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March 8, 2000

House Finance  
119 N. Cushman  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Dear House Finance Committee:

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively,

Joyce Johnson, Tribal Administrator



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Drug and Alcohol  
 committee name  
 committee on Drug + Alcohol Budget Cut, dated 3/3/00  
 bill/subject

I am a living witness that the programs that are provided by the funding by the state budget concerning Drug + Alcohol abuse does work. I am a recovering alcohol + addict and I used the programs that were provided by the state budget. I am a graduate of Alaska State and I have 5 years of recovery. I am a responsible and focused Alaskan who takes pride in this state and country. I would like to say if the budget got cut we will have to pay a bigger price up the road. ~~that~~ Thank you for your time

Signed: HERMAN Goodhope  
Herman Goodhope  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 committee name  
 committee on Reedential Alcho. TREATMENT, dated 3-4-2000  
 bill/subject

I am a Recovering Alcoholic,

I have been a real drain on the resources of this state.

Now that I am Recovering, I can give back to the civic I have helped drain.

Without Reedential treatment programs this would have been impossible for me.

I have tried out patient services and it did not work for me.

Please don't take funds, so someone else can do the same

Signed: Paul Helquist  
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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# Alaska State Legislature

Kenneth L WASSON

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance <sup>Committee</sup> ~~Committee~~  
 committee name  
 committee on Funding For Drug & Alcohol Treatment Centers dated 03/04/00  
 bill/subject

ATTACHED you'll find my personal plea  
 NOT TO CUT Funding To Alcohol and  
 Drug Centers through out Anch, And  
 Alaska.

Signed: Kenneth L Wasson Kenneth L WASSON  
 Testifier

myself And Children Center,  
 Representing (Optional)

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 Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No.

To: Our Representative

I'm Ken Wasson and I'm here to voice

my opinion on the proposed budget cut to

the funding for alcohol and drug treatment

facilities. Some times we alcoholics

do not have the means to afford a much needed

treatment that can provide a clean safe place

to resolve some of the large issues and

problems that surround our alcoholism. I understand

and believe that alcoholism is a fatal disease

and with out the help of Althor Center

I would probably be dead or would have

taken a very viable life or some one

that I don't even know. As a result of my continued drinking

while in treatment the staff work very closely

with me and my individual situation. I don't

believe that I could have ~~GOTTEN~~ that much

attention or help for that matter, by going to an

out patient treatment. If I did not have the

access to an inpatient treatment program I

would still be living on the street and trying

out of dumpsters, and in all being a public

nuisance, I'm learning how to be more

a productive part of society, and a lot of

new tools to deal with life on life terms

If the moneys are not available for

Centers like the one that I'm in, it will

deprive another person like me the chance at

a new and better way of life for us and

our children.

I Believe That There Are Other Ways  
To Balance The Budget, & you might Put A  
Higher TAX ON Alcohol sales And use THAT money  
OR you might Elemenate All the Flowers Around  
Anch that are planted Every spring and Die  
Every Fall, I Think that Human life is  
More Important Than the Short Life of  
these Flowers,

AGAIN I AM ASKING you to Please Consider  
Such Unfortunates Like my self, And Keep  
This In mind when you <sup>purpose</sup> cut the much needed  
STAFF and centers Throug out ALASKA,

Thank you For your Time  
And Allowing me To Share  
my opinion ..



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance committee name  
 committee on Funding for Inpatient Services, dated 3/4/00  
 bill/subject

I, John Nutt would ask that you not cut funding for Alcohol/Drug Treatment Centers. I am a Resident at Clitheroe Center and without the treatment I've recieved while here I would probably still be out drinking and driving possibly injuring somebody else, as I have in the past. If you take away Inpatient Funding we'll need more money to hire police officers because of an increase in alcohol/Drug related crimes. Thanks Concerned Citizen of Anchorage.

Signed: John M. H. Nutt  
 Testifier  
Clitheroe Inpatient Treatment Center  
 Representing (Optional)  
1740 Skilak Circle  
 Address  
337-7824  
 Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ committee name

committee on Alco, dated 3-4-00  
bill/subject

I just came down to say that I'm  
a recovering alcoholic - Drug Addict  
And if you take away any funding  
more people are sure to die.  
Out patient will not be able to  
accomidate people with sever dependence  
It runs in family's all over Alaska  
what about our children or yours

Signed: Jim Pettit  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)  
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Address  
907-243-6820  
Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ committee name  
 committee on ELCO, dated 3-4-00  
 bill/subject

*JSD* TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THE CUTTING OF FUNDS TO DEAL WITH  
 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT IN PATIENT OR OUT  
 SHOULD IF ANYTHING BE INCREASED IT IS A VALUABLE  
 ASSET TO THE NOT SO FORTUNATE ALCOHOLIC OR  
 DRUG ADDICT. FOR RECOVERY AND SOBRIETY  
 DO NOT CUT FUNDINGS

Signed: DAVID DAVIDSON  
 Testifier  
TREATMENT CENTERS  
 Representing (Optional)  
SCOW KLATT 99515  
 Address  
3494610  
 Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_  
 committee name  
 committee on VALU, dated 3-4-00  
 bill/subject

IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE FUNDS  
 CLITHEROE RECEIVES I WOULD NOT  
 BE ABLE TO GET TREATMENT. I HAVE  
 LOST ALL AND CANNOT LIVE LIFE  
 AS A PRACTICING ALCOHOLIC WITHOUT  
 DIRE CONSEQUENCES TO THE COMMUNITY.  
 THIS PROGRAM IS HELPING ME COPE  
 WITH MY DISEASE AND BECOME A  
 PRODUCTIVE PART OF SOCIETY.  
 THANK YOU.

Signed: Jeff Lane  
 Testifier  
CLITHEROE  
 Representing (Optional)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the ALCO  
 committee name  
 committee on Drug/Alcohol Treatment dated 3-4-00  
 bill/subject

IF I didn't get in to treatment  
 as soon as I did, I am not sure  
 I would be here today. Funding is  
 very crucial for this program, to  
 maintain low cost for clients and  
 keep enough staff for quality  
 treatment. Please consider this  
when making your decision

Signed: Brent Lewellyn  
 Testifier

Clithere Center Salvation Army  
 Representing (Optional)

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 Address

907 349 6072  
 Phone No.

March 3, 2000

Testimony via LIO  
House Finance Committee via LIO Anchorage

Ladies/Gentlemen of the Finance Committee. My name is Cynthia Toohey. I would like to thank you for spending your Saturday taking testimony and hearing me squeak.

I Speak as a Board member, of the Alaska Women's Resource Center , but more importantly I speak as a volunteer every Monday evening from 4:30 -9:00 down at the Domestic Violence section of the State court house. I am there to help victims fill out restraining orders. I see the physical as well as the mental scars from domestic abuse. And I see the children in the familys as well.

I am requesting that you return the \$335,000 dollars that the sub-committee cut from the Council on Domestic Violence .

A funding source could be from the dollars collected from new felons Perm. Fund Checks. I understand there is approx. \$ 1.8 million left.

I understand this money is looking for a new home so to speak. What better use. This request will hurt no one but will help many.

thank you



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee  
 committee name  
 committee on Alcohol/Drug Rehabilitation, dated 3-4-00  
 bill/subject

My personal plea to this Committee<sup>is</sup> that you not cut funding to Alcohol/Drug Rehabilitation services. 2 and 1/2 years ago I was in desperate need of treatment services, and enlisted the help of a Anchorage Police Officer in trying to get into residential treatment. Unfortunately I did not possess money or insurance and the waiting lists for residential treatment programs was long. I was very sick and desperate for help. In December 1997 I ended up committing some crimes in the course of trying to feed my disease of addiction. Fortunately, today I can say I'm clean and sober and have been for a little more than 2 years. Sadly, the costs to the people in the State of Alaska have been greatly increased for me to get the help I need. It has taken 2 years of prison, with treatment services while there, and in the next 6 months I will go through 28 days of in-patient treatment and months of out-patient treatment, all supported by the People of Alaska through the Dept. of Corrections. I would not have committed my crimes had I had access to treatment services beforehand. This was my first involvement with the law. Please reconsider these cuts. Perhaps you can save anothers life.

Signed: Norman Matthews *Norman Matthews*

Testifier

Self

Representing (Optional)

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Address

Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_

committee on Daycare Assistance Funding, dated 3/4/00, committee name \_\_\_\_\_  
bill/subject DA.

I am a single mother of 2 children of which I have worked my self off the system and with all the cut backs for child care it is very unreasonable and would force me to be placed on the system <sup>again</sup> and wash out everything that I worked for. We need to think about healthy families etc. I have children, it need as need to know that my children are in a healthy environment while at work. We need to allot funding see more funding for child care. I have children with medical needs of which daycare assistance sup sorry no money! Again, what about the children safety, stress. Lets provide quality, empowerment, funding. Let the governor proceed!

Signed: Sharon Delle  
Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee  
 committee name  
 committee on Alcohol/Tobacco, dated 3/4/00  
 bill/subject

## Concerning Finances, income & expenditures:

There are high taxes on alcohol & tobacco in the state. In addition, the est. \$22M in tobacco co. settlement for next year provides a significant source of income to the State. HOWEVER, expenditures for education and addiction recovery programs come nowhere near the revenue. US CDC&P suggests \$8M yearly for tobacco education. The legislature wants around \$1.4M. In addition, over \$3M is proposed to be cut for addiction recovery programs.

~~Public~~ Public safety is on almost everyone's minds. Some studies show up to 90% of crimes relate with some substance abuse. Huge expenses to society are incurred because of substance abuse. If current trends continue, state expenditures for jails, courts, prisons, victim support, mental health, etc will continue to grow rapidly.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Please do not short change Alaska's future for short-term & limited gains by reducing the budget for tobacco, alcohol & drug programs. It would not be financially or morally expedient.

Signed: Paul Merculiet II  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the AK. Fin. Comm.  
 committee name  
 committee on Substance Treatment dated 3-4-00  
 bill/subject

My name is Brenda Reichard, I am an Alcoholic and Addict. I am currently a resident at the Clithroae Ctr. Residential Treat. Prog. I am here to tell you that the Clithroae Ctr. Reflections Prog. has saved my life. I was a victim of Domestic Violence and had just gotten out of the E.R. for Overdose. I called the Clithroae Ctr. and told the Assessment Coun. that I needed to get in ASAP or I would die. I was in within days, I had lost my 2 children and my lomo old baby was in an Emergency Shelter. The Clithroae center Staff did everything they could to get my baby back with me. We have been in the Reflections Prog. for 90 days now and will graduate this mo. And go on to more treatment my family and I now have hope and a future. The Clithroae Ctr. Prog. cares about saving lives and keeping families together. Please do not cut back funding for

signed: Testifier Drug & Alcohol Treatment Facilities, Thank-You.

Brenda D. Reichard

Representing (Optional)

1709 S. Bragawa Cb Reflections

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Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Comm.  
 committee name  
 committee on Funding, dated March 4, 2000.  
 bill/subject

I've been working on my recovery at Clithro, and in a wonderful women's program reflections. It offers women to work through there problem and give us the tools to stay away from drugs and alcohol, and prepare us to live; a sober-clean, healthy life. There at reflections we do process group, lectures and people coming from the community to give us the knowledge & expertise.

Signed: Karen A Rodgers  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on treatment centers, dated 3/4/00  
bill/subject

I am Andrea Skylstad. I am currently in treatment @ Clitheroe Center- Reflections. Thx for allowing me to testify for myself & my children. I am here in treatment to deal w/ drug abuse, DV and sexual assault. I am from CSV where Sound Alternatives was able to recommend me to Clitheroe. If funding is cut for these centers it will keep the kids & their parents out on the street. I am learning to cope w/ these issues live put before you. I will be able to stop the cycle of abuse in my family, will the rest of humanity get this help if you cut funding I consider myself ~~to~~ fortunate. Please lets stop the cycle of drug abuse, Domestic Violence, and sexual abuse. Please keep funding for these treatment centers, if not for you maybe for your children who might face these death issues.

Thank you

Signed: Andrea d. Skylstad  
Testifier

Treatment Centers - Clitheroe Center  
Representing (Optional)

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Address

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Alkeda, Inc. committee name  
 committee on Substance Abuse , dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Prevention bill/subject

Hello,  
 My name is Nenta Soltau and myself & my family (4 kids) are survivors of the trauma and substance abuse & alcohol addiction. My self in recovery 4 years today, cannot express my deepest fears and concerns over the budget cuts in the areas where drug prevention, Domestic Violence and Education are prevalent.

I went through treatment at Alkeda Inc a non profit organization I was in residential treat for 24 months, there were times when I was in active use, I'd pray that organizations such as Alkeda Inc would not generate enough money to remain open, therefore I would not have treatment as an option. Today 4 years clean and sober I pray that the Democrats that remain in active use don't have to face my nightmare come true. (Treatment unavailable due to lack of funds)

Signed: Nenta Soltau  
 Testifier  
Alaska Drug Prevention Council  
 Representing (Optional)   
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 Address  
907 563-7491  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee  
 committee name  
 committee on House Bill 321 / Budget cuts, dated 3-4-00  
 bill/subject

- My name is Katie Henning. I am a consumer representative of AKeela, Alaska Women's Resource Center, and South Central Foundation, Dena A Coy.
- I used to smoke crack cocaine. I was very addicted and in lots of trouble with the law. I was in and out of treatment and jail for about 4 years. Then when I was 4 months pregnant, I went to treatment at Dena A Coy (DAC). DAC was a safe place for me to put into action all the treatment information I had previously learned.
- I am a success story. My 6 year old daughter has never seen me use.
- I have been employed with Alaska North Addictions Recovery Center at the Ernie Turner Center for 5 years. For myself and many others, I know that treatment works.
- Without treatment, I truly believe that I would not be testifying today - I would be high, in jail, or dead.
- Because of my own treatment experience, I believe that if this bill is approved, you will be doing a lot more than cutting a budget. If approved, many chances for a productive life will be cut as well. Please, restore funding, restore the opportunity to live!

Signed: Katie M. Henning  
 Testifier  
AKeela, AWRC, Dena A Coy (Consumer)  
 Representing (Optional)  
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# STATE OF ALASKA

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

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March 4, 2000

Co-Chairs Rep. Mulder and Therriault  
House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska

Chairs Mulder, Therriault, and Finance Committee Members:

On behalf of the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse I strongly encourage you to restore full funding to the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. The vast majority of testimony you received this date from Alaskan residents statewide is consistent with the position of the Advisory Board. You have heard about the extent to which alcohol is a major factor in the major areas of health and safety in this state. The personal accounts which residents feel compelled to relate to the Committee to stress the importance of full funding for alcohol drug programs are touching. The untold stories are heartbreaking.

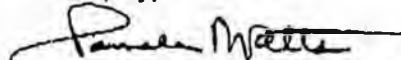
It is our understanding that House Finance is recommending a \$1.5 million dollar cut to the Division budget. This would be a 12% cut to the grant component of this budget and would have a devastating impact on programs statewide. This cut to the General Fund would result in an additional loss of over \$700.0 in federal funding for FY 02 and \$750 in FY 03. This loss of funding would necessarily result since our state would be unable to meet the federal matching fund requirement.

We have heard the Finance Committee refer to a plan to restore some funding to the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse by using \$500. from the new FAS/FAE federal grant. We believe that these funds cannot be transferred to alcohol and drug abuse grants because of federal restrictions on the use of these designated funds.

References made in earlier Finance Committee meetings to possible funding support from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to fill the budget gap may be a possibility, however the Advisory Board is concerned that the backfilling of state General Fund shortages is not the statutory role of the Trust. Overall, the reductions in General Fund and federal monies could result in over \$3 million loss of funding by FY 03 to the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Such a cut would severely impair substance abuse treatment service delivery in Alaska.

Again, the Advisory Board encourages you to reconsider cuts to the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, consider alternative strategies including alcohol taxation legislation currently in committees, and support full-funding for the Division.

Sincerely,



Pamela Watts  
Executive Director

To: the State of Alaska House Finance  
Committee

Re: HB 313

From: Burton W. Hawiland Jr.

- former client of MASS
- Had nowhere else to turn
- could not stay sober on my own
- At that time it was the only means available to me to support for my desire to stay sober

If it was not there, I'm not sure that I'd be sober  
~~In my past,~~ <sup>ALWAYS</sup> ~~costs~~ the state at AK in many different

- Law enforcement
- Court costs
- State Prisons
- Children taken by DKYS
  - pay for food, clothes, care
- Teens put into detention institutions w/ associated costs

many millions \$'s to do all this

One <sup>drunk</sup> person can cost the state many thousands of \$  
 "sober" not only stops costing the state, but starts <sup>being</sup> a benefit by helping others to stay sober, "pay in <sup>the</sup> form of not consuming goods, it's a sort of domino effect years ago at ANAC.

I did <sup>some</sup> informal cost evaluations and found that the amount of \$

that's being proposed for cut is about what it cost <sup>to run</sup> one fairly cheap alley program. The most obvious <sup>costs</sup> would be less food and <sup>less ability to pay</sup> bills paid, resulting in fewer clients <sup>being served,</sup> some of

those <sup>clients</sup> would have stayed sober. Instead, they'll <sup>continue</sup> to use <sup>alcohol</sup> and drug, hurting themselves and their family children and families (and comm.) <sup>cost</sup> the state and communities many millions of \$ <sup>to men-</sup>

tion from the dramatic social and personal trauma for them <sup>and</sup> <sup>anyone</sup> they contact.

If anything, funding for addictions treatment should <sup>be</sup> increased. The benefits of one sober person more than make <sup>up</sup> the cost of helping him or her to sober up. <sup>including financial</sup> The benefits of many people sobering up <sup>is</sup> tremendous value to <sup>the</sup> state of AK.



# CHANGING TIDES COUNSELING SERVICES

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March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Dear Representative,

I am writing to you concerning the planned cuts to the budget of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Cuts of the magnitude would be detrimental to alcohol and other drug programs across the state. Those of us in small rural treatment programs would be some of those who would be hit the hardest. It is essential that we continue with programs which have proven to reduce the negative effects of alcohol and other drugs on our communities.

Our programs have had no increase in funding in several years. We have been able to make our programs more and more efficient, and our outcomes have improved. But we are at rock bottom now. Cuts of this magnitude would cripple our efforts.

Some, point to the federal SIG or FAS grants to make up for the budget cuts. These monies are strictly earmarked for special programs, and cannot be used for programs in general. Furthermore, cuts to the base could result in loss of federal block grant dollars which require "maintenance of effort". My agency receives none of the SIG or FAS dollars, as do many other programs around our state. Cuts to the budget would be felt severely by those of us in rural Alaska.

Please reconsider the effects of the proposed cuts. I would be willing to speak with you at any time about our services, programs, or outcomes. I will be in Juneau March 6-10 and will contact you in person at that time.

Sincerely,

Larry King CAC II, NCAC I, CCS

To Whom It May Concern,

3/3/00

I am in Clitheroe in treatment and it has helped me tremendously. I've worked on situations that I hid from my past that I kept inside and didn't deal with. I am finally learning about what my addictions are and how to deal with them.

There are strict rules here and it's all on a schedule to show us as users when we get out in our own we can survive, with our habits. This program is the best program I've been into and everyone here cares so much on what happens to us.

This program is so important so we can have the tools and knowledge and teach it to our children so they don't follow the same path that I did and maybe someday down the road this cycle of abuse will stop somewhere.

I've seen people in the past finish a rehab program and stay clean. It makes the society a much better place if we realize our wrongs and deal with our faults.

I pray sincerely that these treatment centers stay around. Everyone needs help in a addition that we aren't able to control, and we stay clean.

and sober and are able to live a  
clean and great life. If I didn't  
come into treatment, I would of  
probably lost my life. I want to be  
able to get my kids and live great.

Sincerely yours

James D. Rodgers

3400

As an alcoholic I'm asking you not to make any cuts in alcohol & drug treatment program. I've been through the treatment program and am now in the work program. If cuts are made there probably won't be no work program. Here in the Nona region we have an epidemic with alcoholism. Earlier in my life living with denial I thought I didn't need to go through treatment. Now I'm here asking you again please you must not make cuts. 3 months in the program, we have lost 3 people due to alcohol. Can you put a price on a persons life? Please think about it when you decide to make cuts?

Thank You  
Robert J. J. J.

As you know we had talk many hours on Alcohol and Drugs.

Programs need to enforce Native Culture in their programs, not just place in words for grants.

28 day programs only serve as education and what is called Spin-dry.

Programs need to be located outside the city limits away from distraction.

Clients need to be able to exercise their rights in use of Native Culture in their treatment.

AA is free and continue to heal people in their search to stay clean

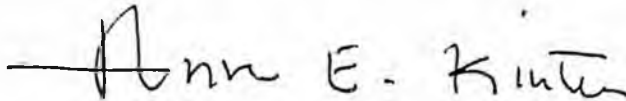
Please support Native programs designed by Native people - Not some model from Denver, L.A. ect Thank You  
Kenny Gardner

Representative Gene Therriault  
Representative Eldon Mulder

PLEASE DO NOT CUT THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG FUNDS. Alcoholism and other Drug abuse is recognized as Alaska's Number one public health problem, directly or indirectly. To reduce access to treatment is to subvert public health This failure will cause increased state, municipal and personal expense across the board to say nothing of increased human misery, child and adult alike.

I have 22 years experience in various aspects of the substance abuse field and I know how vital and effective treatment can be . For most alcoholics, if the intake stops, a functioning individual emerges. How can we deny someone that opportunity!

Sincerely,



Anne E. Kinter  
17345 Glacier Hwy.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
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Feb. 29, 2000



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Finance Committee  
committee name

committee on #312 Alcohol/Alcoholism, dated March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000  
bill/subject

Good afternoon my name is Crystal Cottle and I'm here today representing Nuguns Ranch Rehabilitation Center of Wasilla, AK.

AS a recovering alcoholic myself and a concerned citizen of the state of Alaska I am here to testify to the Finance Committee regarding the proposed cuts in government appropriations against drug and alcohol rehabilitation in the state of Alaska.

Alcoholism is leading other states in the devastation to families and communities as a whole. We cannot afford to cut programs that reach out to people who still suffer and will surely die without your continued support towards this growing problem.

Please do not be penny wise and pearl clutch. These cuts will only result in a higher cost in law enforcement, and incarceration and an overall deterioration of quality of life for citizens of Alaska. Thank you.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Crystal Cottle  
Testifier

Nuguns Ranch  
Representing (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Phone No.





# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee  
 on domestic violence committee name  
 committee on funding for the courts and Sexual Assault  
 bill/subject , dated March 4, 2000

My name is Jacqueline I am now staying at the SAFV shelter in Sitka. It is the second time I've been here. I came here this time because where I was staying everyone was drinking and I wanted to be someplace safe to have my baby. My baby is now 11 days old and I'm thankful SAFV was available to us. Now I want to find an apartment for my baby and myself. It is important for communities like Sitka to have domestic violence programs.

Signed: Jacqueline M. Leboe  
 Testifier

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907-747-6986  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Budget Committee  
 committee name  
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I am a mother, voter and a child care provider. We have had a horrible week here in the Mat-Su Valley. The families we serve received notice that their child care assistance will be cut March 31st. I estimate that this affects ~~75~~ 50% of the families we serve. Unfortunately, for the other 50% of the families - we may not be able to serve them either because many of our staff are having their own child care eliminated.

Not fully funding such a basic program that allows low to moderate income families ~~to~~ to continue to work, does not make <sup>economic</sup> ~~economic~~ sense. These families will end up back on the welfare rolls—receiving more assistance than they currently do. Let's look at a budget of a mother making \$10/hr and working full-time with three children: Housing \$700, Food \$300, utilities \$150 Gas \$100, medical ins. \$200, car insurance \$75, phone \$35. total expenses w/out child care \$1,560. Monthly income roughly \$1,700. Where do you think she could find \$1,200 to pay for child care? We urge you to allow families to continue to work.

Signed: Rebecca W. Williams  
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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# **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

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## **FAX**

**To: Legislative Information Office**

**From: Catholic Social Services**

**Fax No. 269-0229**

**Pages (Including Cover Sheet): 2**

**Phone: 269-0111**

**Date: 3/3/00**

**Re: Testimony on HB 343 – recommended budget cuts by the House of Representatives**

Testimony follows

Adoption  
Beyond Shelter  
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Special Needs Respite  
Immigration & Refugee Services



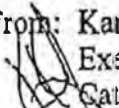
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March 3, 2000

To: Anchorage Legislators  
House of Representatives

From:  Karleen Jackson  
Executive Director  
Catholic Social Services

Sub: Child Care Budget Cuts  
Testimony on HB 343

I am writing on behalf of the families, and especially the children, of Alaska to express the concerns that Catholic Social Services has about the recommended cuts for child care assistance for families coming off welfare and entering the workforce. For many families, subsidized childcare is single most important factor that enables parents to move from welfare to work.

It should be evident that the investment of subsidized child care will not only save millions of state dollars in future years, but also produces families who are able to contribute to their communities and neighborhoods in ways they could not if they remained on welfare.

Those currently receiving childcare assistance are often referred to as the "working poor". Before subsidized child care, many families struggled to find a way to enter the work force because they did not earn enough to pay for child care over and above basic living expenses. We have a responsibility to reduce rather than increase obstacles for those trying to productively contribute to our society.

Last year Catholic Social Services provided services to nearly 25,000 individuals, including low-income families, families dealing with homelessness and poverty, adoptive families and refugees. On behalf of those we serve, I urge you to reconsider suggested cuts to subsidized child care and instead, invest in the future of Alaska by investing in Alaska's children and families.

Adoption  
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## TESTIMONY ON HB 312

From Wanda D. Katinszky, RN  
Community Volunteer and Legal Advocate for Alaska Women's Resource Center  
2931 Legacy Drive  
Anchorage Alaska 99516

My concern with this bill has to do with the cuts proposed to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you about my experiences working with the Alaska Women's Resource Center here in Anchorage, and with victims of domestic violence. As a trained legal advocate, I volunteer my time to assist women and men in preparing required forms to obtain emergency protective orders. I also assist clients of the Alaska Women's Resource Center to prepare for their six-month protective order hearing, at which I accompany them. I observe first hand the needs of Alaskans in having strong prevention and assistance programs for domestic violence and sexual assault.

Victims are always relieved when I approach them and tell them I can help them with the paperwork, and answer their questions. At the time I see victims, they are often confused, at the height of their fear, feeling helpless, and not able to think rationally. My job is to help them determine what their immediate needs are, help convey these needs to the judge or magistrate if the victim is unable to, and discuss an immediate safety plan to help protect them from the perpetrator. Most victims I encounter are surprised to know this program exists, and are so grateful for my assistance. I have had one victim tell me if I hadn't been able to accompany her for the six-month protective order hearing, she would not have shown at court, due to her fear of the perpetrator.

In order to have an active and effective legal advocacy program, funding must continue. Legal advocates are volunteers, and many advocates must be trained to provide the numbers required to provide ongoing services. To prepare me for my role, the staff of the Alaska Women's Resource Center spent numerous hours in preparation, and provided 36 hours of didactics training. While the costs to provide this training are not known to me, they must be considered when decisions are made to cut total funding.

Because I witness first hand the positive assistance provided to victims, and strongly believe in the mission of these programs, I urge you to restore full funding to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and help us to stop the cycle of violence.



# Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on \_\_\_\_\_, dated 03-04-00

bill/subject

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen of the House Finance committee. My name is Bridgett Barrett and I am speaking here today to oppose cutting funds from the Council on Domestic Violence and sexual assault. I volunteer as an advocate for the WRC in support for women who have experienced domestic violence. Please do not jeopardize the existence of many of the Councils programs that provide services for men, women, and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and incest. I pray that you continue to address this public health problem. Thank you very much.

Signed: Bridgett Barrett

Testifier

WRC

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health Finance  
 committee name  
Funding for the Council for  
 committee on Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse dated 03-04-2000  
 bill/subject

My name is Shaa Naat K'i' or Mary J. Miller and I was born in Sitka, Alaska. I am from a matriarch culture where women and children are placed first when it comes to the survival of our culture. For years shelters for women and children have been sending messages against physical violence and sexual assaults by the state and public continuing to operate with monies generously allocated by the state and public donations. Right now I am praying the state will continue to send their message of support to women and children by increasing the monies rather than decreasing it. Join me in saying "Dei Awi" which translated to English means ENOUGH!! - enough already to physical violence & sexual assaults. Dei Awi-de! Denal' Cheech! -

Signed: Mary J. Miller  
 Testifier

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 Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on HB 312, dated 3-4-00  
bill/subject

I AM A SERGEANT WITH THE SITKA POLICE DEPT. I'VE BEEN WITH THE DEPT. FOR 16 YRS. DURING THAT TIME SAFV (SITKANS AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE) HAS BEEN AN IMMENSE HELP FOR THE POLICE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES. THEY HAVE HELPED US WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE PHASE, HELPING TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF INJURIES, SUPPORTING THE VICTIM & OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WITH THE INTERVIEWS & TESTIFYING IN COURT. SAFV ALSO ALLOWS A SAFE PLACE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN, TO GO DURING THIS VERY EMOTIONAL & STRESSFUL TIME. I FEEL ANY CUT IN FUNDING WOULD BE NOT ONLY DEVASTATING TO THE VICTIMS & FAMILY, BUT TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. I ASK THAT SAFV, & ANY OTHER PROGRAMS OF THIS NATURE, BE FULLY FUNDED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & CONSIDERATION.

Signed: Donald R. Williams  
Testifier

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747-3245  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ committee name

committee on HB312 HB313, dated 3-4-2000  
bill/subject

I offer my support for continued funding + increased funding for the women's shelter (SAFV) here in Sitka. I have recently been hired by Sitka Prevention + Treatment Services to coordinate the VISION program, an intervention program for batterers. I have found the present staff + services to be of the highest quality. My program depends on the SAFV staff to provide safety checks + monitoring of victim safety while we are working with the perpetrator. They already are maxed out and less funding would create burn-out level work, which we can't afford. Already, we are trying to expand services offered to address domestic violence in Sitka. We need more, not less, staff services available for community education + awareness of these problems. I urge funding remain available to create the kind of support we all need to confront the complexities of this social problem.

Signed: Don A. Blum  
Testifier

VISION PROGRAM of Sitka Prevention + Treatment Services  
Representing (Optional)

10-B Maksoutoff St. Sitka, AK 99835  
Address

747-0693  
Phone No.



Police Department  
10-25-99

Dear Sirs:

Advocates for Victims of Violence have provided badly needed shelter space for homeless individuals in the Valdez area. With the loss of support from other agencies we have few resources to provide for those less fortunate. Women and children in need have found aid with AVV for temporary housing and food until a more permanent solution can be found.

The AVV staff provides professional assistance to all agencies in the Valdez area and is a valuable partner in our service provider network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph K. Michaud".

Joseph K. Michaud  
Chief of Police  
Valdez Police Department  
P.O. Box 307  
Valdez, Alaska 99686  
(907)835-4560



# Alaska State Legislature

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committee on CDVSA Budget . dated 3-4-00  
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Advocates for Victims of Violence shelter was there for me when I was battered woman with no home to return to. They provided food, shelter, counseling & support to me & encouraged me to seek the services of other local & state agencies.

Since leaving the shelter, I have returned for both group & individual counseling, legal advocacy services & volunteer projects. Also, I have brought my child to visit with the Children's Advocate & to assist me with various volunteer efforts.

AVV has been an incredible support through many emotional crisis. BEING new in a small town was extremely difficult. With their assistance & encouragement, my self-esteem & worth has improved greatly. To say they have always been there for me would not be an exaggeration. With their assistance I was able to obtain legal assistance to get visitation with my daughter. I WAS ABLE TO HAVE SHELTER, food & support at a time when I truly NEEDED IT.

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for what they have done & encouraged me to do for myself

Sincerely Melanie Durham

Signed: Melanie Durham

Testifier

Advocates for Victims of Violence

Representing (Optional)

P.O 524 Valdez AK

Address

Phone No



# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on HB 312 - Operating Budget, dated March 4, 2000  
bill/subject

My name is Janet Almasuk, Executive Director at Bering Sea Women's Group in Nome, a shelter for battered women and children. I believe we are doing a good job with decreasing funds and an increasing need for victims of family and domestic violence. We did not receive full funding last year and are having to cut half a staff position, plus I don't know where we will get the needed funding after a harsh long cold winter for needed repairs for hazards cited by a recent visit from the State Fire Marshall. We are at present the only place in town that offers shelters to victims of violence and the homelessness that results. I am asking you to fully fund the supplemental requests for Fire Prevention & Inspections, and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Signed: Janet Almasuk, Executive Director

**Testifier**

Bering Sea Women's Group

**Representing (Optional)**

PO Box 1596, Nome, AK 99762 email: bswg@nome.net

**Address**

(907) 443-5492

**Phone No.**

I don't know what I would have done without the help, support, and shelter that safe has provided for my 4 year old son, my 22 month old son, and myself. I am a victim of domestic violence, and was hurt really bad. A advocate picked me up from the airport (I had no money) and drove me to the hospital, there she stayed with me through my pain and fears. We spent all day at the hospital, I was very scared, the advocate was there for me with understanding and knowledge, I couldn't get a connecting flight back to Egegik. She brought me to safe and there I was given comfort, understanding, and a safe place to stay. There I meet a lot of the safe staff, they talked with me with loving hearts and understanding. They showed a lot of knowledge of what I am going through. They lead me to all the resource's I needed, I have ~~no~~ no family or friends in Alaska but I didn't feel so alone and scared with the caring, understanding, and guidance they showed me. Without the courage they have instilled in

me I would be right back in the  
abuse I was living in for 3 years.  
I am learning a lot in the support  
groups they provide. With what  
they have helped bring out in me,  
I will soon be in my own home  
with my boys, and there we will  
be safe. I'm close to finding a  
permenant job, I'm feeling stronger  
within myself and now know I  
can make it all on my own with  
my boys. Thanks to all the people  
at Safe.

Robin E. Irelan

P.O. Box 1222

DILLINGHAM, AK 99576

907-842-1087

ATTN.: House Finance Committee  
Department of Public Safety

I am Lisa Greenleaf.

I was widowed on January 21, 1998. I have 1 son, 10 years old at the time; he is now 12 years old.

In March, 1999. I left my son with his Grandmother to seek work, + rebuild our life in Juneau in Alaska.

I was raped, the 2nd day I was in Juneau. An advocate from A.W.A.R.E. came to the hospital and assisted me.

After a month, the impact of this event crumbled me, + I went to A.W.A.R.E. for help, + stayed in shelter for 3 days. <sup>then</sup> I tried to go + put my life together;

I met a man + became involved on April 12, and began camping with him. Within a matter of weeks, I received my first black eye from assault from this man. Less than 2 weeks later, he threatened to bury me alive in a 6 ft. deep hole he had already dug. I was beaten, + thrown by my hair to the ground repeatedly over several hours, + refused shelter. I layed on the ground until dawn, + fortunate to be able to, walked over a mile to the police station where I began vomiting from trauma. The police took me to the hospital where I was met again by an advocate from A.W.A.R.E. - The back of my right hip + flank was deeply hematomaed, there were several other bruises on my person, the hair had been ripped out of the right side, ~~from my head~~ + the hole in my head was unstitchable.

It bled for several days + oozed for weeks after I had bleeding + complications to my female organs that affected me over several months.

I spent the next 3 days in Shelter at A.W.A.R.E. beginning physical recovery.

It was described to me later that during that time my eyes had the look of a feral animal, cornered, + in terror.

I returned to the relationship, deeply involved emotionally, + over the course of 4 months, the physical, emotional, + psychological abuse escalated at a terrifying rate.

During that time I sustained several physical injuries, + developed frightening health complications, including -

- deeply bruised ribs from an elbow blow

- a nearly dislocated shoulder

- I was kicked and beaten in my bed by another man while my "partner" looked on

- I was struck - Isolated

~~was sexually~~ - sexually abused

- verbally abused

Had no access to medical help + a chronic

bronchial condition turned to borderline pneumonia

- The emotional tortures were terrifying, and deeply impactful

- After being abandoned, in frail health and without food for 3 days, with bear in the area, I crawled off the mountain I had been living on, and sought help at the A.W.A.R.E. shelter.

During the next 3 months, I lived in Shelter.

A.W.A.R.E. assisted me in attaining counselling, provided education about Domestic Violence, support, safety, and assisted me in applying for + getting work - a 5 week internship at Perseverance Theatre. The Shelter staff helped me access medical care. They referred me to TLC + WRCC in Kenai, and helped me transfer to TLC where I am living now.

TLC + WRCC have helped me find + continue counselling, provided transportation, + access to community services, including voc rehab, helped me through my grief from losing my husband, provided further education, (and) taught me tools for recovery, + are helping me rebuild my life with health. Where I live is a safe and nurturing environment where I am becoming able to reach goals for rebuilding my life, and will be able to have my son with me again when the school year closes this summer.

I am grateful for these services and as a survivor of Domestic Violence, am glad to be, blessedly, alive.

Lisa Greenleaf  
(907) 283-4638

# TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION

WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



March 1, 2000

Tundra Women's Coalition  
PO Box 1537  
Bethel, AK 99559

To Whom It May Concern:

Please review the attached letters in support of shelter funding. We plan to periodically send letters to help educate legislators on the services we provide and the important role shelters play in our communities. We are encouraging you to continue to provide necessary funding to domestic violence and sexual assault programs across the state. We also want to provide you with a glimpse of how the currently allocated funding benefits our organization and, ultimately, the people our organization serves.

Tundra Women's Coalition is a domestic violence/sexual assault program in Bethel that provides residential and outreach services to victims. Our organization also offers community education, rural outreach, legal advocacy, children's services, and teen advocacy services.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time.

Michelle DeWitt & Mary Jones

*Michelle DeWitt*

*Mary Jones*

TWC Legal Advocacy Dept.

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000

To Whom it May Concern,

Hello. My name is Cheryl Thompson. I am currently employed at Yundra Women's Coalition located in Bethel. My position as the Children's Program Coordinator helps to provide essential supportive services to the children of our community and those in the Y-K Region that come into the shelter. Your support in funding is vital in continuing these services our shelter has to offer for our children, who<sup>are</sup> our future.

Thank You,  
Cheryl Thompson  
Box 1383  
Bethel AK  
99559



# TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION

P.O. Box 1537; Bethel, AK 99559

(907) 543-3455

February 22, 2000

To whom it may concern:

Hello! My name is Patrick Charlie, Administrator for the Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC) located in Bethel, Alaska. Statistics show that the Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) Delta has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the nation. TWC has provided shelter and counseling for many victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The continuing support and funding by the Legislature is vital to victims in the Y-K Delta. So PLEASE continue to fund our shelter.

Sincerely,



Patrick M. Charlie  
Administrative Assistant

# Fax

**To:** Rep. Eldon Mulder  
**Of:** House Finance Committee  
**Fax:** 907-465-3518  
**Pages:** 1, including this cover sheet.  
**Date:** March 3, 2000

I would like to encourage you not to reduce budget expenditures for the five social service categories under consideration, including alcohol and drug abuse grants, service to chronically mentally ill, domestic violence, childcare assistance, and inmate health care. These are all grant monies that give us a great return, in terms of community stability and safety. I am a clinical social worker, and have spent most of my adult working life in Alaska in professional service to the above identified populations. I know for a fact that social services play a very important part in community safety, integral with our needs for such important institutions as police and the criminal justice system. I would appreciate it if you would communicate this importance to your colleagues in the legislature. Thank you very much.

From the desk of...

Michael J. Corliss  
Community Support Program Coordinator  
Islands Counseling Services  
907-747-8994  
Fax: 907-747-6801

**March 2, 2000**

**To: Eldon Mulder F: 907-465-3518**  
**From: Susanne Nelson F: 907-243-6988**  
**Re: Cuts in Alcohol and Drug Treatment Funds**

**I am very concerned about plans to cut \$1.5 million out of the budget (resulting in loss of corresponding Federal match).**

**I have several friends who have received help in state funded programs and are now doing very well. Without treatment they would have cost Alaska a lot of money. It is not a good idea to cut treatment funds.**

**The abuse of alcohol and drugs is one of the biggest costs to Alaska—the figures must be staggering when you figure the cost to the prison system, health and welfare, police and public safety, etc. With alcohol abuse out of control in Alaska, this is not the time to cut down on the number of people who can get help.**

**The human cost is even more painful: suicides, boat accidents, drownings, child abuse, domestic violence, car accidents, hit and runs.....the list goes on and on.**

**I hope we can count on you to use your wise judgment to restore funding.**

*Susanne Nelson*

Founded In 1865  
By William Booth

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Territorial Commander

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Divisional Commander

# The Salvation Army

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March 2, 2000

Dear Representative Mulder:

Why is there a compelling need to reduce drug and alcohol treatment monies when oil revenue has risen steadily for over a year?

If we fail to provide substance abuse treatment we will pay far more dealing with the problems created by untreated substance abuse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sheila M. Burke'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sheila M. Burke,  
Administrator

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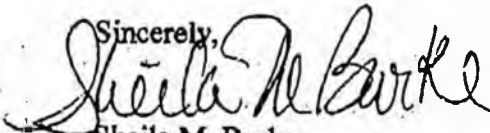


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Sincerely,  
  
Sheila M. Burke,  
Administrator

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance  
 Committee on Operating Budget Committee Name  
 Dated 3/4/00  
Bill / Subject

PLEASE

Support contracts negotiated in "Good Faith." ~~the~~ The employees of the State ARE hard working. They ARE members of the community that ~~put~~ give back to their community in many different ways. They ARE raising their families here so HAVE A vested interest here. If you expect us to continue you, as our elected officials need to continue to SUPPORT us.

Respect the working families of Alaska. ~~at~~ Now a days it takes 2 <sup>WORKING</sup> on a household to support a family. ~~work~~

SIGNED:

Wicki Spear Shipley  
 Testifier

Myself & All State Employees  
 Representing

1225 Joyce Dr, Fairbanks AK 99701  
 Address / Phone Number

Dear Legislators:

I am a state worker and as was recently delighted by the contract settlement between our employee association and the state. However, recent statements in the news media suggest that the legislature may not fund the new contract. I would like to take a moment of your time to make a few points about this year's budget.

- I am a Spill Responder for the ADEC and I ensure you that my income is significantly less than my counterparts in industry and the federal government. I work for the DEC because I believe in the mission. However, I have a family to support and there is a limit to the cuts that I can bear.
- The wage and benefit increases are not really a raise; they just help us to hold the line. The lack of these increases will result in a loss of real income.
- If the State of Alaska is to maintain a quality workforce it must provide fair compensation.
- The state budget should not be balanced on the back of the state workers.

Please support the new state employee's contracts.

Greg Light  
3600 Mink Lane  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
490-2829

I fully support our recently approved contract for ASEA employees. This contract took a lot of hard work and dedication, we didn't ask for much, and we are happy with what we did get. Our own cost of living keeps going up, I just got my property tax assessments and know that, without any improvements to my home, because the assessments went up, so will the property taxes. We all know what fuel prices are doing at the pump, etc. etc. etc. with our costs of living. I really don't think we are asking too much to just get our contract funded and let us all settle down and get back to work, knowing that our employment is secure for at least a few more years. It has been quite a while since we received our small cost-of-living allowance. I've been in longevity for 5 years, so my wages have been frozen for white some time. So, in short, just fund the contract, quit playing political games, and let's get on with the business at hand.

Sue Whitney

Members of the Committee:

I urge you to fund the labor agreement as negotiated between the Administration and the Alaska State Employees Association, General Government Unit employees. This is a fair agreement and needs to be supported.

Those of us employees who are in the lower income levels find extremely difficult to manage as costs increase but wages do not.

Thank you for your consideration

*Velda Haskell*

Velda Haskell



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee Name  
 Committee on Operating Budget Dated 3/4/00  
Bill/Subject

Please do not allow the people of Alaska to continue to expect the employees of the state of Alaska to do more for less while they pay no taxes to support state government. At some point - now - the people should pay for what they get - or get no more. Budgets for state employees have been cut enough. It's time for all to pay for government.

SIGNED: Martha Murphy = government  
 Testifier

3845 Ullr-bahn Rd. Fairbanks AK 99709  
 Representing

479-3890  
 Address / Phone Number



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance  
 Committee on Operating Budget Dated 3-3-00  
Committee Name  
Bill / Subject

The work and services provided by Alaska's state employees are too often misunderstood and under appreciated.

For the past decade, these dedicated workers have been asked, (and it is important to note they have done so) to step up to the plate and do more with less in response to Alaska's budget planning problems.

Ten years later a budget plan to address the needs of Alaska's working families has not been accomplished and state employees are expected to again make sacrifices,

Unfortunately, many state employees cannot afford to do this & still keep up with the needs of their own families. It's time we recognize what these employees do everyday for Alaska

SIGNED:

Fully fund the contracts negotiated  
 Testifier in good faith,

Kelly E. Brown - AFSCME #52  
 Representing

315 Barnette St #104, Fairbanks AK 99701  
 Address / Phone Number

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I fully support our recently approved contract for ASEA employees. This contract took a lot of hard work and dedication, we didn't ask for much, and we are happy with what we did get. Our own cost of living keeps going up, I just got my property tax assessments and know that, without any improvements to my home, because the assessments went up, so will the property taxes. We all know what fuel prices are doing at the pump, etc. etc. etc. with our costs of living. I really don't think we are asking too much to just get our contract funded and let us all settle down and get back to work, knowing that our employment is secure for at least a few more years. It has been quite a while since we received our small cost-of-living allowance. I've been in longevity for 5 years, so my wages have been frozen for white some time. So, in short, just fund the contract, quit playing political games, and let's get on with the business at hand.

Sue Whitney

3/3/00

Members of the Committee:

I urge you to fund the labor agreement as negotiated between the Administration and the Alaska State Employees Association, General Government Unit employees. This is a fair agreement and needs to be supported.

Those of us employees who are in the lower income levels find extremely difficult to manage as costs increase but wages do not.

Thank you for your consideration

*Veldta Haskell*

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H. Finance  
Committee Name  
 Committee on Operating Budget Dated 3/4/00  
Bill/Subject

Please do not allow the people of Alaska to continue to expect the employees of the state of Alaska to do more for less while they pay no taxes to support state government. At some point - now - the people should pay for what they get - or get no more. Budgets for state employees have been cut enough. It's time for all to pay for government.

SIGNED:

Martha Murphy  
Testifier

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Representing

479-3890  
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## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee Name  
Bill / Subject

The work and services provided by Alaska's state employees are too often misunderstood and under appreciated.

For the past decade, these dedicated workers have been asked, (and it is important to note they have done so) to step up to the plate and do more with less in response to Alaska's budget planning problems.

Ten years later a budget plan to address the needs of Alaska's working families has not been accomplished and state employees are expected to again make sacrifices,

Unfortunately, many state employees cannot afford to do this & still keep up with the needs of their own families. It's time we recognize what these employees do everyday for Alaska

SIGNED:

Fully fund the contracts negotiated  
 Testifier in good faith,

Kelly E. Brown - AFSCME #52  
 Representing

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 Committee on Operating Budget Committee Name  
Bill / Subject Dated 3/4/00

PLEASE

Support contracts negotiated in "Good Faith." ~~the~~ the employees of the State are hard working. They are members of the community that ~~put~~ give back to their community in many different ways. They are raising their families here so have a vested interest here. If you expect us to continue you, as our elected officials need to continue to **SUPPORT US.**

Respect the working families of Alaska. ~~the~~ Now a days it takes 2 <sup>WORKING</sup> on a household to support a family. ~~the~~

SIGNED:

Wicki Spence Shipley  
 Testifier

Myself & All State Employees  
 Representing

1225 Joyce Dr, Fairbanks AK 99701  
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TO: Rep. Eldon Mulder  
Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
Fax (907) 465- 6813

From: Barbara Karl  
2400 East 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
(907) 279-5229

Date: March 6, 2000

Re: Operating Budget

I was unable to stay and wait to testify on Saturday but I did want to pass on a few comments to you. I would appreciate it if you would make my comments available to the entire committee.

I am the Central Area (Anchorage) representative of the Executive Board of ASEA/AFSCME Local 52. As I am sure you are aware, Local 52 is the union that represents a very large number of the state workers. Through collective bargaining and finally mediation, our negotiating team worked long and hard to achieve a tentative agreement for a contract that the team thought our membership would ratify. We are in the process of taking a ratification vote now.

If you will remember, last October, our union took a very successful strike authorization where our membership voted overwhelmingly to authorize the Executive Board to call for a strike if negotiations reached impasse and did not produce a contract or if the Legislature denied funding for a negotiated contract.

It is my sincere wish that the Legislature will provide funding for the tentative agreements/contracts that have been reached by all the unions representing state government workers. Although I cannot speak for the other unions, I do believe that our membership will ratify our tentative agreement. I also believe that, if such a contract is not funded, Local 52 will go on strike. I deeply hope we don't have to.

I have worked for the state for nearly 10 years. I am dedicated to doing a good job and serving the public well as a state employee. But I have watched my income decline in buying power, as my wages have not kept up with the cost of living over the years. As do most of the state workers I know, I work hard and want to stay in public service. I believe we deserve decent wages for a job well done.

I voted "no" in the October election, not because I am against tapping earnings of the Permanent Fund but because I disagreed with the wording on the ballot and because I believe an income tax should be reinstated. I believe that through a variety of methods to increase revenues the Legislature can provide a budget that not only funds these labor contracts but also provides the other services that the residents of this state justly deserve.

Please pass out a budget that funds the contracts and does not include the cuts to public broadcasting and the many other agencies that have been targeted.

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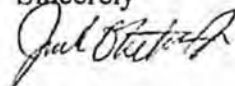
March 2, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Kotlik we the governing body would like to know why the Effective State Troopers are **always** getting transferred out of the St.Mary's station? Right now we have a new State Trooper that doesn't know anyone here in the village or the situations that we have here the people are going through. We are having a tough time in trying to keep our village police officers in a working status, because we have a lot of turnovers because most of the people here in the village are related in one-way or another.

We the people in bush Alaska would like for the legislator to reconsider cutting the State Trooper program. It is very hard in the villages to get a State Trooper when we have an emergency. The only time when a State Trooper comes to a village is when there is a life-threatening situation, or when the weather is good out here in the bush. We the people in Lower Yukon area would like for a State Trooper Stationed at Emmonak or Kotlik so they would serve in this area. We are always the last village to get service by the State, Federal and other organization that service our village.

Sincerely



Jack Okitkun Jr.  
City Manager

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To Whom It May Concern,

We here at the city of Kotlik would like for you to reconsider the cutting of the revenue sharing to the villages. As you know the rate of inflation is going up every year, and the cost of living in the villages is very high. I personally think the cuts you should make are your unnecessary travels to the lower forty-eight. You do not need to travel to the lower forty-eight to help the villages. We all know that there is the Internet service that you can use.

We the people of the State of Alaska voted you into the position and you should be working for the villages and not for yourselves. I myself am very disappointed that you would consider cutting off the life that we depend on and running the villages that we work in. Most of the people who work for the cities have families that we need to support, and have bills that we acquire while living here in the villages.

Most of the people here in the villages are under the poverty level, if you think that the people are rich you are totally wrong!! The dividends that we get here in the villages are some help for all the bills that we acquire. If you are thinking to stop that too it will not be a wise idea, most of the people I get in contact with are not in favor with the \$25000 one-time deal. We know that, if that happens the help we get from the State will stop.

Sincerely  
  
Jack Okitkun Jr.  
City Manager

My name is Laura Rideout and I am the mayor of the rural community of Port Alexander. I am concerned at the thought of any further cuts in Revenue Sharing. Further cuts will be devastating to our rural community. Our city budget is comprised of our local sales and bed tax, shared fisheries tax, safe communities money and State Revenue Sharing.

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Without the State's Revenue Sharing, it could mean the loss of economic stability, viability and services of our municipality.

Teleconference  
Finance Comm

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Thank-you for your time  
Laura Rideout

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GOOD MORNING: MY NAME IS DANA ULVI, AND AS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF EAGLE I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FUNDING FOR THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY. I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO AMEND SB 250 TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL MONIES FOR THE CRITICAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE OF THIS HIGHWAY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DETERMINED LONG AGO THAT THE COST OF MAINTAINING THIS HIGHWAY YEAR ROUND COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED. IT THEREFORE ADOPTED THE PRESENT SCHEDULE BEGINNING MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> AND ENDING OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, WHILE THIS SCHEDULE HAS NOT CHANGED FOR MANY, MANY, YEARS TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY.

MY 7 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE CREW MAINTAINING THIS HIGHWAY TELLS ME THAT FURTHER CUTS TO THIS MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE WILL RESULT IN EXTENSIVE ROAD DAMAGE, REQUIRING NEW CULVERTS, THOUSANDS OF CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL, AND UNTOLD OVERTIME WORK HOURS FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. CREWS ON THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY ARE EQUIPPED FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE NOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

TO BEGIN MAINTENANCE ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF JUNE FACED WITH MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THIS IS WHEN WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED ON OUR HIGHWAYS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE DONE BY HEAVY VEHICLES ON SOFT ROADS

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FRANKLY FOR THE SECOND YEAR I'M GETTING  
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COST EFFICIENT, TIME PROVEN, BARE BONES, ESSENTIAL  
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BETTER SPENT BRAINSTORMING NEW REVENUE  
PROPOSALS RATHER THAN CUTTING ESSENTIAL  
SERVICES TO RURAL ALASKANS?

THANKYOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO VOICE MY OPINION.

kilo. My name is Jeanne Totenberg. Thankyou for this minute of your time.

For 47 years of economic boom & bust the Taylor Highway has consistently remained a priority of legislators committed to connecting Alaskans & building Alaska.

I'm wondering what this body is suddenly thinking...

We all welcome responsible budget cuts, but irresponsible cuts, like this, cuts that threaten a legislated & agency-driven disaster aren't good policy & reflect upon you poorly.

And to be honest, with all due respect to this committee, I'm really getting tired of spending yet another February & March engaging in the time & energy consuming process of convincing you that letting a secondary state highway essentially "break up" after 8 months of snow ice & overflow have accumulated, isn't going to save money!

Rivers can be left to break up because they melt & eventually flow. Roadbeds left to break up turn to mud & wash away.

● What is it about this distinction that is so difficult to grasp?

So here we sit spending precious legislative session days discussing such nonsense when we should all be proactively working towards building revenue.

Alaskans know you can't get something for nothing. This body's attempt, however, to bring this state to its knees with its offer of nothing for nothing is an insulting excuse for government.

Please propose an amendment to the supplemental budget to include monies to maintain the Taylor mid-March thru mid-October.

Thankyou,  
Jeanne Totenberg

Hello,

My name is Jan Parish. I want to express my concerns about letting the Taylor Hwy. melt open this spring. There are many reasons why this is a poor plan, but I will address two that affect me personally.

Many people living in Eagle are on limited or fixed incomes. It was financially not within our reach to add an extra 2-3 months worth of supplies last winter because they said the road would not be open in a timely matter this spring. It is also a hardship to have to have supplies flown in.

Our tourist season will be severely affected, and may mean a greater increase in people who may find themselves forced to apply for public assistance such as food stamps this winter due to a cut of income. Our tourist season is very short and having our lifeline to the rest of the state <sup>threatened</sup> is grossly unfair. The division between urban and rural areas continue to grow because of issues like this. Thank you,

Jan Parish

## House Finance-Operating Budget 3/04/00

My name is Kenneth D. Smith. I have lived in Alaska 60 years. During the summer I spend about 5 months in the Wrangell Mountains near McCarthy. The remainder of the year I live in Anchorage.

Two years ago, Senator Murkowski spoke to the Legislature. He suggested one of the top priorities of the Legislature should be to improve the McCarthy Road.

I am in complete agreement with the Senator on this recommendation.

Although I support increased exploitation of Alaska's natural resources, reality tells me almost total reliance on resources is not going to cut it. If we are going to make ends meet and avoid living beyond our means we must aggressively look toward other forms of economic diversification.

Like it or not, increased visitation to our state appears to be the most logical, immediate, and reachable method to achieve this.

In order to exploit the economies of industrial tourism we must create a broader range of visitor attractions. Yellowstone National Park presently receives more visitors than does the entire State of Alaska.

Access to our unique and scenic areas is paramount. We need additional roads.

Unfortunately, establishing and constructing new roads compounds the fiscal problem by adding additional maintenance burdens for the Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities.

**BUT, the McCarthy Road is an existing road and it can open up one of the most magnificent and impressive mountain wilderness areas in the world.**

All we have to do is fund a moderate amount of maintenance on it.

Industry will do the rest.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify.

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