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If the oil & petroleum and mining industries can afford all the advertising and the expensive lobbyists, then they can afford to pay the taxes. If they are so righteous why don't they pay up everything that they already owe.

I believe that failing to increase the taxes will simply mean that the legislature is in the pocket and on the payroll of the petroleum industry. Our resources are going to be gone someday and if they leave as they threaten, we will just end up selling the oil to someone else because it is a precious and dwindling commodity. Alaska is like the only girl at the prom, if one doesn't dance with us there'll be 25 others that will want to. **Lobbyist do not reflect the constituency, they reflect the money!**

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