifth largest percentage increase in the nation. The class size issue will remain for some time.

During 1987-88 when the new funding formula was put in place the Instructional Unit value was set at \$60,000 -- a level that was itself 8% lower than the rate of state support in the 1985-86 school year. The unit has been adjusted only one time -- in 1992, an increase of 1.6%. In 1998 a new formula was approved that funds instruction on a per student basis equal to \$3,940 with added funding for school size, district cost factor and special needs factor.

Even with this most recent increase, the costs of over ten years of inflationary have not been offset. For the 1996-97 school year the value of the instructional unit, after adjustment for inflation occurring since 1987 was worth \$45,888 in 1987 purchasing power. Inflation has been a cruel tax on educational opportunity. Even with the new formula the effects are felt.

To address inflation, NEA-Alaska has prioritized the need to inflation-proof funding for K-12 education. Failure to invest in our children will immediately shortchange their future and in time will shortchange our state's future.

The task of preparing our students for today and for the challenges of the new century is expensive, but the cost of not preparing them is greater. Our public schools, teachers, and school district support employees must continue to be successful in their efforts. By limiting necessary resources, the potential for success for every student is limited. Investment in our most precious resource - children - will cost a lot. However, if we don't spend our money on our public schools, we will be forced to spend even more on welfare, new prisons, jails, and public safety.

We applaud the courage of the Finance Subcommittee on Education, in light of the difficult time, to recognize the importance of a sound education system for Alaskans.

I want my daughter to have the opportunity to live with a stable population. One with some dedication to my home and hers.

I want to mention the Regents who run Alaska's University. They come from all walks of life and political persuasions. They are not employees. They do not get paid. They are volunteers who, to the person, come to learn that the mission of the University is vital to Alaska, the needs are under-funded, and that investment in higher education is the best investment Alaska can make.

In the last three years of real general fund cuts, I have heard all of the make-weight excuses about what is wrong with the University. The last was, "The University needs a leader with vision."

Well, the Board of Regents hired a nationally recognized leader, with real vision. He came, he studied, and he concluded that the University needs funding.

The subcommittee voted unanimously to fund the University at its real needs of 16.3. That validated the need that exists.

That need is an investment in Alaska, not an expense of government.

It may take vision,

It may take leadership,

It may even take courage,

But, as a lifelong Alaskan, I ask you to step into the role.

Have vision, show leadership, be courageous, do whatever it takes to fund the future of Alaska--fund the University.

Hi,

My name is Kelley Huse and I work for the Healthy Families Juneau program. I'm here to advocate for ~~maintenance of the program at current~~ ^(level) ~~increased~~ funding levels. I have worked with the program as a home visitor since it's inception 4 years ago and have seen an **on-going need for services** as we **continually must turn families away** because our program is full.

I've served 25-30 parents in those 4 years and have personally seen parents gain in confidence + ability as a productive community members.

As a **former school teacher**, I am a strong advocate for **in-home support** to the primary caregivers of children aged 3 and under.

1. Home visits allow us to **learn first-hand about the conditions** of life for the family and to **respond** to them.
2. We are also able to **outreach isolated families** who ~~are~~ ^{would not} otherwise likely **not** to access **valuable services**.

A key to our success is

Working with families very early on (**prenatally or within 3 months of the birth**)

1. We are able to **support parents in being the best parent they can**.
2. **Before patterns of abuse and neglect are begun** we can talk with parents about the roots of such patterns.
3. Most physical abuse occurs among young children below the age of 5, the majority under that age of 2.
4. Research tells us that the risk of abuse and neglect can be strongly reduced if a continuum of support and education are made available around the time of birth.
5. I've seen families who's behavior management tools were limited to spanking and yelling and who felt overwhelmed with the stress in their lives. They've stated that the consistent support of a home visitor has reduced their stress and taught them new ways to

Stress:

1. Universal
2. Manageable
3. Increases with lack of support, resources
4. Dangerous to the welfare of children and parents: destructive and self-destructive behaviors *(those normally considered "at risk" for child abuse + neglect)*

What we see: families with **abundance of stress** ^{are} **getting support**, able to **provide for emotional and physical needs of children**.

Abuse/neglect rates of HFA participants far below national averages for population-at large.

some even go on to become mentors for other parents.

Using what we know from recent **brain research**, we can **provide parents with education and modeling** about the care of their children.

1. We now know that the **brain becomes hard-wired for survival** when needs are **not met** and when **safety is an issue**.
2. These children likely can **never recover from such traumatic beginnings**.
3. The good news is that **what the brain feeds on in the earliest years (consistent nurturing)**

Good evening Senators.

My name is Malinda Touis and I am a 15 yr. old parenting teen, attending Yakooos Gei Daakahidi High school. It's very hard attending full time school and taking care of my 1 1/2 month old son. In the 13 months of support from my Healthy Families home visitor I am reaching these goals:

1) I am becoming the great parent I have always wanted to be.

2) Completing my goal of High School graduation

3) Also linkage to training beyond High school that will allow me to work in a living wage job.

Healthy Families will provide support to my family until my son is 5. I urge you to fully fund Healthy Families. My son will be in school in ~~5~~ short years. Having him arrive at school ready to learn, with a self-sufficient mother who is off public assistance will lead to a better outcome for my son. That money is well spent, and makes good sense for Alaska.

Thank you for your
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Juneau Montessori Center

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Douglas, AK 99824
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FAX: (907)364-3537

April 16, 1999

Honorable Sean Parnell and John Torgerson
Co-Chairs, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

F.E: Child Care Grant

Dear Co-Chairs Parnell and Torgerson,
and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I'm writing to urge the Senate Finance Committee to fund the Child Care Grant Program at at least its current level.

The impact of your recommendation to transfer all child care grant money to the assistance programs would be a devastating one for child care providers for the following reason:

The cost of running a child care service, whether in a home or a center, is way bigger than what the market could bare. In the Juneau Montessori Center tuitions represent 85% of our income. We currently charge \$550/mo. for children in the primary class, ages 3 -6; and \$575/mo. for the toddler program, ages 15 months - 3 years. We should be charging at least \$690/mo. and \$720 respectively.

These higher fees would only cover the current operating budget which includes wages starting at \$7.00/hr and no benefits - medical insurance, retirement plan, or any thing like that, for any of the staff members; and a very limited budget for supplies and materials.

In order to improve the working conditions of our staff and have also the appropriate budget for supplies and materials, we would have to increase the tuition fees another 30-35%. Who could pay \$930 to \$975 per month for child care?

Juneau Montessori Center's parents and staff contribute hundreds of volunteer hours working on fund raising, maintenance of the facility and in the classrooms preparing materials and the environment for our children, we also write grants and seek cash and in-kind contributions from individuals, businesses and corporations to balance our budget.

The Child Care Grant Program administered by the Division of Community and Rural Development, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, brings approximately \$9,000 per year to our school above and beyond tuitions. It represents roughly 2.5% of our income that can be used to cover part of our operations. It currently funds partially one of our staff positions, which, by the way, is required to maintain the adult-child ratio established by licensing.

If you were to put the additional funding into Public Assistance, would the number of recipients increase or would the amount they receive every month be increased?

If more people is expected to go to work, more children will need child care, how would you guarantee quality, safe care for those children? The Child Care Grant is currently the only incentive for small programs to be licensed. More and more home providers are choosing not to be licensed. Without the Grant, the number of licensed programs will drop considerably.

For the Juneau Montessori Center losing the Grant would mean having to raise tuitions since it would be very difficult for the school to replace that money through additional fund raising efforts. An increase in the level of tuition would affect all families particularly those with low income. And, if a raise in the tuition makes the school unaffordable and financially nonviable, we would be forced to close our doors. Then children and their families we serve would suffer for the lack of quality child care and early childhood education and the 14 members of our staff would be unemployed.

We would like you to reconsider and to actually increase the level of the Child Care Grant by 50% as the Governor proposed in his budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lupita Alvarez Botelho
Executive Director

P.S. Alaska's children deserve quality and safe child care. Child Care Providers deserve decent wages. Augmenting the Child Care Grant would help somewhat to improve in these areas.

Fax Transmittal Cover Sheet

To: Co-Chair Sean Parnell, - Senate Finance

Ruth & Carl Benson Carl S. and Ruth Benson

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Note:

University Funding

Please start rebuilding the University of Alaska. I urge you to fully fund the President's request for the U of A budget. Earnings from Alaska's investments are available and we must use them for the financially starved necessary state agencies.

CITY OF KETCHIKAN
City Manager's Office
334 Front Street

Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

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Date: April 16, 1999
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TO: Governor Tony Knowles-----465-3532 Drue Pearce, Senate President--465-3872 Brian Porter, House Speaker----465-3834 Senator Robin Taylor-----465-3922 Representative Bill Williams----465-3793 House Finance Committee-----465-6813 Senate Finance Committee-----465-6592, 465-4779, 465-6595 Phone: Facsimile: see above numbers cc:	FROM: Karl Arnylon, City Manager Phone: (907) 228-5603 Facsimile: (907) 225-5075
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REMARKS: URGENT FOR YOUR REVIEW REPLY A.S.A.P. PLEASE COMMENT

Attached please find a copy of:

City of Ketchikan, Resolution No. 99-1936

Re: Council of the City of Ketchikan strongly opposes the elimination by the State of Alaska in Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs as the elimination of such funding is simply a shift of costs to local communities, not a real reduction in the State budget.

Please contact Linda at 228-5603 if you have problems receiving this facsimile.

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 99-1936

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF STATE OF ALASKA REVENUE SHARING AND SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAMS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is proposing to deal with part of its budget crisis by eliminating the Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan General Fund has been programmed to receive \$204,000 in Revenue Sharing and \$403,000 of Safe Communities funding from the State of Alaska in 1999; and

WHEREAS, if both programs are terminated, the City's General Fund stands to lose a total of \$607,000; and

WHEREAS, an additional loss in Revenue Sharing that the City is required to pass through to certain health care facilities in the community is estimated to total \$95,600 for 1999; and

WHEREAS, reductions in the funding of these programs in prior years has already resulted in higher local taxation; and

WHEREAS, the loss of such funding will either result in significant reductions to essential municipal and critical health care services, or result in significantly higher taxes and fees for the citizens of Ketchikan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, strongly opposes the elimination by the State of Alaska in Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Programs as the elimination of such funding is simply a shift of costs to local communities, not a real reduction in the State budget.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April, 1999.

Bob Weinstein
Bob Weinstein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Suiter
Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk

I support every effort to reduce government both in size and spending, this is a rare opportunity to choose between wants and need's. I believe 80% of our state government could disappear and we would be better for it.

I am a 70-year-old citizen, resident for forty years, I live in a city and borough-taxing district, self employed, no retirement funds, I have long advocated less government. If it will reduce government size and scope I am ready for elimination of my \$50,000 borough senior tax exemption, longevity bonus. Any and all property tax exemptions. I will welcome less social services (especially alcohol related).

Elimination or reduction of any or all programs, complete elimination of departments to numerous to list here, I was especially encouraged by proposal cut of \$600,000.00 for land planning, we have funded this bureaucracy for 30 years with nothing in return.

We need good road's, past cuts have been on wrong end, cut beaurocrates instead of the wonderful guys and gals that do the work. We need good schools not run as social engineering experiments.

I encourage 100% elimination of municipal assistance, it's time we citizens get to choose. I ask you not to disturb permanent fund distribution as I believe it is extremely important to larger family's, especially those in out lying villages and towns.

As for retirement, I intend to work till unable, then I expect my children to care for me to the end.

The Mayor's crusade for funds do not speak for me.

Respectfully I am,

Harold A. Jackson

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OPEN MEETINGS IN ANCHORAGE:1st Wednesday, May 5, 7pm, Phillips Int.Inn on 2902 Minnesota
3rd Sunday, April 18, 3:30-5pm, Roundtable Pizza, Diamond Center**AGENDA:**

1. REAL DADS TV, GCI Community Access Cable Ch.44, Sundays 5pm.
2. Family Law Surefinder for Ak, 1999 CD-ROM(sales call 279-0016)
3. Family Commission
4. Parent Bills before the 21st Legislature.
5. Fathers facing false accusations/aligations.
6. Visitation/Mediation project.
7. DADS-AK Modification Peer-panel proposal.
8. Impeachment investigations for prejudiced State Judges.
9. Picketing the Court System and LIOs.
- 10.Paralegals, affordable legal counsel and access to the Courts.
- 11.Representative standing for a Class-action lawsuit.

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Deadbeat parents' lack federal time

By Richard Wolf
USA TODAY

Parents who run from their obligations to pay child support now risk more than sliced paychecks or suspended driver's licenses.

Under a new federal program, they can get arrested at gunpoint and thrown in prison.

Operating in seven states and the District of Columbia, the program combines a computer network with the crime-fighting talents of police and U.S. marshals. The point is to nab parents who cross state lines to avoid supporting their children. More than 200 arrests have been made so far, which could bring in \$3.8 million in overdue child support.

The program, an outgrowth of last year's federal "Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act," allows agents working for the inspector general's office of the Department of Health and Human Services to carry guns and issue arrest warrants.

Since it started last spring, the program has nabbed some notorious "deadbeats." A former Border Patrol agent who quit his job and moved from his children was arrested at his scuba school in Hawaii. A lawyer and plastic surgeon was arrested in New York on charges that he owed more than \$172,000. A police chief was arrested in Wyoming on charges of failing to pay child support in New York.

This month, a man in Fairfax, Va., got a 20-month prison term for failing to pay \$106,000 to his three children. The man had fled from authorities twice, once to Israel and once to Galveston, Texas, where he was arrested.

"These parents did not walk away from their families, they ran," says Wallace Dutkowski, director of Michigan's child support office.

Nationwide, less than 25% of the \$60 billion owed in child support is collected. Nearly one-third of the money must be

tracked across state lines. About 30 million children depend on child support.

Legislation will be introduced in Congress today would take child support enforcement duties from states and give them to the Internal Revenue Service, which already collects about \$1 billion annually in child support tapping parents' income tax funds. The legislation has failed to advance in Congress in previous years.

In the meantime, the federal government has recently mandated a 50-state computer network and a method of tracking newly hired workers through their employers. Even so, most clever child support evaders remain elusive.

"You still have to have a penalty for not paying," says Jo Hartwig, deputy inspector general for investigations of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Under the new federal program, parents with child support debts of at least \$5,000 can be imprisoned for up to five years if they cross state lines.

Officials in Michigan, Oregon and Illinois, where the program began last year, say the fire of arrests leads more parents to pay what they owe. The program was expanded this year to include Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia. It will be expanded to 10 more states later this year: Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, California, Oregon and Washington.

One of those helped by the program was Joy Marnie, who has been unable for most of the past 15 years to collect child support from her husband. Federal agents seized him in Washington state last year by breaking into his apartment. "I would have loved to have been there," Marnie says. A judge ordered the father to pay all \$19,000 he owes while on probation for the next five years.

Much child support still owed

Despite an increase in the number of child-support cases that are resolved, the percentage of cases in which money is paid is still small. Fewer than one in four cases result in payments.

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City of Soldotna

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Soldotna



April 16, 1999

Via Fax: (907) 465-6592

Senator Sean Parnell, Co-Chair
Senator John Torgerson, Co-Chair
And Members Senate Finance Committee
5th Floor, Room 520 Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Operating Budget

The Mayor, Council and I ask your support for maintaining local government funding in the state budget.

SC/RS remains a vital component of local government funding. I believe it to be an appropriate method of distributing funds to insure services to citizens of the state. Large cuts jeopardize transportation, health and public safety functions provided within the state by cities and boroughs. Where reductions must be made, the cuts should recognize the value of local services and not pass the burden of cuts on to local governments disproportionately as has been done in the past, and is now adopted by the Alaska House of Representatives.

Local government funding has already been reduced by over 50% in the last 10 years, while the state budget has not been reduced similarly. Past studies show duplicated functions by state agencies, yet no state cuts are there. This disproportional treatment needs to stop.

For Soldotna, the cuts made by the house would reduce the City budget by \$325,000 between 6-7% of the total revenue. While not as disastrous as the cuts to some smaller communities, this would seriously impact the City. We would have to look at a tax increase of 1.37 mills or to reducing services. Service reductions could include reducing library hours, stopping snow removal on the shoulders of the state highway (not currently done by the State maintenance crew), cutting back on police, reducing library hours, cutting back on snowplowing and less cleaning of storm drains that empty into the Kenai River. While we consider some reduction probable, nothing of this magnitude was anticipated.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Boedeker
City Manager

Cominco Alaska Incorporated/Red Dog Mine/P.O. Box 1230/Kotzebue, Alaska 99752/Tel. (907) 426-2170



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VIA FAX: 907-465-6592

April 16, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell
Co-Chair, State Senate Finance Committee
PO Box 110804
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0804

Re: Alaska Technical Center

Dear Senator Parnell:

I am asking you to please reconsider the elimination of funding for the Alaska Technical Center.

The Alaska Technical Center is a key component in the education and training structure for the Red Dog Mine. Since January 1997 Red Dog has used ATC exclusively as the training location of choice for all of our apprentice training.

Prior to using ATC we trained at AVTEC in Seward. Red Dog received only 25% return on our students sent to Seward. A 75% non-completion rate was exceeding expensive and frustrating. The success rate at ATC has been 90%. Additionally, by having the facility close to us, we can participate in the education that our apprentices are receiving. We are receiving a much better product than we were from AVTEC.

To fully fund AVTEC and turn your backs on ATC is not understandable. Mining is becoming the new economic engine in Alaska and ATC is contributing to this economic growth. This facility has kept its commitment to the state to upgrade its classes and produce quality graduates. In return the state now chooses not to keep its commitment to northwest Alaska.

The Red Dog Mine has benefited and greatly appreciates the past funding to ATC. Please reconsider this unjustified cut and help me fund a very successful technical center.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Key
General Manager, Red Dog Operations

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LEWIS GUNDEL
PAUL A. BARNETT

April 16, 1999

Members of the Alaska Legislature

RE: Full Funding for the University of Alaska

Dear Senators and Representatives:


I am writing this letter to state my support for full funding of the University of Alaska. I realize in these relatively tight economics times that you are all faced with very difficult decisions, but as a State that relies on resource development, it is essential that we invest in the most valuable resource found in the State, the intellect of our youth.

As a student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in the mid to late 1980's, I watched the University take repeated economic hits from which it has yet to recover. In order to develop our intellectual resources and keep our daughters and sons in Alaska, it is essential that the University be funded on a level that allows it to recover from the past under-funding, and compete with other state universities for our children.

I look forward to the day that my four children will attend the University of Alaska and ask that you permit the University to thrive by providing full funding for the next fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

McCONAHY, ZIMMERMAN & WALLACE



John Foster Wallace

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To: Members of the Senate Finance Committee

April 16, 1999

From: Tom Stimpfle,
POB 81428
Fairbanks, AK 99708

I understand you are proposing to cut one million dollars from the DNR Division of Land's budget. Such a cut would cripple the division with the loss of 20-25 positions statewide.

DNR is a big revenue generator for the State. Does it make sense to cut a department that actually brings in money? Those who will suffer are YOUR CONSTITUENTS, and they will come to you for answers.

In particular I ask you, "do NOT cut the \$726,400 for DL's budget for planning and coordination with other agencies. Restore this money. If you feel you have no alternative but to cut DNR, instead cut money from the list of options the DNR Commissioner has identified as not mandated by the Alaska Statutes and thus are not integral to the workings of DNR.

Planning and coordination protect both the state and the client from litigation --- the left hand knows what the right hand is doing. Without land plans DL would have no direction for wise, best value use of the State's natural resources, nor consistency in decision making. Without coordinating with other agencies, DL would be working in the dark, in a vacuum, with the State's natural resources at risk. The Federal government would roll over us.

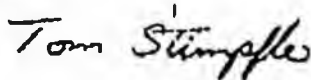
Why would you want to cripple your revenue generator?

Instead of continuing to cut revenue-generating departments, please focus on how to generate income that will save our quality of life and our University, wherein the State's future lies.

I suggest you cap the permanent fund dividend so that a certain percentage of the dividend will always go to individual residents and the remainder go to funding the services and education which make Alaska a quality place to live.

Sincerely,

Tom Stimpfle



Cordova District Fishermen United

Celebrating 65 Years of Service to Commercial Fishermen in Cordova, Alaska
P.O. Box 939 Cordova, Alaska 99574 / Telephone (907) 424-3447 / Fax (907) 424-3430

April 16, 1999

Senator Sean Parnell, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol
MS 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 465-6592

Dear Members,

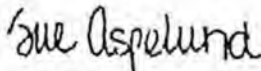
Cordova District Fishermen's United (CDFU) is an organization comprised of Prince William Sound and Copper River fishing families dependent upon the excellent management of our fisheries provided by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

We would like to impress upon you our grave concern over your proposed cuts to the ADF&G budget.

Since the majority of General Fund dollars allocated to ADF&G are located within the Commercial Fisheries Division, whether you intend it or not, the majority of cuts to the Department will be borne by that Division. The proposed cuts to the Department will, in fact, gut the Comm Fish Division. The result will be fisheries managed conservatively to provide for escapement and subsistence uses, and both harvest and production will necessarily suffer. Our fisheries will be unable to generate the revenue that fishermen, their families and crews, coastal communities and indeed, the State, depend upon. In a time of declining oil revenues, it makes little sense to jeopardize a renewable resource industry which puts money **INTO** the coffers of the state, and which has been a vital component of the State's economy for a over a century.

We are certain that once your attention is called to the economic counterproductivity of these cuts to the the State, the coastal communities, and the fishing industry, you will restore funding to ADF&G, at least to the level passed by the House. Unfortunately, the funding mechanism you are depending upon--contractual agreements with the federal government to manage subsistence--is uncertain and not responsive to the funding needs of Alaska's fisheries.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Aspelund
Executive Director

cc: Representative John Harris
Senator Morganna Lincoln
House Special Committee on Fisheries

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16 April 1999

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RE: Full Funding for the University of Alaska

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am writing in response to recent reports that the Finance Committees in both Houses have not provided for full funding of the University of Alaska's budget request. I believe this action to be short-sighted. Nothing in the State Budget is more important than the educational opportunities for our young people. Flat funding of the University will lead to a further decline in the services offered by that institution and a further diminution in the quality of instruction and the ability of the University to serve Alaska's people.

The University provides not only educational but cultural opportunities to Alaska's residents. It provides both technical and academic learning opportunities in our rural areas. In Fairbanks the Fairbanks Symphony and the University Summer Fine Arts Camp are prime examples of the benefits of a quality university.

Without increased funding to allow replacement of faculty, repair of facilities and expansion and continuation of programs, the University System will wither. I believe that this should not be permitted to happen. We need a first rate University System. We need the research, career training and educational opportunities together with the enrichment of our lives that the University provides to all of us.

I urge each of you to support full funding of the University's budget. You have a choice. You can be penny wise and pound foolish and decide you can worry about the University's problems tomorrow or you can use foresight and fully fund now. I urge you to do the latter and provide for the many needs that our fine University System currently has. I guarantee that it will cost less to do it now than to try to fix the problems which will be caused by inadequate funding later.

Very truly yours,


Christopher E. Zimmerman

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Michael P. McConahy

To: Members of the Senate Finance Committee

April 16, 1999

From: Nancy L. Rabener, POB 81428, Fairbanks, AK 99708

Let me begin by saying I realize you have a difficult task in dealing with the State's deficit. I'm concerned that you don't realize the tangible impacts of some of your proposed cuts, in particular the \$1,000,000 cut to the DNR Division of Land.

I am an 11 year employee with the Division of Land (DL), Northern Region (NRO) in Fairbanks. I am 1 of 12 Natural Resource Officers who issue land use permits, leases and sales which facilitate development of the state's natural resources. We manage all the state land north of the Alaska Range, from the Canadian border to the Bering and Arctic Seas. Through previous budget cuts we are down to only one third of our 1985 staff.

The DNR is one of the State's biggest revenue generators. The Division of Land, NRO, brings in \$360,000 per year from north slope material sales alone. The finance committee's proposed \$1,000,000 cut would mean the loss of at least 2 more positions from our Fairbanks office. This loss would decrease the amount of revenue we can bring to the state. Does cutting your revenue generator to save revenue make sense?

I notice \$726,400 of the cut has been targeted from DL's budget meant for "Allocate / Planning Land and Resources". I suggest you not make this cut, but reinstate this money. Instead, cut other options that the DNR Commissioner has identified and that are not mandated by the Alaska Statutes and thus are not integral to the workings of DNR.

"Allocate / Planning" includes all the interagency coordination and planning required to both defend the State's interests and issue authorizations. They are not separate from DL's function in authorizing use of state land, they're an integral part of the process. DL works with other state, federal, municipal or Native agencies for every authorization (permits, leases, sales) for people and businesses to use state land - that coordination facilitates authorizations for use of state land and protects both the state and the client from litigation --- the left hand knows what the right hand is doing. DL is wisely required to use land use plans as guides in decision making. The plans promote best value use of natural resources and give consistency to our decisions. If DL could not plan, or coordinate with other agencies, then the DL could not defend or properly develop State's interests. The Federal government would roll over us.

It would be like many football teams trying to play ball on the same field at the same time without any game plan or communication with each other. Imagine the outcome. It would be chaos. Alaskan land is the field, the agencies are the teams. If the agencies were not planning or coordinating they 1) would not know where they were going, and 2) would be working AT ODDS with each other, each aiming for their own goals and each losing out.

Some of the more visible planning and coordination functions are:

- 1) Authorizations - For every authorization for people and businesses to use state land DL coordinates with other agencies and uses the land plan as a guide.
- 2) GVEA Intertie - DL represents state land interests in the interagency decisions for choosing the route, developing the access, and issuing the authorizations for the Intertie
- 3) Fire Protection Levels - DL representatives work with the State, Federal, and Native Corporation fire managers in changing fire protection levels that can save the State money.
- 4) MFS Fiber Optic Cable - DL coordinated with other agencies in developing and authorizing access for the fiber optic cable.
- 5) Alaska Coastal Zone Management Program - DL must coordinate and plan with the Federal government in order to issue authorizations for land use in the coastal zone
- 6) Dalton Highway Plan - DL works with the Federal government and Native corporations to facilitate development of the Denali Highway corridor. No coordination = no development
- 7) Denali Park Gateway - DL works with the National Park Service, the Denali Borough and other agencies to facilitate development and thus relieve growth issues for the Denali Park gateway communities.
- 8) Denali Park North Access Feasibility Study - DL represented the state in plans to develop access to Denali Park via a northern route and potential railroad. No coordination = no state interest protected or developed.
- 9) Municipal Entitlements - DL coordinates with municipalities to convey to them their land selections so that they can carry on with their own resource development.
- 10) Nonana River Access - DL coordinates with the National Park Service and other agencies to assure public access to and development of facilities for the Nonana River.

Instead of continuing to cut revenue-generating departments, I'd like to see the legislature focus on how to generate income that will save our quality of life and our University, wherein the State's future lies. I suggest you cap the permanent fund dividend so that a certain percentage of the dividend will always go to individual residents and the remainder go to funding the services and education which make Alaska a quality place to live.

Thank you for your consideration, Nancy Rabener





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April 16, 1999

Please send the attached letter to the following:

1. Alaska Senate, Finance Committee
2. Alaska House of Representatives, Finance Committee
3. John Davies
4. Gary Wilken
5. Tom Brice

Thank you,

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To: Alaska State Senate, Finance Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives, Finance Committee
John Davies
Gary Wilken
Tom Brice

Re: University of Alaska Funding

Date: April 16, 1999

As a life time Alaskan and supporter of the University of Alaska I want to stress the need to adequately fund the University of Alaska as we enter a new millennium.

I graduated from the University of Alaska in 1939, majoring in Mining Engineering. This Alaskan education prepared me well for a full and successful career in various segments of the mining industry.

I recognize the growing sophistication of the University of Alaska and the importance of its educational and research programs to young Alaskans. Therefore I encourage you to support the funding proposals made by the University and provide adequate funds to keep the educational and research programs moving forward.

A strong University is vital for Alaska's youth and is important to all the people of the State for it contributes to the development of Alaska's Natural Resources and enriches our quality of life while building present and future leaders for our great State. It must receive our enthusiastic financial support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Earl H. BeistlineP.O. Box 80148
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**POSITION PAPER - COMMUNITY MEMBER
Increased Funding for Child Care Grant Program**

Why increase funding to early care and education? Early care and education (also referred to as "day care" or "child care") has long been the step-child of education in America. The new brain research suggests the focus of our education efforts must shift to early care and education. This research tells us what we in the early care and education field have known for some time, that early experiences (especially those before age three) have a decisive impact on the architecture of the brain, and on the nature and extent of adult capabilities (Families and Work Institute, 1997). Early interactions don't just create a context; they directly affect the way the brain is "wired". We now know that there are "prime times" for acquiring different kinds of knowledge and skills.

Early care has a long lasting impact on how people develop, on their ability to learn and on their ability to regulate their emotions (Families and Work Institute, 1997). We now know that the human brain - across all ethnic and racial groups - is uniquely constructed to benefit from experience and from good teaching, particularly during the first years of life. (Families and Work Institute, 1997). Brain research clearly demonstrates that "education" of our children must begin, not in kindergarten, but at birth during the "prime time" for learning. As a nation and as a community, we can no longer afford to neglect our younger children. What we do with young children now will determine our future.

Not only is early care and education critical to our future, with the majority of women now working or transitioning from welfare to work, it has become a necessity for millions of American women and families. In 1995, three out of five (62%) women with children younger than six, were in the labor force. In addition, 50% of women with children younger than three were in the labor force in 1996. All of these working mothers must find someone to care for their children in order to work (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1995). The 1996 welfare reform places extraordinary new demands upon the nation's already overburdened and under-funded child care system (Children's Defense Fund, 1997).

Despite the clear necessity for early care and education for the majority of American families, the early care and education field languishes from poor quality and lack of funding. According to the Carnegie Corporation (1997), "child care services have so long been neglected that they now constitute some of the worst services for children in western society." Why is this? Because unlike elementary and secondary education in the public school system, the bulk of the financial burden for early care and education is placed on parents. Some say, this is as it should be. The problem with this is that low and middle-income parents simply cannot absorb the full cost of providing quality early care and education. The new brain research underscores the fact that not just parent and families, but the nation as a whole, has a vital stake in its youngest children's healthy development and learning.

This position statement substantiates the need for early care and education. As a concerned community member I urge you to increase funding for the Child Care Grant program this year.

Name and Address of Community Member

Telephone Number:

Michael + SUSAN SAMPSON

907 458-8262



4/15/99



Signature of Community Member

Date

FROM : PROJECT EDUCATION

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TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Nancy Pitka, Y-K Subregional Director

RE: University Budget Cut

DATE: April 15, 1999


I am writing a letter of support regarding the budget cuts on the University of Alaska Fairbanks because the impact it's going to have on the rural area.

I am currently taking an English course. Taking this course I have learn to improve my grammar and business writing skills for me to assist the Yukon-Koyukuk Subregion with writing resolutions, letters of support and the Y-K Subregional Newsletter.

The University of Alaska-Fairbanks/Yukon-Koyukuk Center office moved back into the Yukon-Koyukuk area over a year ago and the demand for local courses has increased. The distance learning program has been very beneficial to parents with dependants who can not afford to leave their home. With the high rate of unemployment in the rural area, this program offer parents to get a degree and job opportunities.

Please do not cut the budget for the University of Fairbanks-Alaska.

Rest wishes,



Nancy Pitka, Y-K Subregional Director

3-4-99

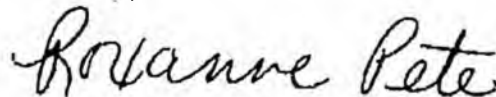
Roxanne Pqte
1360 Airport Way 1H5
Fairbanks AK. 99761
March 4, 1999

To Whom It May Concern;

I'm thankful for Healthy Family Program because when I have questions about family matter, they are there to answer my questions or give me new ideas and suggestions to try. Also they help me with doctor appointments when it's time for my baby to get his shot.

I'm still learning how to be a better parent for my children. It's great to know there is help like Healthy Family Program.

Sincerely



Roxanne Pete

3-11-99

To whom it may concern,

My name is Amanda Lynn Brown I am a 19 year old single parent of a 7 month old baby girl and we are in the healthy families program for parents & children. My resource counselor has helped me a great deal and provided me with the information I have needed numerous times, I would like to go further in the program with my daughter. The resource center provides families with so much, I have even recommended friends to the program so that they can also be aware of something that helps so much.

Sincerely
Amanda Lynn Brown

To whom it may concern, The Healthy Families program has helped our family in all sorts of ways, they have taught us all kinds of healthy ways of raising our baby they brought us literature on being good parents. They helped us enormously with transportation to the store, doctors appointments, they helped us get lots of baby stuff we needed and even stuff for ourselves. Without the Healthy Families program we wouldn't have known a lot about the necessary ways of raising a child. The healthy family program is wonderful.

Thankfully

Meloni Jones

Dear

I think that the home visits
have helped me out alot with my child.
My personal and emotional relationship
with my child has gotten alot better.
I really like it that they are helping moms
like myself out.

Katrina Swance

To whom it may concern
The Health family ~~is~~ is something
that people need. I would rather
see the money and help go to
Health family's they help teach us.
how to not be like my mother was.
~~When~~ when I was growing up
they ~~let~~ let me ~~know~~ know how
to be a better mom to my son
I ~~thank~~ thank we need ~~more~~ more
Health family's ~~and~~ and ~~the~~ less
blame ~~on~~ the mom's and dad's.
we need more people to teach
how to ~~break~~ break the cycle.
that's ~~what~~ what a health family's
~~is~~ is to me they help me get
to appointments and ~~to~~ go ~~get~~
food and diapers and to the doctor's

Thank you for health family's

Mary Sted

TO LORNA HANCOCK,

3-13-99

my name is Leticia Crowell Crowell
I am an 18 yr old single parent
of 1 child.

I am one of the many parents
that receive advice and resources
from the Healthy Families program

They have helped me out a great
deal (e.g. - transportation to
needed meetings) once a week to
work out different issues in my
life at that time.

I really appreciate the services
that I receive from them and I
would really like to continue with
this program.

Sincerely,
Leticia Crowell

To whom it may concern,

my name is Kathleen Lewis. Last year I had participated in a meeting in the same concern. I have been with this organization for two year as one of the family's. I ~~was~~ then just got out of a abusive relationship of 7yrs and a healthy family gave me the strength and support to do so. My children total 4 boys⁺ have been out of the relation for a year now and are going through a custody disput. H.F.'s are my strenght + my family. Please for the children in this community, let them give us the knowledge and understanding in beeing good healthy family's.

Kathleen Lewis
3/12/99

31799

To whom it is concerns,

I have been working with Healthy Families for 5 to 6 months now and they have really helped me. Pam has been a good friend and helped when things got stressful. The program is a real good resource.

Sincerely

Pamela HARE

AND

Cathryn Rose Foster.

was for my family. If I need any clothes or extra food, they would help gather it up from other resources. They were/are there for talking to and any questions I needed to ask. Most important to me was that they are mothers, too, and they know what it's like and have insight.

There aren't enough resources available to single parents, and they are hard to find. It's too bad that we have to go through so many channels to find something to help us when we really need it. This program is very important to have and so many people get a lot of it. I have and I still use this resource no matter what ups or downs I have.

Thank you
Robin

THE
FOLLOWING
DOCUMENT(S)
ARE
POOR
ORIGINAL
COPIES

I was a very depressed person
 when they diagnosed me with MS in
 1993. I had many friends and family
 in Fairbanks. Some were very
 kind and some were not. I
 didn't have many visitors to
 help me. It was very difficult
 of my two older children and my
 nephew, which was getting
 overwhelming. I heard about
 Healthy Families and hired a
 public health nurse. They came
 to my home as people who
 were real. I didn't feel
 unloved or pressured. They made
 realize that they were here to
 soothe and reassure me that I
 wasn't alone. I felt like
 my life was going to be much
 better because they supported

To whom it may concern;

3-11-99

I'm writing this letter in recognition of the Resource Center for Parents and Children.

I've been in the R.C.P.C. program since early 1997, which has been such a great blessing for my daughter and I. Without the resources this program offers us, I would've been in a hard situation many times.

I thank God for the wonderful people I've met at the R.C.P.C. building. I believe that their helping hand and kind heart has brought happiness to many homes in Fairbanks, including mine.

The Resource Center for Parents and Children is such a great necessity in Fairbanks; it's a wonderful program.

Sincerely,
Rachel & Skyler Edwin

Dona Thomas-Evan

630 Love Rd.

Fairbanks, AK 99712

907-488-9418

Re: RCP's Healthy Families

To whom it may concern:

My name is Dona Thomas and I am the single parent of a beautiful 21 month old boy. Since the birth of my son, I have learned quite a bit, going from zero knowledge of raising a child to at least being comfortable with my growing parental skills. A large amount of my confidence is due directly to the influence of the Healthy Families program. Over the last two years, the information, knowledge and support from the individuals in the program has been not only helpful, but irreplaceable. This program is a benefit to the community of Fairbanks; the parents of Fairbanks and any future parents of Fairbanks. Our children are our future and the only way to create strong children for a healthy future is to ensure the health, strength and knowledge of these raising them. Healthy Families creates and maintains these attributes within the families it reaches. I know it has in mine.

Thank you,

Dona Thomas

To Whom it May Concern,
My family was in a crisis situation when I had my daughter in March, 1998. A nurse at the hospital referred me to the KCPC Healthy Families Program.

My family support worker met with me every week and talked about the baby and our family's situation.

I was a first time mother and my family support worker provided me with valuable information about infants and helped me to find practical solutions to the dilemma that I was in.

When my family support worker was unavailable, the Healthy Families Program director and the other family support workers were always enthusiastic to answer my questions ~~any way they could~~ and help me any way they could.

Sincerely,
Kerry W. Fair
Kerry W. Fair

Healthy families,

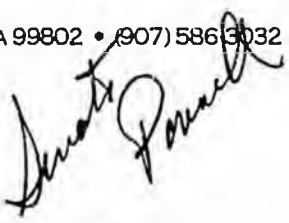
My family and I have been A part of the healthy families program going on three years now. Myself and my wife think that the program has helped us greatly. There have been times when we were on the brink of divorce. We have made it through all of our problems with the help, guidance, and support of our home visitor, (Laura). We have five children. If There is anyone who has never had the experience of being a parent to five kids, they should look up the healthy families program. Our children love our home visitor like she was part of our family. We are moving to the lower 48 in about 10 months. It would be greatly appreciated if our home visitor can continue her visits to our home. The healthy families program is an excellant program to help the families and children of fairbanks.

**Thank you
Timothy Rogers**

**Howard
William
Scaman**

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Date: April 16, 1999
To: Senate Finance Committee



Re: Budget recommendations Division Alcohol & Drug Abuse

The Sub Committee has recommended budget cuts which in effect would totally cripple this division's ability to function. The proposed cuts are apparently being proposed on the basis that the division has recently been awarded approximately \$3 million a year in new federal money for the next three years. This money is specifically targeted to prevention efforts. Unfortunately, it cannot be used in any way to supplant existing state positions.

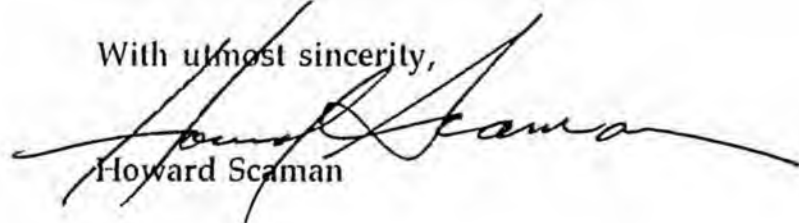
1. If the proposed cuts to the administrative component of the division's budget are permitted to remain the division would be forced to eliminate between 10 and 13 positions, including those responsible for administering the new money. It would probably be necessary to return those funds to the federal source. Senator Stevens worked very hard to assist the state in securing those funds.

2. An examination of the recommendations for other DH&SS divisions indicates that the cut of ADA administration funds is selective, targeted and exclusive. This is the only division where such a cut has been proposed. This is particularly hard to fathom since this division received an outstanding evaluation and audit this year and has, more than any other agency, been responsible for securing an infusion of discretionary exogenous federal resources into the state. This brings to question the possibility of other personal and economic interests being involved in this decision. Are there other factors involved?

However well intentioned, It would appear that the sub committee is missing a fundamental principal. If we administer large amounts of money and programs it requires staff to accomplish this. In addition to providing needed services, federal dollars create and provide new badly needed jobs.

I have worked in and volunteered in this field in Alaska for over 30 years. This is in all probability, the most shortsighted and damaging move I have seen in that time. The division is a model of efficiency and effectiveness for the rest of the country and the committee appears to be punishing rather than encouraging their effectiveness. Please re examine the proposed cuts and the actual effect it would have on the operation of the division. However well intentioned, this is not the way to accomplish your objectives.

With utmost sincerity,



Howard Scaman

I really enjoy the Healthy Family program. They have been there for me and my son since I had him. Everytime I had a question to ask they were there to try to answer them. Everyone in the program is very friendly and caring. I would like to keep them around in mine and my sons life. ☺

Melissa Taylor

March 9/99

To whom this may concern,

I like this program alot because it helps me alot on how to take care of my daughter because this is my first child and I think lots of people who have children need this kind of support because it is not a easy thing to do. If you have any problems they try to help you when you don't know what to do. I just think it is a prett cool program.

Sincerely,
Windy Lynch

3-9-99

To Whom it may concern,

RCPC Has been a helpful Program to me, they helped me to sign up for my Section 8 program, I don't think I would be in my apartment now without their help. I have family here in Fairbanks, but my home visitors have been here when I didn't have anybody to come and visit me.

This isn't the way I meant to write my letter, ~~but~~ I was going to write a carefully, cleverly worded testimony on the benefits of RCPC to me and other members of the program, however being a new mom, of course I forgot to take the time to do it. Sooooo I just want to say RCPC has been a positive experience for me and my son. And I hope it continues to be the same for more families in the future. Thank you,

Sincerely,

Jarissa M. Sawyer



Family Training Associates

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February 7, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit a letter in support of the Resource Center for Parents and Children's collaborative proposal with the Fairbanks Public Health Center for Healthy Families Fairbanks.

The Resource Center for Parents & Children is a leader in a recognized network of family services in the Fairbanks community, pioneering preventive programs in child abuse and neglect. The comprehensive services provided by the Resource Center are creatively responsive to the needs of Alaska families, and the staff providing these services are held in high regard by professionals in agencies providing complementary services.

Innovative prevention programs, where the home is the primary site of service, make sense. The whole family benefits from home-based intervention services, conjoining the best resources a community has to offer. Young families learn early parenting skills in a safe and supportive environment. In addition, home-based services provide unique opportunities to help families resolve issues that might precipitate more serious family dysfunction.

Healthy Families Fairbanks has proved itself as a prevention program that provides young families with access to a vast array of local services to meet a wide variety of needs. Much of the program's success should be credited to the caring and committed staff that provide the services. It is more than a program. It is a clear example of how people change lives in a positive way. I am continually impressed with the positive energy of helpers who are attracted to this program and their salutary commitment to Healthy Families Fairbanks.

Sincerely,

Carol H. Brice, R.N., M.Ed.
Certified Family Life Educator



March 10, 1999 .

To Whom It May Concern,

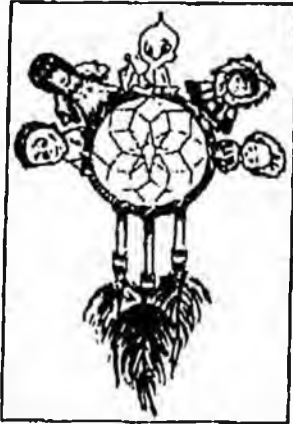
I am pleased to submit a letter in support of the Resource Center for Parents and Children's proposal for Healthy Families Fairbanks.

The Resource Center for Parents and Children in Fairbanks is identified as one of the first agencies that clients can receive information and referrals for needs pertaining to their families. The staff is highly respected by other social agencies in Fairbanks for their professionalism and caring.

Healthy Families Fairbanks addresses prevention issues with families before more serious issues arise. Families benefit from preventive programs on a home-based model where they are comfortable and supported in their own environment. This program also works with the whole family and not just members of the family in isolation.

Healthy Families Fairbanks meets parents on a prevention and intervention level. This program helps change lives. I fully support and am impressed with how this program has creatively responded to the needs of families in the Fairbanks area.


Valerie Anne Demming M.Ed.



Early Head Start

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March 11, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

RCPC's Healthy Family program has been an incredible asset to the Fairbanks community. They are actively involved in recruiting families for their program through partnering with other community agencies. These other agencies have benefited from Healthy Family's collaboration and involvement, such as our Early Head Start program. Healthy Families and Early Head Start have similar missions in this community, and we are serving distinct populations with successful outcomes. Our coexistence and cooperation is complimented by Healthy Families commitment to professional services and family advocacy. We enjoy shared training with the Healthy Family staff. Healthy Families and Early Head Start over the past year worked together to start a community home visiting support meeting, now named Interior Home Visiting Network.

Early Head Start and it's enrolled families have benefited from the services offered by the RCPC Healthy Family program. We support their efforts through mutual referrals and community education. There is a high need within the Fairbanks community to serve families that have little support and minimal resources. Healthy Families offers a unique blend of family advocacy, education, parenting, and opportunities to link with community resources for families in need. Healthy Families existence and efforts are far reaching in our community and homes. We feel that the continuation and increase of funding for the RCPC's Healthy Family program would be a continuation of a quality service for our interior Fairbanks home.

Sincerely,

Valerie Naquin
Early Head Start Director

A Service of Fairbanks Native Association



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 Committee on Budget Committee Name Dated 4/15/99
Bill / Subject

*Please support the Board of Regents
 Budget for the University of Alaska.*

RUTH E BURNETT

SIGNED:

Ruth E Burnett

Testifier

NAF Committee of the Chamber
 Representing

1901 Crossman Ave, Fairbanks
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Effective treatment for alcohol and drug abuse and other social problems have to be owned by the individuals and the communities receiving treatment. Alaska Native people are an independent group of people who are interdependent on one another for support and growth. These cultural traits should be capitalized on to allow appropriate and effective programs. Obviously cutting services to rural communities is not the answer.

Often treatment programs have been started in a "bandaid" type of approach rather than focusing on the cause of the illness. Programs focus on alcoholics who have progressed to the point in their disease that they are no longer functioning members of our society. The treatment focuses on what is an "eyesore", i.e. public inebriates and the homeless. I agree and fully support treatment for this group of individuals but strongly believe in early treatment and prevention programs that result in a decreased number of individuals who are alcoholics and an increased number of alcoholics who are in recovery.

Alcoholism is disease that affects many aspects of an individual's life, the community and the State the individual lives in, so that the net result is this is a societal problem. Alcoholism results in:

1. Increased death through alcohol related illness, trauma, physical abuse, suicide, homicides and exposure,
2. Increased community problems through child neglect, rape, child abuse, grieving, spouse abuse, destruction of property and theft,
3. Decreased self esteem of alcoholics, their family members and their communities through the above and society's message to alcoholics that this is a problem of self control rather than the truth - that this is an illness,
4. Increased rates of FAS and FAE result in increased health care costs, community costs, plus numerous other problems resulting from a permanent disability,
5. Increased cost from the above and increased costs through increased rates of unemployment, disability and incarceration to the State and Federal Governments.

I know that the budget deficit is a huge problem and cuts need to be made Statewide. I feel that cutting or not increasing services to rural communities and women's treatment programs is short sighted and will result in a marked increase in cost to the State over the long run.

Sincerely



Donna R. Galbreath M.D
Governors Advisory Board on Alcoholism
And Drug Abuse..

Dr. Donna Galbreath
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State of Alaska
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Committee Members,

I am concerned about the budget cuts for alcohol and drug treatment and prevention. Specifically I am extremely concerned about the proposed cuts affecting service delivery for women's treatment programs and improvement of services to rural communities.

Treatment programs for women in previous years have been nonexistent. It is in the last few years that there has been an increase in these programs but there is still a need for more services in order to meet State-wide needs. The programs that are in existent are doing a wonderful job and have statistics to show their impact on alcohol and drug abuse.

Treatment for women is of utmost importance not only for treatment, but for prevention. Children of alcoholics are more likely to become alcoholics and these children also have a high likelihood of having Fetal Alcohol Effects or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. These treatment programs for women not only address alcohol and drug abuse in parents but address parenting skills which results in prevention of alcoholism in children when they become adults and the prevention of future FAE and FAS affected children.

As you know, Alaska has one of the Nations highest rates of alcoholism. Furthermore, the rural communities have a disproportionate rate of alcoholism and alcohol related adverse effects. Because of the greater numbers of people in larger communities, services for alcohol and drug abuse have been focused in larger communities. Rural communities with higher rates of alcoholism and drug abuse have not received these services. People in rural communities are expected to leave family and friends to receive treatment in other communities. These treatment programs try to be culturally sensitive but the lack is apparent in that most workers are non-Native, the treatment facility life style including food are culturally different then how individuals from villages live. People with alcohol or drug abuse problems often do not go to treatment because they cannot, will not, leave their family to stay in a treatment program that is stressful not only because of treatment issues but because of lifestyle issues. Villagers are put into an artificial environment then expected to return home and maintain sobriety. A more effective approach is to allow rural communities to deliver treatment programs within their own communities. This not only allows culturally appropriate treatment, but, includes family for increased support and raises community awareness and support. This results in increased rates of sobriety through community actions and community awareness, thereby decreasing alcoholism.



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SIGNED: KENNETH H MURRAY
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Controversial Northern Intertie big part of budget solution

Conservationists are pointing to controversial and wasteful state projects as a \$182 million opportunity that could be a big part of the solution to this year's state budget crisis. Last week, the Northern Alaska Environmental Center asked the House Finance Committee to consider budget cuts for private utility interties, Northern Region road construction, foreign trade offices, state forestry development, and lobbying for oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge. Instead, the committee voted to eliminate \$48 million in state revenue sharing which will likely be passed on to residents as property tax increases.

"In its haste to push the cost of government onto the backs of property owners, the State House missed out on over \$182 million worth of easy ways to eliminate the worst of government extravagance and pork," said Sylvia Ward, executive director of the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, a local conservation organization founded in 1971.

The State Legislature will be finalizing decisions to eliminate many popular and vital state programs in the next week. The Northern Alaska Environmental Center asked the Knowles Administration and legislators to act immediately to tap over \$182 million dollars set to be spent on controversial and wasteful programs. If the \$182 million were reapportioned to the General Fund, not only could it be put to better public use, but less money would have to be taken from the Alaska Permanent Fund earnings to cover the \$1 billion budget gap. Not having to cover \$182 million out of Permanent Fund earnings would put over \$310 in each dividend check (based on the number of Permanent Fund dividend recipients in 1998). Every dollar in the Permanent Fund is hard at work earning more on a compounded basis. It makes no sense to take more out of the fund than is absolutely necessary at this time.

The biggest item on the group's Conservation Budget would generate \$145 million for the General Fund. "The intertie projects hit nearly every Alaskan right in their pocketbook," says George Matz, President of Anchorage Audubon.

Ward adds, "We told the committee where they could find millions of dollars of wasteful state expenditures; instead they're reaching for your wallet. What we're highlighting could support the many popular, vital programs jeopardized in various budget proposals: the state University system; public TV; municipal funding; public and worker safety; road maintenance; and the foster parent program. We're offering the legislature \$182 million worth of solutions to protect worthy public needs, avoid raising property taxes, and conserve the Alaska Permanent Fund."

"There are states in this country where they wouldn't lose track of over \$100 million," chides Ward. "This is the year to eliminate wasteful, unpopular projects. That's why we're urging people to let their legislators and governor hear about the Conservation Budget before all the decisions get locked in."



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04/15/99

Marie Simmons
615 Ginko #1
Fairbanks, Ak.99709

Senator: Pete Kelly
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol(MS)3100
Juneau, Ak.99801-1182

Dear Senator Kelly

My name is Marie Simmons, I am a member of the Governors Council on Disabilities and Special Education and a parent of Teisha, and she is a twenty two year old quadriplegia.

I am asking for your support for full funding of Medicaid and request that the Senate extend Representative Therriault's promise of allowing a supplemental budget as needed next session.

I am concerned about Medicaid. 28% of Alaska's expenditures are dedicated to disabled people. These individuals cannot afford to have availability of medical care in jeopardy due to payment reductions.

I thank you for your time and consideration .

Sincerely,

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Senator: Gary Wilken
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Senator: Gary Wilken:

My name is Marie Simmons, I am a member of the Governors Council on Disabilities and Special Education and a parent of Teisha, and she is a twenty two year old quadriplegia. I am very proud of her accomplishments. She made the National Deans list and is in her third year at the University/Fairbanks.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee on _____ Committee Name
Dated _____

Bill / Subject

The upper end of the Dalton Highway is falling apart again! The D-1 crush is gone. Why? The Budget was cut and we couldn't buy enough calcium chloride to cover the rd to hold the "Fines on the surface." So now we have to go to Bid again to make more crush for the road Topping! A grader can only do so much with rocks but with a good 8" to 10" of D-1 it can do wonders.

40 mi of the Denali Highway is proposed to drop for rd. maint. Over that 40 mi section there are many spots that could wash out, and the 100,000 proposed spending reduction could turn around to cost D.O.T/P.F. 250,000 to repair! Our Highways are getting wider and longer Tourism is up! But our maint. Budget is getting smaller it doesn't make sense! WE need to get a dedicated Highway fund not just Federal Dollars. Alaskans need to start paying our way again!

SIGNED:

Testifier_____
Representing_____
Address / Phone Number



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the (S) FINANCE
Committee Name
 Committee on OPERATING BUDGET Dated 4/15/99
Bill / Subject

Hello, my name is BEN STEWART, I'm a 29yr employee with the D.O.T/P.F. as a Highway maint Foreman. I would like to encourage you not to cut and slash our maint budget. As a long time employee I have seen and felt the legislative budget-cuts as a state worker and as a public citizen.

My summer job is the foreman of the Highway Striping crew in the Northern Region, I paint from the Canadian border to FBKS, Chukotna on the Parks Highway to FBKS. Valdez to FBKS. and all the other side Rds that D.O.T maintains that has paint. Over the last 6 to 8 yrs my painting budget has been cut. But more roads have been built that need striping every year and sometimes twice a year due to higher increase in tourism. Some roads here in the interior haven't been painted in 2 yrs! Where does it stop? The legislature has slowly eroded our maint personnel over the yrs so in some camps if there is a man on L.V. and 1 or 2 others call in sick the job at hand whether it be snow plowing or grading cannot be done!

SIGNED:

BEN STEWART
 Testifier

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D.O.B. 83717 FBKS AK 99708.
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TO : MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

From: Leon Lynch
P.O.Box 387
Ester, Alaska 99725

Let me begin by stating that I recognize you have a difficult job to accomplish when the state is currently experiencing a billion dollar deficit. My concern is that you are not accurately considering the impacts of some cuts you have proposed. A specific example is the proposed million dollar cut to the Division of Land.

Currently I am employed by the Northern Region of Division of Land (Lands). My job is to issue permits, leases, right-of-ways (ROW's), and material sales on the north slope. I spend an average of 12 weeks of the year in the field working directly with the oil industry. I take exception to comments attributed to the Senate DNR subcommittee that Lands does nothing for development I find this particularly ironic when Greenpeace thinks the exact opposite! I had to spend half this winter preparing for court to defend our office's decision to issue ice road permits for Northstar development.

On average my office brings in one million dollars a year in revenue; **just from the slope**. This includes such things as 1.2 million yard material sale for Badami in 1997, and 1.2 million yard sale for Northstar in 1999. Deadhorse industrial leases bring in approximately \$250,000 annually, land use permit revenue from the slope this year was over \$100,000. The authorizations we issue facilitate major development and generate substantial revenue. Currently two and one half staff positions are responsible for oil and gas permitting. Isn't that a pretty good return on investment?

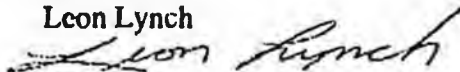
Recently in the interior, Lands has had an active role in development of the Fort Knox mine, Pogo mine, Golden Valley Intertie, and the MFS fiber optic cable ROW. Lands has to issue the leases, permits, ROW's and material sales to make these projects happen on state land. Isn't this rather large-scale development? Doesn't the long term (and short-term) economic health of the state depend upon the revenue generated from projects like these? Without the legal authorizations to use the land how can projects such as these proceed in the future?

Again, I know budget cuts are necessary in this economic climate but I know our staff has been cut year after year until now we are at less than 50% of our 1990 staffing level. Now the Senate proposes to cut another 20% of what little remains. I don't think that yearly cuts are pro-development, rather I think further cuts will make anti-development groups very pleased. Please consider tempering cuts to those agencies that directly provide income to the state and also allows responsible development to continue.

Please start focusing on generating income, not continuing to bleed income producing agencies and the University to death. My preference would be for you to cap the dividend this year. I know it won't solve the revenue problem by itself but it is a start. It will also stop acting as a magnet drawing people to Alaska who come for the wrong reason.

In closing I would like to thank the legislature for keeping the Legislative Information Offices open so Alaskans can provide you their input.

Sincerely,
Leon Lynch



TO: Members of the Senate Finance Committee

April 16, 1999

From: Nancy Raboner, POB 81428, Fairbanks, AK 99708

Let me begin by saying I realize you have a difficult task in dealing with the State's deficit. I'm concerned that you don't realize the tangible impacts of some of your proposed cuts, in particular the \$1,000,000 cut to the DNR Division of Land.

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The DNR is one of the State's biggest money makers. The Division of Land, NRO, brings in \$350,000 from north slope mineral sales alone. The finance committee's proposed \$1,000,000 cut would mean the loss of at least 2 more positions from our Fairbanks office which would decrease the amount of money we can bring into the state.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Raboner



TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

From: Judy Chapman
P.O. Box 89
Ester, AK 99725

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. I am a lifelong Alaskan and am employed by the DNR, Division of Land in its Fairbanks office. Over the past six years I have worked with the State's RS 2477 program, land authorizations, North Slope issues and other state's rights and planning issues.

The work we do is important to the state. Whether defending the State's access rights or representing state interests at the planning table, the Division of Land promotes natural resource development and protects state interests. As a long-term state resident I worry that the legislature's proposal to cut a million dollars from the Division of Land budget amounts to cutting off the state's nose to spite its face. I do not think this tactic will enhance industry and development that use state lands--rather, it will inhibit development and cause land use problems.

The Division of Land provides the state's backbone for economic development on state lands. We legalize the use of state land by other agencies, permit access across state land for mine development, and develop access routes to timber sales. We are part of virtually every state government function that incorporates the use of state land. Our North Slope gravel sales bring in **hundreds of thousands of dollars** every year to the state. Lease fees and other authorizations are other significant revenue sources. Division of Land has been a vital player in large cooperative projects such as the **GVEA Intertie**, the **MFS fiber optic line**, and the development of **Fort Knox and Pogo gold mines**.

Planning is an integral part of development projects. Acting without planning ensures future litigation and land use problems. Many large-scale development projects require inter-agency coordination in order to occur. The proposed cuts to the "allocate" function would cripple the division's ability to participate and authorize future development programs. I have represented the state's interests in a variety of planning projects. These include a planning project to evaluate **northern access into Denali National Park**, coordinating **Dalton Highway planning and development** (a cooperative effort between oil industry and land managers along the highway), a project to develop **river access facilities** to the Nenana River, and planning for the **management of RS 2477 rights-of-way**, to name a few. Planning is essential to approve a development in an area where there is no area plan. Without planning, the development could not occur. Without the State at the table, state interests are not represented.

Additionally, the proposed cuts inhibit the ability of the state to transfer land to local governments, thereby impeding their ability to plan and develop those lands.

I hope you will reconsider the proposed cut of 726.0 to the division's allocate function. Our clients often tell us they wish we could have more of a field presence and interact more with local governments, particularly in the planning arena. In the Northern Regional Office, staffing levels have been cut 50% in nine years, making it much more difficult to serve the public when they apply for a land use authorization for their business, right-of-way, etc. For these reasons, I urge you to fund revenue-generating agencies at their current 1998 levels, and instead focus on establishing a source of income to fund the programs that enhance our great state.

Sincerely,

Judy Chapman



TO: SENATOR WILKEN
FROM: HAL MEYER, FAIRBANKS

4/15/99

Senator Wilken - I spoke with Beth today about Randy Phillips comments that Division of Land does not provide economic benefit to the State of Alaska. She recommended I contact you with my concerns.

Sen. Phillips remarks really chilled me to the bone when he made the above referenced remark. I'm not sure how I can explain the benefits that we provide the public without sounding like I'm getting up on a soapbox but here goes.

Our mission statement is to "Develop, Conserve and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans" and we have been doing just that. From million dollar material sales (Northstar and Badami on the north slope) to the \$350 permits for the mom and pop guiding businesses, we are a player in almost every natural resource activity in the state. We lease land to run million dollar logistic camps for mineral exploration; we lease land to operate multi-million dollar recreational businesses who support tourism in Alaska (Denali Wilderness Lodge, etc.); we authorize the Arctic Man snow machine races at Summit Lake (Howard Thies); we permit boat tours operators who show tourists how to pan for gold (Denali Wilderness Safaris); we created a 5.5 million cubic yard sale of gravel to the Fairbanks North Star Borough for the new land fill where the extracted gravel site will become a water related recreational park presently titled the Tanana Lakes Park (330 acres); a future right-of-way permit for a fiber optic line to increase Alaska's communication abilities (MFS); a land disposal program offering thousands of Alaskans an opportunity to create their family home (homesite, homestead, remote parcel programs); assist sister agencies in the performance of their duties (Fish and Wildlife protection, Alaska Fire Service, etc.); and I've only just skimmed the surface of what we do here at the Division of Land.

Can we really expect to do all this in a professional and timely matter without a plan? That seems to be the question before the Senate Finance Committee. Planning seems to be the buzzword of the nineties. We plan for dinner, we plan to do this or that, we are even constantly asked by TV and magazines "Do you have a plan for the future". I do have a plan for my future, but I'm afraid Alaska won't if we decide to eliminate funds from the Division of Lands budget for a sound planning process.

I must admit my aim is selfish Senator Wilkens. Not because I am an employee of the Division of land but because I have two children whom I hope will choose to remain in Alaska as I have. I often times reflect on the kind of Alaska I will be leaving my children, especially when I have been so close to the issues that will shape our state's future. I want my kids to see an Alaska that has grown strong through sound, responsible conservation and development of our resources and this cannot and will not happen without a plan. We are the Titanic and the public has given us repeated warnings of what is ahead if we don't plan for it. We shouldn't ignore their warning!

Why is it that the agencies that manage and promote the development of state resources secure less than 10% of general fund monies? Let's not cut off the hand that feeds us. If we do, the public will be the ones who suffer. Alaska will suffer.

I think we should consider generating revenue rather than cutting essential state programs. Do this by capping the permanent fund and using a portion of the rest to fund state government and as an educational IRA for our children. The longer they are here, the more they get and the money can only be used for Alaska schools! This would benefit the University of Alaska and Alaska money would stay in Alaska.

Thanks Senator Wilkens for taking the time to address my concerns and for your efforts as a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Hal Meyer *HM*

CC: Senate Finance Committee

To: Members of the Senate Finance Committee

April 16, 1999

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Thank you for your consideration, Nancy Rabenar





ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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 Committee on Budget Committee Name Dated 4/15/99
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I would like to encourage you to reinstate municipal assistance for the local governments. The local governments need some time to establish alternate sources of revenue like a sales tax. Some communities are more able to support a tax others not, due to population or tax caps. I'm sure you are aware of that.

I am willing to support state income tax to generate another source of ~~income~~ ^{revenue} for our state. Local governments that can should & probably will propose a sales tax to support their communities. Alaska is a wonderful place to live, we need to keep it that way. I hope reason and responsibility continue to be present during your deliberations.

SIGNED:

Gleason Cummings

Testifier

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1267 Jacquelyn Lane, North Pole Ak

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate

Committee on State Budget Committee Name
Bill / Subject Dated April 15, 1999

This is an appropriate date to hold this teleconference on, April 15. A day dedicated to keeping the American dream alive for all citizens. This is accomplished by a dynamic funding mechanism known as the Federal Income Tax. Without this day many Americans would not enjoy the lifestyle this country allows.

Each of us helps pay our share, albeit somewhat grudgingly sometimes, but a necessary fact of life.

I urge you to endorse and pass a statewide Income Tax in recognition of the fact all residents of the State of Alaska deserve a brighter future than the one being painted by the Legislative Majority. Making cuts and reductions for the sake of appearing to exercise fiscal constraint is misleading, when in fact Municipal Revenue sharing cuts appear elsewhere in the form of increased local taxes, be they sales or property taxes.

This abbreviated period for testimony is woefully inadequate for such an important topic.

SIGNED:

Timothy L. Beck
 Testifier

Respectfully Submitted,

Self, Citizen of the State of Alaska
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

To Budget Committee members of the Senate & House

You all have difficult decisions to make, but please search for ways to balance the budget without making such deep cuts.

Alaska's young people, our greatest natural resource, deserve and need a good education, a foundation for their future: PLEASE fully fund the University of Alaska and public schools.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INCREASING REVENUE:

- 1. Each working person in Alaska to pay a \$100 school tax annually, to be automatically deducted from the second paycheck.**
- 2. Limit the permanent fund bonus for each Alaskan to a maximum of \$1,000.00.**
- 3. Consider a State tax of ten percent of each person's Federal tax.**

I've lived in Alaska for 71 years. We used to pay a school tax. It was deducted at the beginning of each year. We used to pay a state tax-think it was 14 or 16 percent of the federal tax? We also used to pay local sales tax.

We can't go on expecting to get something for nothing. If we want good services and a state we can be proud of, we have to pay for it. Please don't sell young people short.

**Helen L. Atkinson - e-mail: atkinson@alaska.net
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April 16, 1999

Please send the attached letter to the following:

1. Alaska Senate, Finance Committee
2. Alaska House of Representatives, Finance Committee
3. John Davies
4. Gary Wilken
5. Tom Brice

Thank you,

Earl H. Beistline
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Senator Sean Parnell, Co-Chair
Senator John Torgerson, Co-Chair

From: Fairbanks Legislative Information Office

Fax:

Date: April 16, 1999

Phone:

Pages: 42-43-44

Re: Written Testimony for HB 50, SB 30:

CC:

Teleconferenced on 04/15/99

- Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

-Comments: The originals will be mailed to Senator Parnell's office. Thank you.

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee
Members

From: Kathy Blanc

Address: POB 1438
Petersburg AK 99833

Date: April 15, 1999

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Senate Finance
Committee

I am the Director of the Petersburg Children's Center, a private, non-profit childcare facility that is primarily (88%) supported by parent payments.

The Child Care Grant Program provides wage dollars for Children's Center. This program is vital to maintain affordable, licensed care. This grant is the only financial incentive the state provides for caregivers to become licensed, which supports quality care for the youngest Alaskans.

Over the past four years the Children's Center has received an average of \$10,000 a year from this grant. As we do not have *any* extra room in our budget, if we loose this grant it is likely that we will have to raise rates by 4-5%. That translates to an extra \$300.00 per year for a child who attends full time. Low and middle income working people already struggle to pay their childcare bills, and cannot afford a further increase in rates.

Please maintain the Child Care Grant program and increase the current funding level.

Respectfully,



Kathleen Blanc

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Sandy Volk

Address: POB 554
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4-15-99

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Signature Sandy Volk SAM VOLK

Molly Volk

Affordable childcare is critical to the workforce for Alaskan families. It is a necessity for ~~for~~ most mothers to work, to just help pay bills and keep food on the table, while daycare already takes a major portion of the paycheck.
Child Care cannot be compromised

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Linda Hammer

Address: P.O. Box
Petersburg, AR 72450

Date: 4-15-99

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Linda Hammer

Kelsey Hammer
Our family does not currently qualify for reduced rates. Our day care bill is as much as our house payment! Please do not cut funding further. We cannot afford it!

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: LAURA EDTELT

Address: BOX 1738, PETERSBURG 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Susan Flanary

Address: P.O. Box 776
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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Signature

Susan Flanary

This Center is vital to Petersburg. Please help us maintain good quality day care here.

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From:

Ginger Ressler

Address:

Box 1313
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date:

4/15/99

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Ginger Ressler

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Mark Martinson

Address: Box 331
Petersburg AK 99833

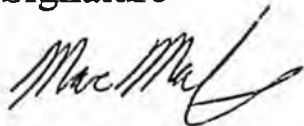
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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Michele K. Rover

Address: PO 1777 (15 Delphin U4) Petersburg AK
99533

Date: 7-16-99

grandparent

My daughter

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Michele K. Rover

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: DeEtta Quezon

Address: P.O. box 827 Petersburg AK 99833

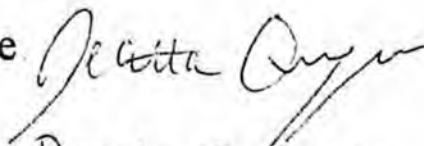
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DeEtta Quezon

P.O. box 827

Petersburg AK 99833

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: VICKI CURTISS

Address: BOX 1532 PETERSBURG, AK 99833

Date: 4/16/99

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VICKI R. CURTISS

BOX 1532

PETERSBURG, AK 99833

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Susan Miller Erickson

Address: P.O. Box 53 Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4-15-99

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Susan Miller Erickson

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: JAMET KVERNVIK

Address: Bx 1081

Date: 4/16/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Cynthia Frech

Address: PO Box 1304
Petersburg AK 99833

Date: 15 APR 99

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C. Frech

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Linda Hammer

Address: P.O. Box 1415
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Charles Teresa I. Strenli

611 Rambler
Address: PO Box 692
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4-15-99

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Teresa I. Strenli

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Paula K. AKers

Address: P.O. Box 845
513 Sandy Beach Rd.
Petersburg AK. 99833

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Signature Paula K. Akers

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Donald M. & Mary Reyes

Address: P.O. Box 1622
Pgs. AK 99833

Date: 4-15-99

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Signature Donald M. Reyes

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From:

Linda Slight

Address:

PO BOX 2117
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date:

4/16/99

I am a parent of a child at the Petersburg Children's Center. I need dependable, affordable childcare in order to go to work.

I have two children in daycare.

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: JESSE O'CONNOR

Address: P.O. Box 703 PETERSBURG
AK

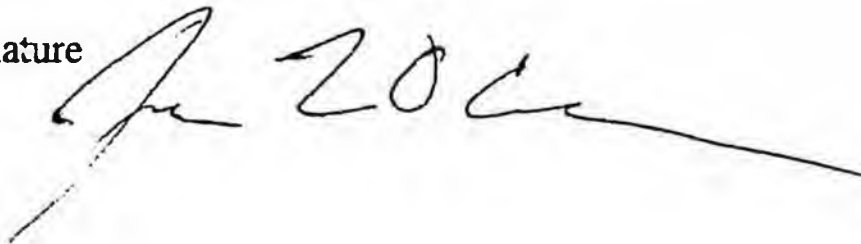
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From: Jennifer m. Kettleston

Address: PO Box 73
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Date: 4-16-99

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Jennifer m. Kettleston

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Virginia P Evens

Address: Box 585
380 Mitkof Hwy
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 16 April 1999

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Virginia P Evens

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Naomi McCullough

Address: P.O. Box 1724
Peg, AK 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From:

WAMEN YIP

Address:

P.O. BOX. 2037

Date:

4-15-88

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Wamen Yip

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: CALVIN CHANG

Address: P.O. Box 2132

Date: 4/15/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Laura Tyler

Address: P.O. Box 1764
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4-15-99

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Laura Tyler

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Barbara Marston

Address: PO Box 917 Petersburg AK. 99833

Date: 4/14/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Mitzi Willimon

Address: General Delivery
Petersburg AK 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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Signature *Mitzi L. Willimon*

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Millie M. Tuccillo

Address: PO Box 2120
204 Gjoa St.
Petersburg AL 39833

Date: 4/15/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Tom Abbott

Address: P.O. BOX 1617
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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Thomas E. Abbott

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Polly Grebe

Address: 106 Sing Lee Alley
Box 564
Petersburg AK 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: *Craig Evans*

Address: *PO BOX 585
Petersburg AK 99833*

Date: *4-15-99*

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Miriam M. Mearig

Address: 713 Wrangell Ave (PO Box 1464)
Petersburg, AK 99833

Date: 4-15-99

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Miriam M. Mearig

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: MARVA MARTINSEN

Address: Box 331, Petersburg AK 99833

Date: 4/15/99

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To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: *SUE McCallum*

Address: *Box 191, Petersburg AK 99833*

Date: *4/15/99*

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Sue McCallum

To: Senate Finance Committee and DCRA Committee Members

From: Jeff Erickson

Address: PO Box 53

Date: 4-15-99

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Jeff Erickson

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April 19, 1999

State of Alaska Legislature
Senate Finance Co-Chairs
Co-Chair, Sen. Sean Parnell
Co-Chair, Sen. John Torgerson
Mail Stop 3100
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Sent Via Fax, Senate Sara Write 465-2187

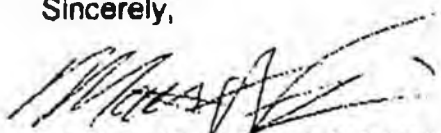
Dear Co-Chairs, Senators Parnell and Torgerson:

I am writing to let you to know of my concern about the proposed funding cuts facing the Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue. In order for workers to be qualified to work on projects at the Red Dog Mine and North Slope oilfields, the Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue must be adequately funded to provide training for the people of the Northwest Arctic region. The proposed elimination of funding would cause an undue burden on the residence of the Northwest Arctic region to receive skill-based training for employment in and out the region.

I understand that the intention of the Alaska Legislature is to continue to offset the current budget deficit by additional revenues to the general fund, from new and old resource development. To eliminate the primary training facility in the Northwest Arctic region is contrary to that objective. This action jeopardizes the local hire that exists in this region, creating more unemployment. The successful employment rates are directly connected to the training provided by the Alaska Technical Center.

I would encourage the members of the Senate and House Finance Committees to re-evaluate the decision to eliminate funding of \$609,000. The Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue needs full funding to effectively fulfill its mission that is beneficial to the State of Alaska as a whole.

Sincerely,



Matthew T. Fagnani, C-SAPA
President

Cheryl Mann
P. O. Box 240434
Anchorage, Alaska 99524

14, April, 1999

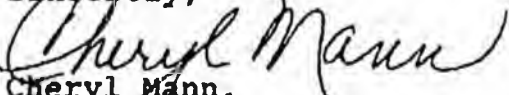
Dear Senator,

I am writing to ask for your support in restoring the proposed cuts that would decimate the provision of alcohol and other drug abuse services for the people of Alaska. It is grossly unfair that the majority of the proposed cuts to the Department of Health and Social Services fall almost entirely on the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Further, they would seriously threaten both the direct and indirect delivery of substance abuse services to the families and communities who need them. Cutting more than 60% of the budget for ADA would result in losing more than half the staff and their ability to monitor state and federal grants. Thus, quality assurance would be greatly reduced and federal matching funds will be lost. And, Alaska was one of the few states to receive a federal prevention grant last year. Why are we thinking about eliminating the programs that can help our children have a better future?

These proposed cuts would eliminate the progress that we have made in the field in the last several years as well as jeopardize drug and alcohol service delivery. The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, a citizen group, worked for more than a year to develop a statewide Outcomes based plan using the Friedman model supported by the Legislature. Through collaboration with a variety of groups statewide we have developed what has been lauded as a model plan. It is very disappointing to think that this work was for nothing and that services are going to be arbitrarily cut before being able to demonstrate that the plan provides the framework for more effective and efficient delivery. Additionally, I teach at UAA and everyday I observe students come through my classroom who are changing their lives and those of their families to create better futures for themselves and for Alaska as a result of their participation in alcohol and drug treatment programs. What better demonstration can we have that these services work and benefit the state?

Please reduce these draconian cuts and acknowledge that solving our budget shortfall should not be done on the backs of individuals and families with substance abuse problems that can, and are, being treated.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Mann,
Chair, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse



WILLIAM RANSOM WOOD
PRESIDENT (EMERITUS), UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA



April 9, 1999

Senator Gary Wilken
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 514
Juneau, AK. 99801-1182

Dear Senator Wilken:

There is no range of options open. Either Alaska makes sound common sense use of its basic resources and youth power for the future, or it becomes a "nothing" space on the world map, exploited in one way or another by the less well endowed.

Here is oil, gas, timber, fish, coal, gold, a few small harvest crops and many seasonal visitor attractions, but the most vital and abundant resource is our youth which we tend to export and pay for the shipping.

Either provide them with the top of the best education right here in Alaska and create good job opportunities to hold them or let Alaska wither on the vine of the educational ladder.

A balanced budget is great but it should not be a barricade to building a stable and prosperous tomorrow.

The University system of Alaska is the state's future. Support it strongly now. Tomorrow could be too late for you, your family, your neighbors and their future here.

You are one of the "master builders" of Alaska, a part of history. Make the next chapter one of which you and all Alaskans can be proud.

Respectfully,

Bill Wood

William Ransom Wood

Compliments of...
Gary Wilken
Senator, West Fairbanks