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STATE OF ALASKA

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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May 26, 1983

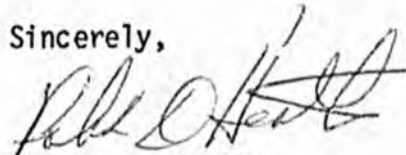
The Honorable Vic Fischer
Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Chairman:

In response to your request for information, of all PCC claims paid to date in 1983, the political contributions reflected on the claims break down as follows:

		%
Political candidates -	7,849	64.2
Political parties -	974	7.9
Other (committees, PAC's, issues) -	3,402	27.9
TOTAL	12,225	

Sincerely,



Robert D. Heath
Commissioner of Revenue

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Original sponsors: Bettisworth
and Hayes

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 89 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act repealing the tax credit for political con-
7 tributions; providing for the payment of credits on
8 contributions made prior to the effective date of the
9 repeal; and providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 43.20.013(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) A resident individual is entitled to a tax credit not to
13 exceed \$100 for

14 [(1)] a contribution made in a calendar year to a person or
15 organization for use exclusively

16 [(A)] for a political campaign for a candidate for

17 [(i)] President or Vice President of the United States,
18 whether or not the candidate will be voted on in a primary elec-
19 tion in Alaska;

20 [(2)] [(ii)] United States senator from Alaska;

21 [(3)] [(iii)] United States representative from Alaska;

22 [(4)] [(iv)] governor or lieutenant governor of Alaska;

23 [(5)] [(v)] the Alaska legislature;

24 [(6)] [(vi)] delegate to an Alaska constitutional convention;

25 [(7)] [(vii)] electoral confirmation as a judge or justice of
26 a court in Alaska; or

27 [(8)] [(viii)] municipal office in Alaska [; OR

28 (B) BY A GROUP SEEKING TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF A
29 BALLOT PROPOSITION OR QUESTION IN ALASKA: AND

1 (2) DUES PAID IN A CALENDAR YEAR TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-
2 TION ORCANIZED PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING ELECTIONS IN
3 ALASKA].

4 * Sec. 2. CLAIMS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
5 MADE PRIOR TO THE REPEAL OF AS 43.20.013(a)(1)(B) and (2). Notwithstanding
6 any other law or regulation, the commissioner of revenue shall pay the
7 amount of a tax credit allowed by AS 43.20.013(a)(1)(B) and (2), repealed
8 by sec. 1 of this Act, only to a resident individual who makes a claim for
9 payment of the credit on or before (1) April 15, 1983 for contributions
10 made during calendar year 1979; (2) July 1, 1983 for contributions made
11 during calendar years 1980, 1981 or 1982; or (3) July 2, 1984 for
12 contributions made after December 31, 1982 and prior to the effective date
13 of sec. 1 of this Act. A credit under this section shall be paid in the
14 manner provided in AS 43.20.030(e) for the payment of refunds and payment
15 may not be made without an appropriation for that purpose.

16 * Sec. . . . Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1983.

17 * Sec. 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect immediately in
18 accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).



NEA - ALASKA

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May 16, 1983

TO: Senator Vic Fischer, Chair
Members, Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: NEA-Alaska

RE: CSHB 89

Notwithstanding the obvious dilemma of the revenue decline, NEA-Alaska encourages that CSHB 89 not pass.

In our opinion, the financial incentive afforded the residents of Alaska through the tax credit (rebate) for voluntary political contributions is more than worthy of serious consideration to continue the program.

Not only does the program provide the broadest base of Alaska residents a meaningful opportunity for financial participation in political campaigns but it also has the effect of generating more citizen interest and involvement in the political process itself.

A person who has made a financial commitment to a candidate or an issue is more likely to vote on election day; is more likely to become actively involved in a political campaign and is certainly more likely to be consciously aware and have a greater interest in the issues/people attendant to a particular election.

Additionally, the incentive of the tax credit is more likely to foster a willingness to contribute beyond the minimum amounts necessary to qualify for the rebate.

No one disputes the seemingly uncontrollable and escalating costs of political campaigns. This circumstance tends to restrict potential political candidates to those persons who possess independent personal wealth or have direct access to substantial financial support.

The rather significant number of uncontested state races which we witnessed in the 1982 Election lends credibility to this concern.

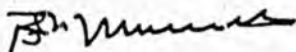
Using some of our wealth to foster the political process so that every Alaskan can have an opportunity for meaningful participation - either as a candidate or on behalf of a candidate or issue is worthy of our most serious consideration.

The political tax credit provides this meaningful opportunity for the broadest possible base of Alaskans to have meaningful involvement. It will act as a deterrent to the potential negative impact of larger PAC's on the process and our system.

We encourage that CSHB 89 not pass.

Thank you for your consideration of our statement.

Respectfully submitted:



Robert Manners
Executive Secretary

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May 13, 1983

The Honorable Vic Fischer
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

On Tuesday, May 3, 1983, the Greater Juneau Democratic Precinct resolved to go on record as opposed to CSHB 89, which calls for the repeal of the political contribution tax credit. Though no studies have been completed at this time as to the specific impact of this legislation, preliminary election figures indicate an upsurge in contributions for both Democrats and Republicans.

The figures below are for Senate races in 1980 and 1982. Compilations for House races are not yet complete yet it seems \$2,541,357 was donated in combined Democratic/Republican races (Democrats - \$849,509, Republicans - \$691,848).

Senate Contribution Breakdown

(Donations, not including personal contributions)

<u>Party</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>Income</u>
Democrat	\$301,661	\$382,665	+ \$ 81,004
Republican	<u>288,465</u>	<u>557,064</u>	+ <u>268,599</u>
Total	\$590,126	\$939,729	+ \$349,603

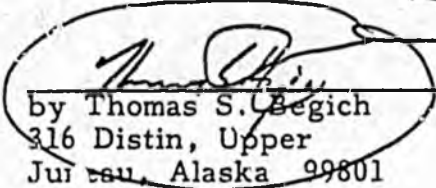
For many of us the tax credit has provided a tangible link between the growth in grass roots involvement and greater public concern in the political process. This credit could also potentially return to the individual the type of financial impact now possessed by political action committees (PACs). We recognize that those individuals who contribute financially are also inclined to see their monetary contribution "pay off" by physically working to see that the candidate, to whom they donated,

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is elected. We also recognize that this political involvement translates into an increased level of political awareness and public interest in the legislative process. In support of this growing interest, awareness and involvement, partially generated through this tax credit, we ask that each of you stand in opposition to CSHB 89, now before the Senate.

Sincerely,

Rich Listowski
Chair, Greater Juneau Democratic Precinct



by Thomas S. Begich
316 Distin, Upper
Juneau, Alaska 99801

cc: Representative Hugh Malone
Representative Mike M. Miller
Representative Jim Duncan
Diane Anderson-O'Connell, Chair, Democratic Party

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April 14, 1983

The Honorable Vic Fischer
Senator
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

Per a request by your staff assistant Nancy Groseck, I am forwarding to you an explanation of the Department of Revenue's request for a \$6,000,000 supplemental to cover the cost of the Political Campaign Contributions for FY 83. At the outset of the filing season the Department anticipated receipt of an estimated 60,000-90,000 Refundable Credit claims in the first six months of 1983 as a result of the heavy contributions made during the 1982 political season. Overall, these credits average approximately \$88 per refund. To date the claims received suggest that the estimate of actual claims filed will be less than our above estimates, but given the lack of historical data on which to base projections we still would prefer to maintain the request at the \$6,000,000 level until we have had an opportunity to assess the post April 15 filing impacts.

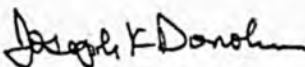
As you will recall, a legal question arose last summer as to whether the language in the FY 83 operating budget which appropriated \$1,033,000 for "Refundable Credits" was limited to child care credits by virtue of the legislative history surrounding the funding for the political campaign contributions, or because the language opposite the appropriation figure did not expressly say Child Care Credits both programs were underfunded requiring a supplemental appropriation request by the Department of Revenue.

It was the Department of Law's position that the \$1,033,000 figure in the FY 83 operating budget for refundable credits did include payment of political contributions as well as child care credits. Because of that decision and the fact that 1982 was an active political year, the Department estimated a need for an additional \$6,000,000 appropriation to fund the political campaign contributions. We believe the current appropriation of \$1,033,000 will still adequately cover the child care portion of the Refundable Credits.

The Honorable Vic Fisher
April 14, 1983
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I hope this information has been helpful to you, if we can assist you further, please contact us.

Sincerely,


for Robert D. Heath
Commissioner of Revenue

RDH:jas

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TO: ~~SENATORS~~ FISCHER, RAY, KELLY, RODEY, STURGULEWSKI

FROM: ALISON SMITH, 3406 OREGON DRIVE, ANC 99503 H 272-0149 W 279-5516

PLEASE SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION CREDIT
THIS CREDIT PARTICULARLY HELPS WOMEN AND MINORITIES TO ASSERT NEEDED
POLITICAL CLOUT. THANK YOU.

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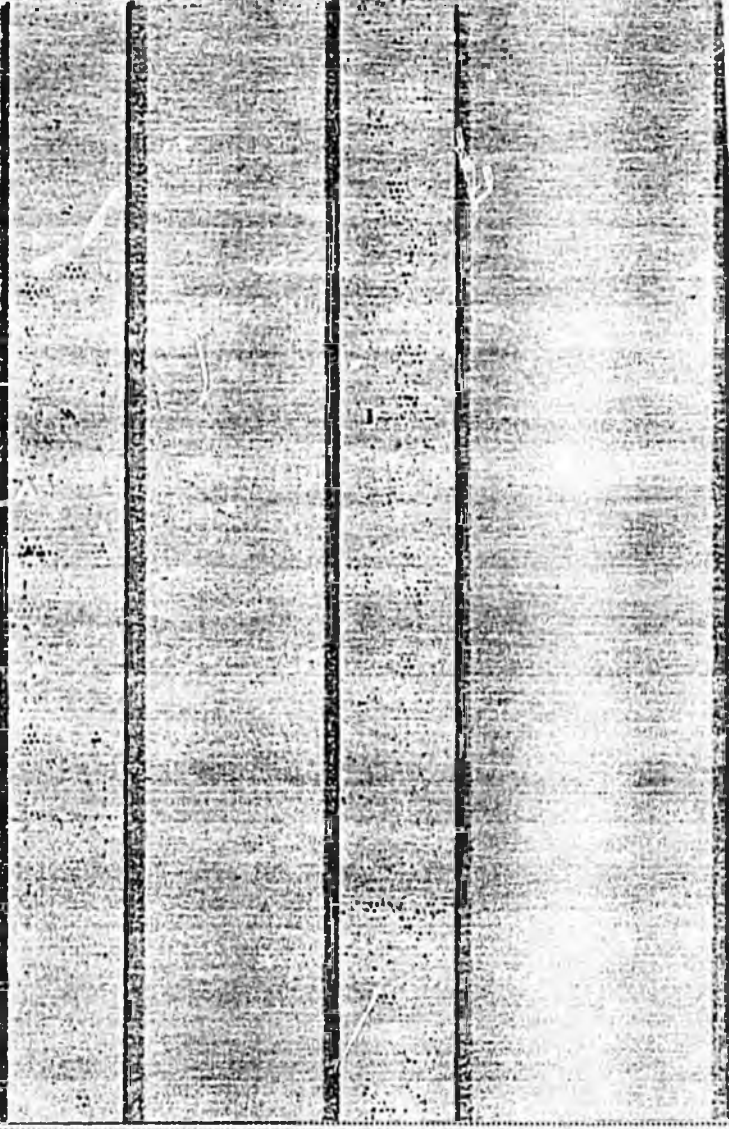
5/3/83, SHIRLEE ANC LIO. 14112

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TO: ALL MEMBERS, ALASKA SENATE

FROM: MARIE SHAUGHNESSY, 1419 ANNAPOLIS DRIVE, ANCH. 99504
H 277-2922. W 248-3131

I WOULD LIKE THE STATE OF ALASKA REFUND FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUED. IT PROVIDES SEED MONEY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OVER AND ABOVE THE REFUND AMOUNT AND HELPS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL STAKE IN GOVERNMENT.



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TO: SENATORS V. FISCHER, RAY, RODEY, STURGULEWSKI, KELLY, AND FAIKS

FROM: MARK B. BUTLER, 916 WEST 19TH AVENUE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99503
H- 272-9354 W- 264-4594

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST HB 89 (WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE STATE REFUNDS FOR
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS). THIS PROGRAM IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE THE
HIGH LEVEL OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM.

/S/ MARK B. BUTLER

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TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: P O M

TO: SENATORS JOSEPHSON AND Y. FISCHER

FROM: PETE LARSON, 2224 GLACIER ST #303, ANC 99504 H 333-8526

I AM OPPOSED TO HB 89 (REPEAL TAX CR/POLITICAL CONTRIB.). I FEEL THE \$100 REIMBURSABLE DONATIONS INSURE MORE INVOLVEMENT BY ALL ALASKANS IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

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FROM: PAT, VALDEZ TO: JUNEAU INFORMATION
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS VIC FISCHER, PAUL FISCHER, JAY KERTTULA

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FROM: DON CHESEBRO
BOX 972
VALDEZ, AK 99686 835-2344 (RES)

RE: SSSH89/REPEAL TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION

I WOULD URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THIS REPEAL AND SUPPORT THE POLITICAL
CONTRIBUTION REFUND.

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~~VF~~

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FROM: SHIRLEE ANC LIO TO: POMS JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS WENIGSCHER, RAY, STURGULEWSKI, RODEY, KELLY AND
HALFORD

FROM: JIM MAHAFFEY, 9601 MIDDENWAY, ANCHORAGE 99507
H 333-9632 W 561-1266, EXT 225

PLEASE SUPPORT PRIVATE CITIZENS' RIGHT TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY FOR
POLITICAL CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN FUNDS. IT IS CRITICAL FOR
INVOLVING CITIZENS IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, MORE CRUCIAL THAN
ANY CAPITAL MOVE. IT ENABLES TRUE CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATION.
VOTE NO ON HOUSE BILL 89 (REPEAL TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBU-
TIONS; E.D.).

COMMENTARY

SUBSTITUTE FOR HB 89

The department of revenue has drafted a proposed substitute to HB 89. The difference between the proposed substitute and the current CSHB 89 (SA) is that the proposed substitute has added a section which requires claims for credits for political contributions in 1980, 1981 and 1982 to be filed on or before July 1, 1983, and 1983 claims (those arising before the July 1, 1983 repeal of AS 43.20.013(a)) be filed on or before July 2, 1984.

The current law allows for claims for political contribution credits to be filed within 3 years of the April 15th following the calendar year in which the contribution was made. Without the adoption of the second section of the proposed act, Alaska residents would have until April 15, 1984 to file for 1980 claims, April 15, 1985 for 1981 claims, April 15, 1986 for 1982 claims and April 15, 1987 for 1983 claims. The adoption of section 2 of the proposed substitute would shorten the period during which the state would be exposed to the trickling in of claims for the credit. This would result in a small favorable fiscal impact on the state.

The department does not believe the shortening of the filing period is adverse to the public interest. The requirements for a person to be eligible for the credit are very clear and the information necessary to be filed with the application is basic. Under the proposed filing dates, the shortest period of time in which the individual would be required to apply for a credit would be the six month period for applying for the 1982 credit. This period should be more than sufficient to obtain a form, attached to the proof of contribution and submit the form to the department.

BACKUP PROVIDED BY SPONSOR

IV. ANALYSIS:

HB 89 repealed the Political Campaign Contributions retro to January 1, 1983, showing a savings to the General Fund of \$1,000,000. CS HB 89 repeals the PCC's effective July 1, 1983, showing a savings to the General Fund of \$250,000 in FY 84, and \$2,500,000 in FY 85. The Department of Revenue will need \$750,000 to fund the PCC's for FY 84. We request that the \$750,000 appropriation for the PCC's include the following language:

If the amount of money appropriated falls short of the amount needed to pay 1983 Political Campaign Contributions, the amount of the shortfall shall be appropriated.

Of Withholding (04-774) provided by the Department of Revenue. A taxpayer who is not fully exempt under AS 43.20.017 from Alaska individual income taxes in 1980 must file a 1980 Alaska individual income tax return after December 31, 1980 in order to claim a refund.

(c) A claim for a refund or credit must be filed within three years from the time the return was filed or within two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever date is later. A taxpayer may file a claim for credit or refund after the ordinary period has expired where the taxpayer and the commissioner have by agreement extended the period for assessing the tax. If the claim relates to a net operating loss carryback the period ends upon the expiration of the 15th day of the 40th month following the end of the year of the net operating loss which results in the carryback. A taxpayer who wishes to claim a refund of 1979 net income taxes paid based on his individual tax exemption under AS 43.20.017 must file his claim with the Department of Revenue on the special claim form no later than June 30, 1981. A taxpayer who is fully exempt from 1980 Alaska individual income taxes must file his claim for 1980 withholding before December 31, 1980; otherwise he must file a 1980 Alaska individual income tax return to claim a refund of his withholding.

(d) An overpayment of tax may be credited against any taxes due from the taxpayer. (Eff. 1/12/64, Reg. 12; am 5/14/80, Reg. 74; am 8/30/80, Reg. 75)

Authority: AS 43.20.030(e)
AS 43.20.017
§ 6 Ch. 22 SLA 1980
§ 7 Ch. 22 SLA 1980

15 AAC 20.042. FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF AND DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL TAX CREDITS. (a) A resident individual qualifying for payment of tax credits under AS 43.20.012 and 43.20.013 must file a return claiming payment on the form prescribed by the Department of Revenue. A return claiming payment for 1979 must have been filed on or before April 15, 1980. A return claiming payment for 1980 must have been filed on or before April 15, 1981. For calendar years beginning after December 31, 1980, the return claiming

payment must be filed on or before April 15, following the end of the calendar year during which the contribution or expense payment is made.

(b) A taxpayer has three years from the date the return claiming payment, under this section, is due to file an amended return claiming payment or a late original return claiming payment.

(c) A person must be a resident individual on or before the day on which payment is made for qualifying political contributions or household and dependent care services.

(d) The amount of credit payable under AS 43.20.013(b) is limited to the lesser of (1) 16 percent of the amount of allowable credit actually claimed under section 44A of the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) 16 percent of that credit attributable to expenses paid while a resident individual for household and dependent care. In order to receive a payment for the credit provided in AS 43.20.013(b), an individual must attach a copy of pages one and two of his or her federal individual income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service for that year.

(e) Political contribution credits allowable under this section are limited to those cash contributions which are legal under applicable state and federal law and regulations. For purposes of this section, a contribution to a group seeking to influence the outcome of a ballot proposition or question in Alaska is allowable under this section only if the contribution is required to be reported to the Alaska Public Offices Commission by that group.

(f) For purposes of this section, "resident individual" means a natural person who has physically resided in the State of Alaska for a period of not less than 30 days and who intends to remain permanently in the state. (Eff. 10/9/80, Reg. 76; am 2/1/81, Reg. 77; am 6/2/82, Reg. 82)

Authority: AS 43.05.080
AS 43.20.012
AS 43.20.013

15 AAC 20.044. FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUND OF 1979 INDIVIDUAL NET INCOME TAX. (a) An individual or fiduciary

Anchorage

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Crossroads of the Air World

March 8, 1983

Representative Robert H. Bettisworth
State Capitol, Room 500/502
Interdepartmental Mail Stop: 3100
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RECEIVED
3-11-83

Dear Representative Bettisworth,

The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce is in support of the passage of HB 7 requiring evidence of motor vehicle liability insurance.

We feel that this is certainly a start in the right direction. We urge your support on this matter of concern to all Alaskans.

→ The Chamber is also in support of HB 89 repealing the tax credit for political contributions.

I understand that there is a concern as to the effective date. July 1st rather than retroactive to January 1st, 1983 would be satisfactory to us.

The main priority should be to pass this much needed legislation. The State of Alaska has no business financing political campaigns and it would also save much needed revenue.

Thank you for your support on these issues.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Calhoon
Director
Chairman, Legislative Committee

STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date , 1983

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3-16-83

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS HB 89
Title: Repeat political contributions, tax cre
Sponsor: Bettisworth
Requestor: House Finance

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Revenue
Program Category Affected: Rev. Coll. & Mgt.
BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
TOTAL OPERATING						
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		(250.0)	(2,500.0)			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

Prepared By: Mary Reilly
Division: Comptroller's Office
Approved by Commissioner: Joseph D. ...
Department: Revenue

Phone: 465-2300
Date: 3/16/83
Date: 3/15/83

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Copy to Sponsor _____

Politicians should not be saddled with poor contributors

Well, heck, I never wanted to give those guys any money anyway.

There are people, however, who are upset about something called House Bill 89 (I think), which would do away with the tax credit for individual political contributions.

Back in the old days of state income tax, such a credit was a welcome thing; as I remember the game, I could give fifty bucks to the candidate of my choice and the state would knock fifty off my tax bill. Better yet, the feds would knock another twenty-five off my federal tax bill, so I'd wind up making a \$25 profit, which encouraged me to make my puny contribution, you may be sure.

After doing away with state income taxes, Alaska somehow retained the tax credit idea by giving you a rebate for smallish political contributions; you fill out the forms and send them in, and presumably the state sends you a check. (I am not sure of all the mechanics of this transaction, because the only time I tried it I could not find the receipt I got when I bought the Picasso print -- "Naked Fat Broad," I think it's called -- at a political auction and the state declined to send me a rebate. But I got to keep the picture.)



satch carlson

Anyway, what has evolved is an interesting system of public financing for the political circus. Our system is probably not a bad idea, because in effect we are saying to The Little Guy, "Look, we want everything fair and square, and we want to lay out campaign money so the election doesn't automatically go to the guy with a barrel of cash, but we want you to be the one to figure out where to put the money." This involves a lot of people in the political process, because there are all sorts of uninvolved people who wouldn't mind getting involved enough to write a check if

they knew they were going to get the money back.

Of course, this leads to all sorts of mischief, because before you know it the same Little Guy is running around trying to get other people to pony up bucks for his favorite bozo, and before you know it he's shoulders deep in the whole campaign, and there you have it: the ruination of another otherwise rational human being.

I guess I am opposed to the system because it tends to distract the candidate; he spends so much time talking to these little guys with their lousy \$100 contributions that he doesn't have time for the real job of the politician, namely cozying up to the well-heeled lobbyists and the patrician classes who make things go.

What we're talking about is class.

What kind of class is there in a neighborhood block party where you get ten people together and raise a thousand dollars? Heck, any real politician worth his salt can raise that with a single phone call. I myself have been to fund-raising functions (as an observer, of course; I couldn't afford a down payment on the canape) where the buy-in was in Four

Figures, as they say.

No, I think it's time we faced reality. Politics is a game for the rich. What we need is people of vision and personal wealth; what we need is influential lobbyists and Political Action Committees and corporate donations and friends with big fat checkbooks. Let's face it; it isn't easy to buy an election these days.

You leave the law on the books, you can't tell where it might lead. Before you know it, candidates would be filling their war chests with contributions from all sorts of people. Students'd be sending 'em in. Bartenders. Cab drivers. Carpenters. Cops. TV repairmen. School teachers. Why, before you know it, you'll have newspaper people writin' checks to the candidates of their choice, a fine how-do-you-do indeed.

I say we have to get back to the Natural Order of the Universe: If God had wanted us to get involved in politics, we'd have been born filthy rich.

With emphasis on the "filthy."

Satch Carlson is an Anchorage columnist.

A M E N D M E N T

#2

Offered in the SENATE

By V.Fischer

TO: CSHE 89(Fin)

Page 1, line 7, following "contributions":

Insert "to groups"

Page 1, line 8, following "contributions":

Insert "to groups"

Page 1, line 11:

Delete all material and insert the following:

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Page 1, line 13, following "AS 43.20.013(a)"

Insert "(1)(B) and (2)"

Page 1, line 15, following "AS 43.20.013(a)"

Insert "(1)(B) and (2), repealed by sec. 1 of this Act,"

SENATE ROLL CALL

HB 89

repeat Polit. Contrib ¹⁹⁸³
Credit

	YEAS	NAYS	-EX	AB
Bennett	.	Y	?	(BS)
Eliason	Y	Y		
Fahrenkamp	Y	Y		
Faiks	Y	Y		
Ferguson	Y	Y		
Fischer, Paul	Y	Y		
Fischer, Vic	Y	Y		
Gilman	Y	Y		
Halford	Y	Y	←	
Josephson	Y	Y		
Kelly	Y	Y		
Moss	Y	Y		
Mulcahy	←	Y		
Pettyjohn	←	Y		X
Ray	Y	Y		
Rodey	Y	Y		
Sackett	←	Y		X
Sturgulewski	Y	Y		
Ziegler	Y	Y	←	(sc)
Kerttula**		Y	?	
	YEAS	NAYS	-EX	AB
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HB 89 cont'd

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 89 (FIN) (repealing the tax credit for political contributions; providing for the payment of credits on contributions made prior to the effective date of the repeal; efd) be referred to the Rules Committee, notwithstanding the report of the committee?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CS HB 89 FIN

Yeas: 7 Eliason, Faiks, Ferguson,
Fischer Paul, Gilman, Halford, Kelly

Nays: 11 Bennett, Fahrenkamp, Fischer Vic,
Josephson, Kerttula, Moss, Mulcahy,
Ray, Rodey, Sturgulewski, Ziegler

Absent: 2 Pettyjohn, Sackett

Senator Paul Fischer changed his vote from nay to yea.

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 89 (FIN) failed to be referred to the Rules Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74 (sexual abuse of a minor) was read the second time.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Judiciary Committee Substitute offered on page 1213. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74 (JUD) (revising the laws relating to sexual abuse of a minor, sexual assault, and indecent exposure; and extending the time limitation for prosecution of sexual offenses) was adopted.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74 (JUD) was read the second time.

SB 74 cont'd

Senator Pettyjohn offered the following Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 26: following "class" delete "B" and insert "A"

Senator Halford moved that Amendment No. 1 be adopted. Senator Josephson objected.

Senator Fahrenkamp moved that the bill be placed at the bottom of the calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 17

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17 (JUD) am (authorizing a advisory vote on the drinking age; raising the drinking age to 21; allowing employment of certain minors on licensed premises; and amending other provisions of law relating to the drinking age) was read the second time.

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Senators Ziegler, Josephson, Pettyjohn and Eliason offered the following Amendment No. 1:

Page 6, following line 22: insert new section to read:
"Sec. 18. EXCEPTION FOR THOSE 19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS OF JANUARY 1, 1984. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title regarding age limitations, any person born on or before December 31, 1964 may be present upon licensed premises and may possess, consume, receive or purchase alcoholic beverages as otherwise allowed under this title, and a person may serve, deliver, dispense, furnish or sell alcoholic beverages to a person

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LABOR UNIONS

ENV. LOBBY

AK PUBLIC EMPL ASSN .

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UNITED FISHERMEN OF AK

★ OTHER GROUPS

TELECOM - +, 1 opposed

ADMIN. TESTIFIED → +

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June 13, 1983

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HOUSE BILL 89: A BILL TO REPEAL THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REFUND PROGRAM

HOW THE SENATORS FEEL

<u>SENATOR</u>	<u>TALKED TO</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Fahrenkamp	Mark Boyer	opposed	Mark said she was a long time supporter of these rebates.
Eliason		opposed	
Bennett	Senator	in favor	not committed to this position
Ferguson	staff	in favor	
Kertulla	Richard Ramsey	no opinion	does not think bill will pass
Ziegler	L. Krossa	opposed	
P. Fischer	Senator	modified	The Senator feels that the Pac's are being abused: the contributor is doing it for the profit and the candidate doesn't know who is contributing. Would like to see 1/2 of the contribution refunded. Will probably vote in favor with amendments.
Gilman	Bob Barry	opposed	The Senator has reservations about PAC's. The candidate doesn't know who backs him. (Bob Barry gave me an incredible hassle before giving an answer.)
Kelly	Senator	opposed	The Senator likes the way things are now.
Moss		opposed	
Pettyjohn			
Ray			

6/7/83

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From: Greg Granquist

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Table Ten is designed to provide an overview of the extent of the public's participation in this program over the past eight years. Data is provided to show the number of individuals claiming this tax credit and the total amounts credited each year by the State of Alaska to reimburse these individuals.

Analysis:

The political contribution tax credit program has grown dramatically since its inception. In 1974, an estimated 4,000 individuals claimed this credit. In 1982, this number had grown to 20,000. In 1974, less than \$200,000 was credited to individuals claiming the political contribution credit. In 1982, this total had grown to over \$2,000,000.

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May 13, 1983

The Honorable Vic Fischer
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

On Tuesday, May 3, 1983, the Greater Juneau Democratic Precinct resolved to go on record as opposed to CSHB 89, which calls for the repeal of the political contribution tax credit. Though no studies have been completed at this time as to the specific impact of this legislation, preliminary election figures indicate an upsurge in contributions for both Democrats and Republicans.

The figures below are for Senate races in 1980 and 1982. Compilations for House races are not yet complete yet it seems \$2,541,357 was donated in combined Democratic/Republican races (Democrats - \$849,509, Republicans - \$691,848).

Senate Contribution Breakdown

(Donations, not including personal contributions)

<u>Party</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>Income</u>
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Total	\$590,126	\$939,729	+ \$349,603

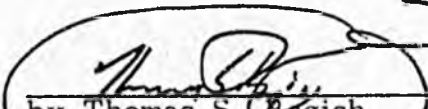
For many of us the tax credit has provided a tangible link between the growth in grass roots involvement and greater public concern in the political process. This credit could also potentially return to the individual the type of financial impact now possessed by political action committees (PACs). We recognize that those individuals who contribute financially are also inclined to see their monetary contribution "pay off" by physically working to see that the candidate, to whom they donated,

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is elected. We also recognize that this political involvement translates into an increased level of political awareness and public interest in the legislative process. In support of this growing interest, awareness and involvement, partially generated through this tax credit, we ask that each of you stand in opposition to CSHB 89, now before the Senate.

Sincerely,

Rich Listowski
Chair, Greater Juneau Democratic Precinct


by Thomas S. Begich
316 Distin, Upper
Juneau, Alaska 99801

*I guess gag orders
only apply to
Fischer's staff.*

cc: Representative Hugh Malone
Representative Mike M. Miller
Representative Jim Duncan
Diane Anderson-O'Connell, Chair, Democratic Party

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

MAIL STOP:

TO: Tom Begich

DATE: 6/10/83

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Greg Granquist

SUBJECT: Information Request Concerning
Distribution of Monetary
Contributions to State House
Candidates in 1980

We were able to gather this information sooner than I expected, so I am forwarding it forthwith:

Total Monetary Contributions to State House Candidates in 1980

Candidates' own Personal Contributions:	\$219,833	(17%)
Contributions of \$100 or Less	\$454,452	(36%)
Contributions From Those Who Cumulatively Contributed Over \$100	<u>\$591,852</u>	<u>(47%)</u>
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Distribution of Tax Credit Contributions to Candidates,
Groups, and Political Parties 1976

Category	Number of Committees (4)	Total Contributions As Per Form PCC-5(1)	%	Estimated Credit Benefit(2)
<u>Groups/Organizations (3)</u>				
Ballot-Issue Groups	22	\$ 33,126	9.5	\$ 23,519
Business Organizations	14	2,542	.7	1,805
Labor Organizations	17	28,824	8.3	20,465
Lobby-Oriented Organizations	25	1,482	.4	1,052
Quasi-Political Parties	12	6,072	1.7	4,311
Misc. and Unidentifiable Groups	28	6,877	2.0	4,883
Group TOTAL	<u>118</u>	<u>\$ 78,923</u>	<u>22.6</u>	<u>\$ 56,035</u>
 TOTAL ALL Candidates, Parties, Groups and Organizations	 <u>509</u>	 <u>\$ 349,208</u>	 <u>100</u>	 <u>\$ 248,011</u>

(1) see footnote #2 of Table 10

(2) see footnote #4 of Table 10

(3) inasmuch as any attempt to categorize certain groups must be arbitrary, and since many do not fit neatly into categories, the examples below are listed to give an idea of what types of groups went into the categories in that section:

- (a) ballot-issue groups: Committee to Save Alaska's Salmon, Limited Entry Defense Fund, League of Women Voters, Citizens Against Proposition #4;
- (b) business organizations: Alaska Truckers Legislative Council, OMAR, Sohioan Civic Contribution Fund;
- (c) lobby-oriented organizations: National Rifle Association, Whale Protection Fund, Americans Against Union Control of Government
- (d) quasi-political parties: American Conservative Union, Individuals for Alaska, The Conservative Caucus.

(4) this number represents the number of committees in each category, not necessarily the number of candidates, i.e., the Reagan for President Committee, Citizens for Reagan, and Reagan '78 would be listed as three separate committees, though they were supporting only one candidate.

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U.S. President	13	\$ 10,763	3.1	\$ 7,642
U.S. Senator	2	6,446	1.8	4,641
U.S. House of Representatives	5	22,798	6.5	16,187
Federal TOTAL	<u>20</u>	<u>\$ 40,007</u>	<u>11.4</u>	<u>\$28,470</u>
Governor	1	\$ 190	.1	\$ 135
Lt. Governor	2	671	.2	476
State Senator	27	29,033	8.3	20,613
State House	121	119,127	34.1	84,580
State TOTAL	<u>151</u>	<u>\$149,021</u>	<u>42.7</u>	<u>\$105,804</u>
Mayor	10	\$ 4,978	1.4	\$ 3,534
Councilman	9	593	.2	421
Assemblyman	43	16,894	4.8	11,995
School Board	28	17,106	4.9	12,145
Other Municipal Offices	4	196	.1	\$ 28,234
Municipal TOTAL	<u>94</u>	<u>\$ 39,767</u>	<u>11.4</u>	<u>\$ 28,234</u>
Miscellaneous Candidates	54	\$ 4,418	1.3	\$ 3,137
CANDIDATE TOTAL	<u>319</u>	<u>\$233,213</u>	<u>66.8</u>	<u>\$165,645</u>
Political Parties				
Democratic Party	30	\$ 12,882	3.7	\$ 9,146
Republican Party	39	23,330	6.7	16,564
American Ind. Party	2	35	-	35
Libertarian Party	1	825	.2	586
PARTY TOTAL	<u>72</u>	<u>\$ 37,072</u>	<u>10.6</u>	<u>\$ 26,331</u>

Table 10 (continued)

- (4) This column is an estimate of the amount of contributions to a particular candidate or group which were reimbursed or credited to the contributor by the State of Alaska. It shows, approximately, how much of a candidate or group's campaign was indirectly financed by the State of Alaska through tax credits. It was derived by multiplying the amount in the previous column by .698. This factor represents the approximate ratio of total contributions listed on Form's PCC-5 to total tax credits allowed.

Note: Approximately \$136,088, or 55% of the total tax credit allowed benefited the candidates & groups listed above, who number 50 and represent 10% of the total number of candidates and groups listed on tax credit returns.

Table 10

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A Summary of Contributions and Tax Credits for Those Candidates
And Groups Appearing Most Frequently on Tax Credit Forms PCC-5 (1)

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Limited Entry Defense Fund	306	\$ 23688	\$16534
Alaskans For Don Young	236	16861	11769
Republican National Committee	121	4929	3440
ALIVE	103	12267	8562
Mike Bradner	101	5075	3542
Terry Stimson	95	6565	4582
Alaska Laborers Political Ed. Comm.	92	8021	5599
Republican Party of Alaska	86	5095	3556
Comm. to Save Alaskas (salmon	84	5840	4076
Lisa Rudd	82	3265	2279
NEA - PACE	71	4626	3229
Gordon Jackson	68	3875	2705
Sam Barnes	65	3709	2589
Carloyn Lewis	62	1760	1228
Mike Gravel	60	4643	3241
Bill Parker	59	2384	1664
United Republican Fund	53	2202	1537
Genie Chance	50	2610	1822
Randall Phillips	50	2643	1845
Terry Gardiner	48	2129	1486
Don Bennett	47	3287	2294
Glenn Hackney	47	2666	1861
K. Calderwood	44	3810	2659
Doug Millar	44	4965	3466
Ted Smith	44	2334	1629
Darlene Chapman	43	1770	1235
Joyce Munson	43	2575	1797
Clark Gruening	42	2175	1518

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Mike Colletta	40	2794	1950
Fred Brown	38	2235	1560
Democratic Central Comm.	38	3595	2509
G.O.P. Victory Fund	38	1625	1134
Arliss Sturgelewski	38	1605	1120
Lyle Coblentz	36	3293	2299
Rick Urion	36	3199	2233
Larry Carpenter	35	2047	1429
Kris Lethin	35	2589	1807
Leo Schachle	35	1520	1061
Eben Hopson	34	3732	2605
James O'Sullivan	34	2544	1776
Joe Hayes	33	3017	2106
Jay Kertulla	33	2643	1845
Robert Sharp	33	2429	1695
H.O. Red Williams	33	1245	869
P. Breed	30	1555	1085
Tim Kelly	30	1563	1091
Tony Knowles	30	1280	893
Milt Mayr	30	1585	1106
Bill Weimar	30	1665	1162

- Footnotes: (1) On their State income tax returns for the 1976 tax year, 3841 people claimed to have contributed \$353,585 to 512 different candidates and political organizations (joint returns were counted as one person). Of this sum \$246,831 was allowable as a tax credit (some returns listed more contributions than necessary for the \$50 per person \$100 per joint return limited).
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June 13, 1983

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MAY 26 1983

Cass M. Parsons
Executive Director

May 26, 1983

Honorable Vic Fischer
Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

The Senate State Affairs Committee will be reviewing House Bill 89 today. The United Fishermen of Alaska would like to express some concern regarding this bill.

We feel that the political contribution credit has made a great deal of difference in the numbers of people becoming involved in the election process in recent years. APOC figures indicate that the amount of money contributed toward political campaigns that has been turned in for credit has risen from \$184,000 in 1974 to about \$2 million in 1982, or about 15% of the total contributions made in 1983. The fishermen's political action committee, FishPac, was highly successful during the last election, due in large part to the contribution credit. The ability of these "pacs" to organize and assist with campaigns will be greatly impaired if the credit is repealed. We feel the "pacs" are an integral part of the election process in Alaska where the lack of communication and great distances separating communities inhibit a political candidate's ability to make himself known.

Thank you for your attention. I hope you will take our concern into consideration when you review this legislation.

Sincerely,

Cass M. Parsons
UFA Executive Director

CMP/jb

cc: All members, Senate State Affairs Committee



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May 16, 1983

TO: Senator Vic Fischer, Chair
Members, Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: NEA-Alaska

RE: CSHB 89

Notwithstanding the obvious dilemma of the revenue decline, NEA-Alaska encourages that CSHB 89 not pass.

In our opinion, the financial incentive afforded the residents of Alaska through the tax credit (rebate) for voluntary political contributions is more than worthy of serious consideration to continue the program.

Not only does the program provide the broadest base of Alaska residents a meaningful opportunity for financial participation in political campaigns but it also has the effect of generating more citizen interest and involvement in the political process itself.

A person who has made a financial commitment to a candidate or an issue is more likely to vote on election day; is more likely to become actively involved in a political campaign and is certainly more likely to be consciously aware and have a greater interest in the issues/people attendant to a particular election.

Additionally, the incentive of the tax credit is more likely to foster a willingness to contribute beyond the minimum amounts necessary to qualify for the rebate.

No one disputes the seemingly uncontrollable and escalating costs of political campaigns. This circumstance tends to restrict potential political candidates to those persons who possess independent personal wealth or have direct access to substantial financial support.

The rather significant number of uncontested state races which we witnessed in the 1982 Election lends credibility to this concern.

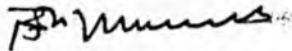
Using some of our wealth to foster the political process so that every Alaskan can have an opportunity for meaningful participation - either as a candidate or on behalf of a candidate or issue is worthy of our most serious consideration.

The political tax credit provides this meaningful opportunity for the broadest possible base of Alaskans to have meaningful involvement. It will act as a deterrent to the potential negative impact of larger PAC's on the process and our system.

We encourage that CSHB 89 not pass.

Thank you for your consideration of our statement.

Respectfully submitted:



Robert Manners
Executive Secretary

RM:jc

ALASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
DIANNE ANDERSON O'CONNELL
CHAIR

WANG

9851 BASHER DRIVE
ANCHORAGE, AK 99507
(907) 337-6452

April 14, 1983

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Senator Vic Fischer
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

I am writing as Chair of the Democratic Party to urge your continued opposition to H.B. 89, the bill which would repeal the current tax credit for political contributions.

At the risk of belaboring you with philosophy, I want to discuss the relative merit of public financing of political campaigns -- especially in a state which requires such large expenditures of cash even to reach the public. In rural areas, this problem translates to geography and transportation costs; in urban areas it translates to media costs. In some areas, it translates to both.

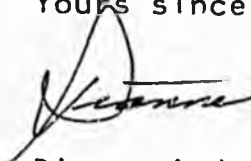
As you no doubt realize, the original tax credit legislation was designed to help equalize the fund-raising capabilities of the affluent candidate/constituent and the less affluent candidate/constituent. A \$1,000 contribution from an established corporation and/or business is made more effortlessly than a \$100 contribution from a person on the street (or road). None of us, I hope, would argue the necessity of encouraging persons all along the economic spectrum to participate in the Alaskan political process.

I am not ignorant of the fact that a great deal of pressure is being brought upon legislators to repeal this legislation -- the argument being "we can't afford it". I'm saying we cannot afford not to encourage each Alaskan from making his/her voice heard through the campaign/political process. To allow candidates/constituents of all walks of life the ability to financially participate in the decision-making process in this way is worth the expense. Without this added incentive, the very people we seek to hear and represent will be financially gagged -- with only the wealthy able and willing to finance the promulgation of their political views. Alaska cannot afford to hear only one side.

We are all Democrats together. We may not always view a problem from the same perspective nor tackle it in the same manner, but we all believe in listening to the people before making a decision. In our political structure, the only way a large number of Alaskans will be heard is through their small, and refundable political contribution.

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE TO REPEAL H.B. 89.

Yours sincerely,



Dianne Anderson O'Connell
Chair

DAO/dw

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH S
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: (907) 465-2300

April 14, 1983

The Honorable Vic Fischer
Senator
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

Per a request by your staff assistant Nancy Groseck, I am forwarding to you an explanation of the Department of Revenue's request for a \$6,000,000 supplemental to cover the cost of the Political Campaign Contributions for FY 83. At the outset of the filing season the Department anticipated receipt of an estimated 60,000-90,000 Refundable Credit claims in the first six months of 1983 as a result of the heavy contributions made during the 1982 political season. Overall, these credits average approximately \$88 per refund. To date the claims received suggest that the estimate of actual claims filed will be less than our above estimates, but given the lack of historical data on which to base projections we still would prefer to maintain the request at the \$6,000,000 level until we have had an opportunity to assess the post April 15 filing impacts.

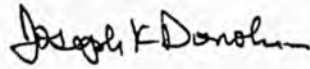
As you will recall, a legal question arose last summer as to whether the language in the FY 83 operating budget which appropriated \$1,033,000 for "Refundable Credits" was limited to child care credits by virtue of the legislative history surrounding the funding for the political campaign contributions, or because the language opposite the appropriation figure did not expressly say Child Care Credits both programs were underfunded requiring a supplemental appropriation request by the Department of Revenue.

It was the Department of Law's position that the \$1,033,000 figure in the FY 83 operating budget for refundable credits did include payment of political contributions as well as child care credits. Because of that decision and the fact that 1982 was an active political year, the Department estimated a need for an additional \$6,000,000 appropriation to fund the political campaign contributions. We believe the current appropriation of \$1,033,000 will still adequately cover the child care portion of the Refundable Credits.

The Honorable Vic Fisher
April 14, 1983
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I hope this information has been helpful to you, if we can assist you further, please contact us.

Sincerely,


for Robert D. Heath
Commissioner of Revenue

RDH:jas

COMMENTARY

SUBSTITUTE FOR HB 89

The department of revenue has drafted a proposed substitute to HB 89. The difference between the proposed substitute and the current CSHB 89 (SA) is that the proposed substitute has added a section which requires claims for credits for political contributions in 1980, 1981 and 1982 to be filed on or before July 1, 1983, and 1983 claims (those arising before the July 1, 1983 repeal of AS 43.20.013(a)) be filed on or before July 2, 1984.

The current law allows for claims for political contribution credits to be filed within 3 years of the April 15th following the calendar year in which the contribution was made. Without the adoption of the second section of the proposed act, Alaska residents would have until April 15, 1984 to file for 1980 claims, April 15, 1985 for 1981 claims, April 15, 1986 for 1982 claims and April 15, 1987 for 1983 claims. The adoption of section 2 of the proposed substitute would shorten the period during which the state would be exposed to the trickling in of claims for the credit. This would result in a small favorable fiscal impact on the state.

The department does not believe the shortening of the filing period is adverse to the public interest. The requirements for a person to be eligible for the credit are very clear and the information necessary to be filed with the application is basic. Under the proposed filing dates, the shortest period of time in which the individual would be required to apply for a credit would be the six month period for applying for the 1982 credit. This period should be more than sufficient to obtain a form, attached the proof of contribution and submit the form to the department.

—BACKUP PROVIDED BY SPONSOR—

IV. ANALYSIS:

HB 89 repealed the Political Campaign Contributions retro to January 1, 1983, showing a savings to the General Fund of \$1,000,000. CS HB 89 repeals the PCC's effective July 1, 1983, showing a savings to the General Fund of \$250,000 in FY 84, and \$2,500,000 in FY 85. The Department of Revenue will need \$750,000 to fund the PCC's for FY 84. We request that the \$750,000 appropriation for the PCC's include the following language:

If the amount of money appropriated falls short of the amount needed to pay 1983 Political Campaign Contributions, the amount of the shortfall shall be appropriated.

Of Withholding (04-774) provided by the Department of Revenue. A taxpayer who is not fully exempt under AS 43.20.017 from Alaska individual income taxes in 1980 must file a 1980 Alaska individual income tax return after December 31, 1980 in order to claim a refund.

(c) A claim for a refund or credit must be filed within three years from the time the return was filed or within two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever date is later. A taxpayer may file a claim for credit or refund after the ordinary period has expired where the taxpayer and the commissioner have by agreement extended the period for assessing the tax. If the claim relates to a net operating loss carryback the period ends upon the expiration of the 15th day of the 40th month following the end of the year of the net operating loss which results in the carryback. A taxpayer who wishes to claim a refund of 1979 net income taxes paid based on his individual tax exemption under AS 43.20.017 must file his claim with the Department of Revenue on the special claim form no later than June 30, 1981. A taxpayer who is fully exempt from 1980 Alaska individual income taxes must file his claim for 1980 withholding before December 31, 1980; otherwise he must file a 1980 Alaska individual income tax return to claim a refund of his withholding.

(d) An overpayment of tax may be credited against any taxes due from the taxpayer. (Eff. 1/12/64, Reg. 12; am 5/14/80, Reg. 74; am 8/30/80, Reg. 75)

Authority: AS 43.20.030(e)
AS 43.20.017
§ 6 Ch. 22 SLA 1980
§ 7 Ch. 22 SLA 1980

15 AAC 20.042. FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF AND DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL TAX CREDITS. (a) A resident individual qualifying for payment of tax credits under AS 43.20.012 and 43.20.013 must file a return claiming payment on the form prescribed by the Department of Revenue. A return claiming payment for 1979 must have been filed on or before April 15, 1980. A return claiming payment for 1980 must have been filed on or before April 15, 1981. For calendar years beginning after December 31, 1980, the return claiming

payment must be filed on or before April 15, following the end of the calendar year during which the contribution or expense payment is made.

(b) A taxpayer has three years from the date the return claiming payment, under this section, is due to file an amended return claiming payment or a late original return claiming payment.

(c) A person must be a resident individual on or before the day on which payment is made for qualifying political contributions or household and dependent care services.

(d) The amount of credit payable under AS 43.20.013(b) is limited to the lesser of (1) 16 percent of the amount of allowable credit actually claimed under section 44A of the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) 16 percent of that credit attributable to expenses paid while a resident individual for household and dependent care. In order to receive a payment for the credit provided in AS 43.20.013(b), an individual must attach a copy of pages one and two of his or her federal individual income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service for that year.

(e) Political contribution credits allowable under this section are limited to those cash contributions which are legal under applicable state and federal law and regulations. For purpose of this section, a contribution to a group seeking to influence the outcome of a ballot proposition or question in Alaska is allowable under this section only if the contribution is required to be reported to the Alaska Public Offices Commission by that group.

(f) For purposes of this section, "resident individual" means a natural person who has physically resided in the State of Alaska for a period of not less than 30 days and who intends to remain permanently in the state. (Eff. 10/9/80, Reg. 76; am 2/1/81, Reg. 77; am 6/2/82, Reg. 82)

Authority: AS 43.05.080
AS 43.20.012
AS 43.20.013

15 AAC 20.044. FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUND OF 1979 INDIVIDUAL NET INCOME TAX. (a) An individual or fiduciary

Anchorage

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Crossroads of the Air World

March 8, 1983

Representative Robert H. Bettisworth
State Capitol, Room 500/502
Interdepartmental Mail Stop: 3100
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RECEIVED
3-11-83

Dear Representative Bettisworth,

The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce is in support of the passage of FB 7 requiring evidence of motor vehicle liability insurance.

We feel that this is certainly a start in the right direction. We urge your support on this matter of concern to all Alaskans.



The Chamber is also in support of HB 89 repealing the tax credit for political contributions.

I understand that there is a concern as to the effective date. July 1st rather than retroactive to January 1st, 1983 would be satisfactory to us.

The main priority should be to pass this much needed legislation. The State of Alaska has no business financing political campaigns and it would also save much needed revenue.

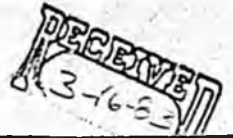
Thank you for your support on these issues.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Calhoon
Director
Chairman, Legislative Committee

STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date 1983



I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS HB 89
 Title: Repeal political contributions tax cre
 Sponsor: Bettisworth
 Requestor: House Finance

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Revenue
 Program Category Affected: Rev. Coll. & Mt.
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
TOTAL OPERATING						
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS			(250.0)	(2,500.0)		
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

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 Division: Comptroller's Office Date: 3/16/83
 Approved by Commissioner: Joseph Bettisworth Date: 3/15/83
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FROM: DAVID FINKELSTEIN, 3911 PETERKIN, ANCHORAGE 99504
H.279-6719 W 272-9317

I AM OPPOSED TO HOUSE BILL 89 (REPEAL TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS; E.D.) AND HOPE YOU WILL DEFEAT IT. I THINK IT IS A GOOD USE OF OUR PUBLIC FUNDS TO ENCOURAGE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS. BUSINESS INTERESTS WILL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO DEFEND THEIR INTERESTS IN ALASKA.

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Don't have to answer - this guy knows who he stands - FYI
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June 3, 1983

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Dear VSALUTATIONV:

Thanks for letting me know how you feel about HB 89, the bill that would repeal the \$100 refund for political contributions.

I'm strongly opposed to passage of this bill, and will do everything within my power to retain the refund program. I remain convinced that this program allows and encourages much fuller participation in the political process by a wide range of Alaskans. I also don't want to see P.A.C.s and other groups eliminated from the program, as they play an important role in allowing citizens to be heard in the political arena.

Again, thanks for your thoughts.

Best regards,

Senator Vic Fischer

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JUNEAU AK

WE URGE YOU NOT TO PASS HB89. PRESENT LAW ALLOWS FOR EQUAL
PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND SHOULD NOT BE
CHANGED.

GORDON A SMITH, PRESIDENT, AREA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL

SRA BOX 31-Y

ANCHORAGE AK 99507

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FROM: JIM MAHAFFEY, 9601 MIDDEN WAY, ANCHORAGE 99507
H 333-9632 W 561-1266, EXT 223

PLEASE SUPPORT PRIVATE CITIZENS' RIGHT TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY FOR
POLITICAL CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN FUNDS. IT IS CRITICAL FOR
INVOLVING CITIZENS IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, MORE CRUCIAL THAN
ANY CAPITAL MOVE. IT ENABLES TRUE CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATION.
VOTE NO ON HOUSE BILL 89 (REPEAL TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBU-
TIONS; E.D.).

5/3/83, SHIRLEE ANC LIO, 14112

TO: ALL MEMBERS, ALASKA SENATE

FROM: JANET LINDEMAN, 4342 E. 4TH AVE., ANCHORAGE 99504
H 333-5689 W 276-8740

*Reg.
Psych Ex
Joseph.*

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I URGE YOU AGAIN TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 109.

5/3/83, SHIRLEE ANC LIO, 14112

TO: ALL MEMBERS, ALASKA SENATE

FROM: MARIE SHAUGHNESSY, 1419 ANNAPOLIS DRIVE, ANCH 99504
H 277-2922 W 248-3131

LS

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I WOULD LIKE THE STATE OF ALASKA REFUND FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUED. IT PROVIDES SEED MONEY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OVER AND ABOVE THE REFUND AMOUNT AND HELPS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL STAKE IN GOVERNMENT.

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Sam Butler

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League of Women Voters of Alaska

Box 602
Soldotna, AK 99669
May 12, 1983

LS
MAY 1 1983

Dear Senator Fischer,

The League of Women Voters of Alaska urges your support of tax credits for political contributions. Such credits are one of the most significant means available to promote maximum citizen participation in the political process. Passage of HB 89 would be a step backward, particularly in view of increasing public interest in campaign finance reform.

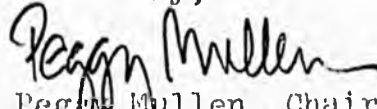
We maintain that the healthiest campaigns are those which are financed not just by PAC's or special interest lobbies, but by a multitude of small checks written by regular people.

There have always been voters who know how valuable an individual, albeit small, contribution to a campaign can be. But there are many others who only began to consider such contributions in light of a tax credit. It is not unrealistic to expect that some time in the near future the state may be required to reinstitute the state income tax. Continuing the tax credit until then would not be unusual; the state in effect 'subsidizes' many small projects...from home loans to fisheries and college educations.

As you well know, the question ultimately becomes one of philosophy as much as economics. The price tag of this incentive is comparatively small. It makes a great deal of sense when it is considered as an investment in a healthy political future for Alaska.

League considers the political contributions credit to be a worthwhile expenditure of public funds. We also support the inclusion of the necessary funds in the FY 84 budget.

Sincerely,



Peggy Mullen, Chair
Election Laws and Procedures
League of Women Voters of Alaska

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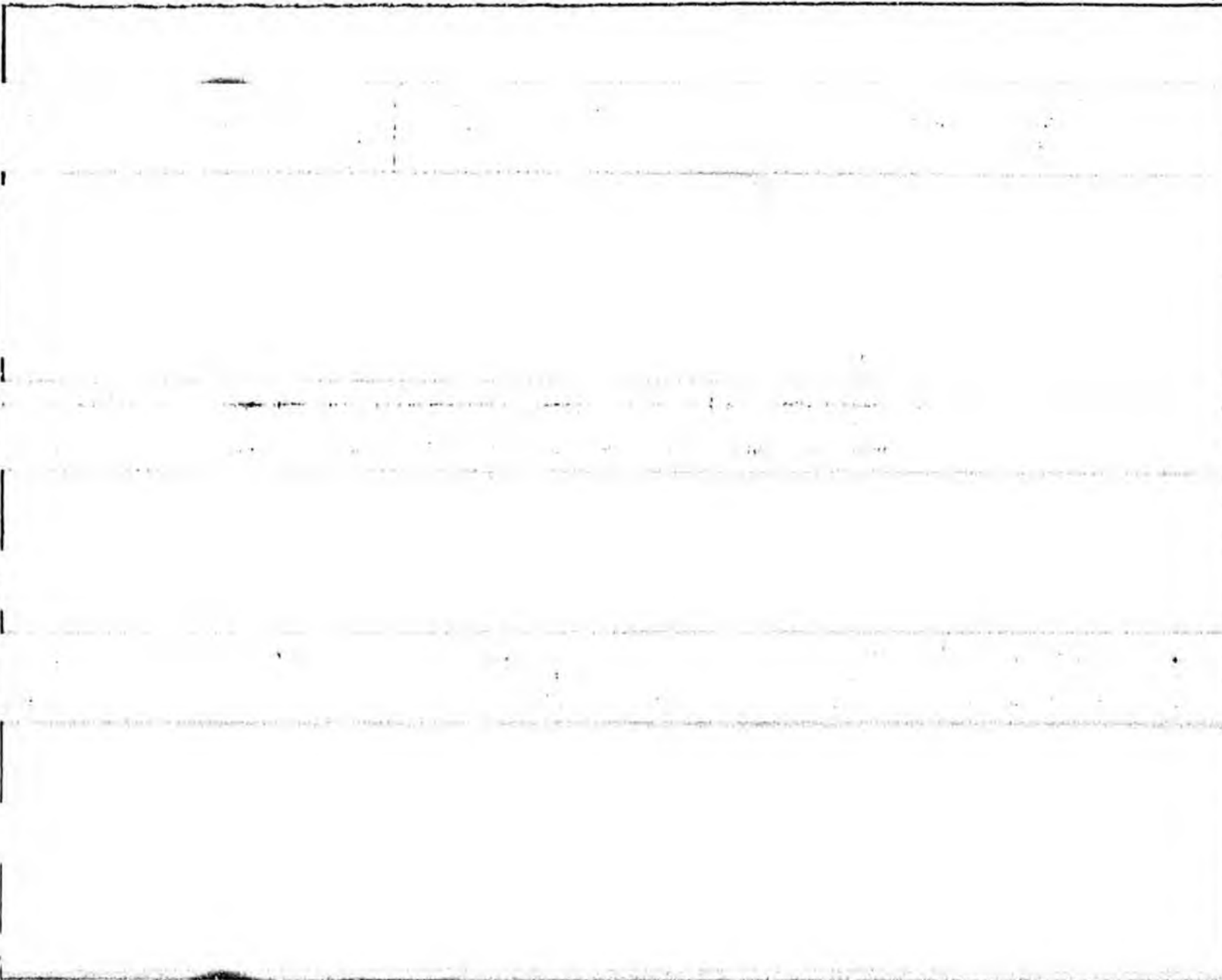
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AND STURGULENSKI

FROM: JEFFREY EUSTIS, 1413 ATKINSON DRIVE, ANCHORAGE 99504
H 337-1616 U 276-4244

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THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REFUND PROGRAM PROVIDES A VALUABLE MEANS
FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS. I URGE DEFEAT OF HOUSE
BT L 89.



5/24/83 JEAN, ANC LIO #20141

TO: SENATOR VIC FISCHER

FROM: JEAN CRACIUNM
5932 GEMINI DRIVE
ANCHORAGE, AK 99504 (H) 337-8384 (H) 276-7277

LS/NS
FORM

RE: HS 89 - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REFUND PROGRAM

I DO NOT WANT THIS REPEALED. I DISAGREE WITH REP. BETTISWORTH THAT THE CREDIT HAS BECOME A BRIBE. I BELIEVE INSTEAD THAT THE PROGRAM ACTIVELY ENCOURAGES CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

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FROM: CAROL LEWIS, SRA BOX 066, ANC 99502 H 345-3252 W 563-3638
VOTE TO KILL THE CS FOR HB 89 (RE POLITICAL CONTRIB. REBATE).

FOR APPROPRIATE: 544 BATT 10TH. 280-10400. 5551
H- 578-1250 H- 57-4575

TO USE TO REPEAL OF HD 87 WHICH WOULD REMOVE THE TAX CREDIT FOR
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION. THIS TAX CREDIT EFFECTIVELY PREVENTS
ALL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS OF A MINIMAL

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TO: SENATORS V. FISCHER, RAY, STURGULEWSKI, RODEY, AND KELLY

FROM: STEVE KADISH, 1135 I STREET, ANCHORAGE, AK (99501)
H- 276-5032 W- 272-8734

I OPPOSE HB '89, I ALSO OBJECT TO ANY CHANGES REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT
OF THE \$100 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION. I FEAR THAT POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS
WILL LIMIT THE PERSONAL CHOICE OF HOW A PERSON CHOOSES TO SUPPORT AN
ISSUE AS WELL AS A CANDIDATE.

5/25/83, SHIRLEE AND LIO, 20711

TO: SENATORS V. FISCHER, RAY, KELLY, RODEY AND STURGULENSKI

FROM: ABBY ARNOLD, 1426 DECA, NO. 1, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501
H 274-6727 W 274-2700

RE: OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 89

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST HOUSE BILL 89. THE PROGRAM IS WORTHWHILE AND ALLOWS GROUPS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELECTION PROCESS. THE STATE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT. IN ADDITION, THE PROGRAM NEEDS TO APPLY TO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES.

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May 25, 1983

Senator Vic Fischer
Member, Finance Committee
State Capitol
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

MAY 31 1983

Dear Senator Fischer:

Most Alaskans are still politically naive. Politics was a subject that was discussed at the cocktail parties of select few individuals who were in charge of this State. No one else could afford politics. Because of the various impacts of legislation, there is a slow awakening of the importance of the individual becoming involved. And because of the political contribution tax credit there is the realization that these same individuals can afford to become involved. I know that this is particularly true of rural/bush groups with which I've been living and working and with fishermen.

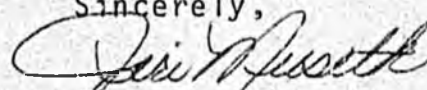
I have been fortunate enough to have been involved with a Political Action Committee. I have found it a means to get others interested in the "political process". By joining a group of people interested in the same subjects, people, who would otherwise not even try, can find themselves actively involved and learning what this game is all about, including the distribution of campaign checks to candidates. It has been this sort of experience that has gotten more Alaskans involved in what is being done for their great State and out to vote the different issues.

Recently, there has been interest expressed by a group of women in forming a PAC. Women are notorious for being on the lower end of wage and monetary scales, and definitely need the break that the political contribution tax credit can offer them to keep them busy in an expensive activity.

I sincerely hope that you will keep these thoughts in mind when you are considering HB 89, and will oppose its passage at this time. I am sure that within a few more years Alaskans will have reached a better level of political expertise and will agree that the political contribution tax credit has outlived its usefulness. But this is not the time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jeri Museth
Elfin Cove, AK 99825

FD-36 (REV. 5-22-64) MAIL ROOM JUN 11 1964 11 42 AM '64
TO: JUNEAU
FROM: LHM SUBJ: POM

SEN. W. FISCHER, PAY, STURGEONSKI, BODEY, KELLY

LS

M: LILLIAN RUEDRICH, PRESIDENT OF JUNEAU NOW
536 PARK STREET
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801
584-9739

RE: HB 89-TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SO IS A VOTE AGAINST ACTIVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL
PROCESS, AND THE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGNS BUT NOT
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES DISCRIMINATES AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL
PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS SUPPORT OF BROAD ISSUES. PLEASE VOTE
AGAINST HB 89

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MSG 83-00018857 PRTY 1 05/19/83 11:48:27 ORIG: LV00 IN= 0004 OUT= 0056
FROM: PAT, VALDEZ TO: JUNEAU INFORMATION
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS ~~VIC FISCHER~~, PAUL FISCHER, JAY KERTTULA

FROM: DON CHESEBRO
BOX 972
VALDEZ, AK 99686 335-2344 (RES)

RE: SSH889/REPEAL TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION

I WOULD URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THIS REPEAL AND SUPPORT THE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION REFUND.

LS

MSG 83-00019314 PRTY 1 05/20/83 12:16:46 ORIG: LA01 IN= 0003 OUT= 0050
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: P O M

TO: SENATORS JOSEPHSON AND V. FISCHER

FROM: PETE LARSON, 2224 GLACIER ST #303, ANC 99504 H 333-8524

I AM OPPOSED TO HB 89 (REPEAL TAX CR/POLITICAL CONTRIB.). I FEEL THE \$100 REIMBURSABLE DONATIONS INSURE MORE INVOLVEMENT BY ALL ALASKANS IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

EOM

LS

MSG 83-00018723 PRTY 1 05/19/83 18:23:04 ORIG: LA02 IN= 0007 OUT= 0083
FROM: JUNE, ANC LIO TO: POM, JNU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

5/19/83, JUNE, ANC LIO, MSG 18723

TO: SENATORS V. FISCHER, RAY, RODEY, STURGULEMSKI, KELLY, AND FAIKS
FROM: MARK B. BUTLER, 916 WEST 19TH AVENUE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99503
H- 272-9354 W- 264-4594

LS

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST HB 89 (WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE STATE REFUNDS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS). THIS PROGRAM IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE THE HIGH LEVEL OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM.

MS/ MARK B. BUTLER

*RESPONSE
PLS*

*5/19 - Phoned him
told him about
hearing. JS*

MSG 83-00016114 PRTY 1 05/09/83 17:50:48 ORIG: LA05 IN= 0012 OUT= 0179
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: F O M

TO: SENATORS V. FISCHER, RAY, KELLY, RODEY, STURGULEWSKI
FROM: ALISON SMITH, 3406 OREGON DRIVE, ANC 99503 H 272-0149 W 279-5516

PLEASE SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION CREDIT
THIS CREDIT PARTICULARLY HELPS WOMEN AND MINORITIES TO ASSERT
POLITICAL CLOUT. THANK YOU.

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MSG 83-00020208 PRTY 1 05/24/83 15:26:10 ORIG: LF21 IN= 0002 OUT= 0199
FROM: MAXINE/FBX TO: JUNO INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SEN'S V. FISCHER, RAY, STURGULEWYKI, RODEY, KELLY
SEN'S BENNETT, FAHRENKAMP, HOSS

LS
NA

FR: BARBARA SYMONS, 340 DRIVENAY, FBX 99701 PH. NY 452-6024

RE: HB 39

MSG: I AM OPPOSED TO HB 39 AND IN FAVOR OFF THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REFUND PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES INCENTIVE FOR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

EQH

... BARBARA WINKLER

AT LAST, AS THEY DON'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS,
I BELIEVE POLITICAL DONATIONS INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM BARBARA WINKLER FOR BOX 400-7, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

TO ALL SENATORS

FROM: JUNE AND LEO, 400 BOX 400-7

FROM: LEO AND JUNE, 400

FROM: JUNE, AND LEO

MSG 83-0020779 PRTY 1 05/25/03 18 43 EC ORIG: LAG3 IN= 0004 OUT= 0164
TO: FOM, JMW INFO

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5/26/83, JUNE, AND LTD, MEMO 21905

LS

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: MARY FRONHA, SR BOX 2697-K, ANCHORAGE, AK 99507
(RES) HILLSIDE DRIVE, ANCHORAGE, AK
H- 344-6326

I BELIEVE HD 89 (REPEAL TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION) SHOULD NOT
BE PASSED AT ALL!

MSG 83-00020668 PRTY 4 05/25/83 16:36:54 ORIG: LA01 IN= 0021 OUT= 0125
FROM: SHIRLEE AND LIO TO: POMS, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LHM SUBJ: FCM

TO: SENATORS V. FITCHER, RAY, STURGOLEWICKI, BODEY AND KELLY
FROM: DAVID WIGGLESWORTH, SRA 4007-A, ANCHORAGE 99502
H 345-6477 W 274-3621

LS

PLEASE DO NOT CUT P.A.C.'S OUT OF THE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION
REFUND PROGRAM. BUSINESSES CAN DONATE DIRECTLY TO CANDIDATES,
THUS CITIZEN P.A.C.'S ARE CRITICAL TO DEFEND OTHER INTERESTS
IN ALASKA. I DONATE TO P.A.C.'S BECAUSE I WANT THE CANDIDATES
TO KNOW WHICH ISSUES I SUPPORT. VOTE AGAINST HOUSE BILL 89
(FEDERAL TAX CREDIT/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS).
