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Sen John Torgerson

FAX (907) 465-4779

FEB. 28th, 1996

To let you know of my continuing support of SB20.

I was going to sign to speak the other day but it appeared the issue was well presented by Kevin and Joe and the others.

My only question is that defining "public safety" not be person held or tightly defined by a state agency.

Thanks for all the efforts on this.

Tom Cannon
Borough Rep.



City and Borough of Sitka

Marlene Campbell
Special Projects Officer

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TO: Svenator Torgersen

COMPANY/AGENCY: State Senate

CITY: Town

FAX NO: 465 - 4779

FROM: Marlene Campbell for G. Lauten

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MESSAGE: _____

PHONE 747-1855 IMMEDIATELY IF NOT RECEIVED PROPERLY.

THANK YOU.

DATE SENT: 2/20/98

TIME SENT: 4:58P



City and Borough of Sitka

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February 20, 1996

Senator John Torgerson, Chair
Community and Regional Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
FAX: 465-4779

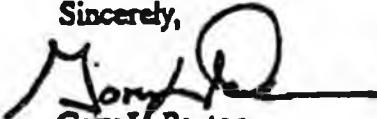
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Your support for passing this bill out of Committee will be greatly appreciated. We especially appreciate Senator Torgerson's past support on this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


Gary L. Paxton
Administrator

cc: Alaska Municipal League
Senator Taylor
Representative Grussendorf

FORM 38 FAX FORM 10/12

TO: BOE MURDY
FROM: JAL

TO: JERRY WONGITTILIN SR.
FROM: CITY OF SAVOONGA
PHONE: 907-984-6411 FAX: 984-6614

Here is the support
letter for Sen. Torgerson.
Thank you



WALRUS CAPITAL OF THE WORLD SAVOONGA, ALASKA



CITY OF SAVOONGA
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SAVOONGA, ALASKA 99788
PHONE 984-6614

FEB. 16, 1996

SENATOR JOHN TORGERSON
STATE CAPITOL
JUNEAU, AK. 99811

DEAR SENATOR TORGERSON,

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAVOONGA, I AM WRITING TO SUPPORT SB 20,
THE NEW SAFE COMMUNITIES BILL. WE BELIEVE THIS LEGISLATION WILL GO
A LONG WAY TO LET PEOPLE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS MONEY IS TO
SMALL CITIES.

WE ESPECIALLY SUPPORT THE PROVISION TO RAISE THE MINIMUM TO
\$40,000.00. IT TAKES EVEN MORE THAN THAT TO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN,
BUT THIS WILL CERTAINLY HELP.

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS BILL AND FOR HELPING TO SAVE SMALL
CITIES IN THE RURAL ALASKA.

SINCERELY,

JERRY WONGITTILIN SR.
MAYOR

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF

■ KING COVE ■ SAND POINT ■ AKUTAN ■ COLD BAY ■ FALSE PASS ■ NELSON LAGOON

February 16, 1996

Sen. John Torgerson
Room 427
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: SB 20 - "Safe Communities" Bill

Dear Sen. Torgerson:

The Aleutians East Borough Assembly is pleased to offer our support of your endeavors on behalf of SB 20 and we thank you for your energetic support of this important legislation.

The term "Municipal Assistance" tends to be confused with a "giveaway program" rather than our communities' share of Alaska's resources, and the Aleutians East Borough agrees with changing the program title to "Safe Communities". This term implies support of important and needed services in our communities. We strongly support the direct public safety expenditures that this bill will provide under its new title.

Distribution of the funding under this bill should occur near the beginning of the State fiscal year (July 31) when it is appropriated, rather than the following February. We understand funding will not be significantly reduced for any community, and will in fact, make allocations more equitable among municipalities.

For the above reasons, we hereby offer our comments in support of SB 20, the "Safe Communities" Legislation. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Juettner
Borough Administrator

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CITY OF BETHEL

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FAX # 543-4171

February 21, 1996

Mr. Kevin C. Ritchie
Executive Director
Alaska Municipal League
217 Second Street, Suite 200
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Kevin:

The City Council of Bethel, at their February 13, 1996 regular meeting, adopted a Resolution in support of the "Safe Communities" legislation. This resolution was drafted and adopted before the Fax Alert from AML regarding Senate Bill 20, so it simply refers to "the AML's Revenue Sharing for Safe Communities Program." I have faxed the resolution to Senator Torgerson.

The vote in favor of this Resolution was unanimous, and a copy is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely,

L.J. Tanner
City Clerk



CITY OF BETHEL

P.O. Box 308 Bethel, Alaska 99559

907-543-2297

FAX # 543-4171

Introduced by: Council Member Miller

Date: February 13, 1996

Action: Passed

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No

RESOLUTION #96-6

A RESOLUTION PROTESTING DECREASES IN THE STATE'S MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE AND REVENUE SHARING, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE AML'S "REVENUE SHARING FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES" PROGRAM, AND URGING ITS ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, municipal governments provide well over half of all direct government services to the citizens of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the state has steadily raised local municipal taxes over the past ten years by disproportionately reducing municipal government's share of Alaska's oil wealth and indirectly mandating state service responsibilities to municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Local Boundary Commission found that cities and boroughs are "penalized" by the state for incorporating because the state has withdrawn revenues and services promised at the time of incorporation, and

WHEREAS, in rural municipalities, revenue sharing is critical to maintaining the most basic public safety and health services; and

WHEREAS, according to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, in 1992 the average state government contribution to local government revenues was 34.2% in the entire U.S., and 42.1 % in the Far West States, including Alaska. The average state support to municipal governments in Alaska is 36.5% despite Alaska's extremely wide variation in local wealth and taxable resources; and

WHEREAS, the SAFE COMMUNITIES program is a rational method of implementing the state's Long Range Financial Plan, and

WHEREAS, the major goals of the SAFE COMMUNITIES program are to:

- 1. Stabilize the revenue sharing money to our communities. Under the proposed program, the state revenue sharing appropriation would never be less than 5% of the state operating budget. This compromise will show that municipalities are willing to help balance the state budget, but not shoulder a disproportionate share. (In the past ten years, MA/RS has been cut by over 85% while the state operating budget has stayed about the same.) Stability for funding revenue sharing is the primary goal of the AML/ACoM.**
- 2. Consolidate and simplify the Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing statutes.**
- 3. Prove that all the money is spent for critical municipal basic public services.**
- 4. Ensure that our communities get a fair share now and in the future. (The proposed changes eliminate "winner and loser" communities)**

City of Bethel

Ordinance #96-6

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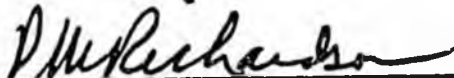
"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

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Date: February 13, 1996
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Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No

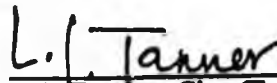
6. Set a \$40,000 minimum funding level for incorporated communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT THE "REVENUE SHARING FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES" PROGRAM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.


Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


L.J. Tanner, City Clerk

DENALI BOROUGH

. O. Box 480 • Healy, Alaska 99743
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John C. Gonzales, Mayor
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Anderson, AK 99744
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February 20, 1996

Senator John Torgerson
Alaska Municipal League
217 Second St., STE#200
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Supporting SB 20 - the "Safe Communities" Bill.

Dear John,

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Yours in better government,

John C. Gonzales
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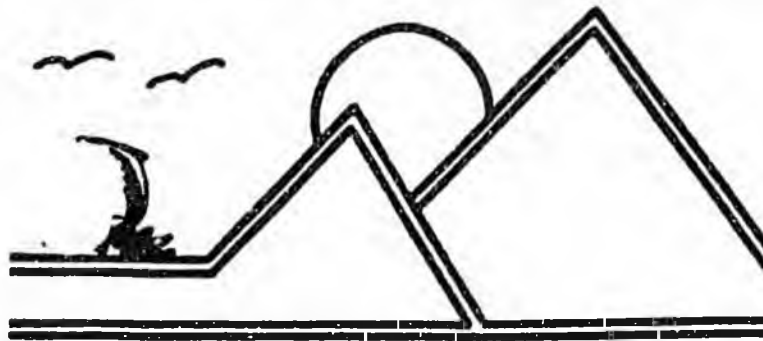
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John C. Gonzales
Mayor



City of Port Lions

Administrative Offices

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February 16, 1996

Mr. Joe Murdy, President
Alaska Municipal League
217 Second Street, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Letter of support for SB 20

Dear Mr. Murdy,

The City of Port Lions strongly supports Senator John Torgerson's efforts in passing SB 20.

Throughout the past few years our communities Municipal Assistance has been reduced drastically. By changing the name of Municipal Assistance to Safe Communities we feel the funding will not be confused with welfare or a type of "give away funding", but in fact make it more clear to those that do not understand that it is our communities share of Alaska's resources that ALL communities are entitled to receive.

With the funding being cut by 60% over the past ten years, the City of Port Lions supports the assured minimum funding level of \$40,000 that this bill provides. It cannot continue to be cut year after year by even another small percentage and be able, nor expected to continue providing safe programs that significantly impacts each and every one of our community members.

We also support the idea of receiving our municipalities funding near the beginning of the States fiscal year instead of the following February. This is not only the practical thing to do but is the most sensible as our fiscal year also begins in July.

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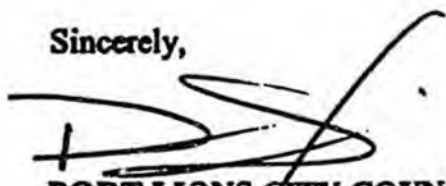
We cannot stress enough the importance in the passing of SB 20. The impact will tremendously help not only Port Lions, but all the small communities throughout the great State of Alaska.

We appreciate anything you can do to help pass this much needed Senate Bill.

If you need further information on why we would like to see the passage of this Bill, please feel free to give me a call at your convenience.

Thank you for your assistance on this important issue.

Sincerely,



PORT LIONS CITY COUNCIL
Robert Himes, Mayor

cc: Governor Knowles
Senator Zharoff
Rep. Austerman
Kodiak Island Borough Mayor Selby

February 21, 1996

Mr. Kevin C. Ritchie
Executive Director
Alaska Municipal League
217 Second Street, Suite 200
Juneau, AK 99801

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Sincerely,

L.J. Tanner
City Clerk

City of Sand Point



February 16, 1996

Senator John Torgerson
Chairman, Community and Regional Affairs
State of Alaska
State capitol
Room 427
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: SB 20 Safe Communities

Dear Senator Torgerson,

As a past local elected official and past president of the Alaska Municipal League, you personally are very aware of the continuing problems local governments faced every fiscal year.

Over the past several years, Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing have been reduced by over 60% which has placed an enormous burden on local government to pick up the slack. Very few communities have been able to bear the full burden without reducing the level of services they provide irregardless of how basic.

The City of Sand Point, being a one industry town, fishing, is in the same plight as many other communities whereby the level of services has been greatly reduced. Further reduction in state shared revenues will necessitate the elimination of jobs and reduction of the level of service to minimal at the most.

CS for CSSB 20 is a bill which we support because of the early funding and the requirement that it be used for essential services such as public safety. Being a full service community as well as a community whose livelihood is predicated upon the fishing industry, we feel this bill will assist in our needs of a timely cash flow during our peak periods.

The City of Sand Point supports CS for CSSB 20 and particularly your efforts as well as the Community and Regional Affairs Committee to hear

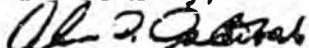
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Sand Point, Alaska 99661
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the voices from the wilderness on such an important matter to all the municipalities in the State.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,


Alvin D. Osterback
Mayor



City of Point Hope

P.O. Box 189
Point Hope, Alaska 99766
368-2537

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DATE: 2/21/96 TIME: _____

TO: _____

ATTN: Joe Mundy, President AMI

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FAX NO.: 463-5480

SUBJECT: Safe Communities

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JM: Ray Koonuk Jr.

FAX NO: 368-2835

FORM REVISED: 4/19/93



City of Point Hope

P.O. Box 169
Point Hope, Alaska 99706
868-2637

February 15, 1996

Honorable, Governor Tony Knowles

Governor: Tony Knowles
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Ak 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles,

During your last live Alaskan talk show on ARCS, I asked you a question about the State's Revenue and Municipal Assistance program. I understand that you support an 8% cut on both state and municipal revenues for 96-97 and that there have been talk of even higher cuts to these programs in the legislature. I don't believe that cities can sustain even these cuts at this time.

As you know the City governments are having serious problems adapting to the state cuts in the past few years. We are also experiencing cuts on the federal level and locally through the boroughs. The result is substantially less revenues to operate city services.

During the past year, five city governments have dissolved. I am really concerned that the continuing cuts are threatening the existence of city governments and city services in many villages throughout Alaska.

One of the most commonly used private sector economic terms of the past few years has been downsizing. Corporations have found ways to squeeze profits out of their services by cutting the number of employees. Termination and release has become a much more common experience in recent years for middle management and production employees. This is a dangerous trend but the levels are minimal compared to the levels of unemployment that villages have continuously experienced.

Therefore, I cannot support a planned 8% cut in the Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing plans. I must demand that the state attempt to hold the line without further cuts to the municipal governments at this time. To do otherwise means completely disproportionate impacts from the cuts in rural villages.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ray Kosnik, Sr. Mayor
c.c. Alaskan mayors

North and Northwest Mayor's

Sen. Al Adams

Rep. Don Long

NSB Mayor: George Arnaogak

Lon Sonsalla

Enoch Oktolik

Herman Kignak

Michael Neakok, Sr.

Paul Hugo

NW Mayors: Miles Cleveland, Sr.

Willie Thomas

Gilbert S. Barr

Oscar Sage, Sr.

Frank Greene

Lee Bailot, Sr.

Ben Atoruk

Minnie Mayer

Tommy Bailot, Sr.

Levi Cleveland

Bob Foot

IRA:

Frank Adams, Sr.

Joe Murdy, President, AML

Senator John Torgerson



City and Borough of Sitka

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February 20, 1996

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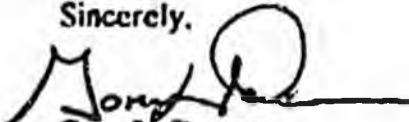
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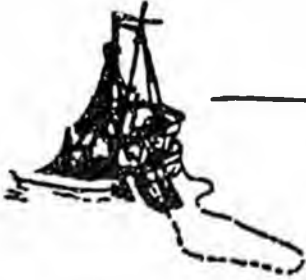
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


Gary L. Paxton
Administrator

cc: Alaska Municipal League
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City of False Pass

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February 16, 1996

Senator John Torgerson
State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Post-It™ brand fax transmittal memo 7871		# of pages > 1
To	Joe Murdy, AML	From Elizabeth MANNED
Ca.		Ca. For your information
Dept.		Phone #
Fax #		Fax #

Dear Honorable Torgerson:

The City of False Pass would like to express its support for SB 29-the "Safe Communities" Bill. This bill addresses methods to make the former Municipal Assistance program more equitable to municipalities by allowing equitable proration. This bill also helps curb the impetus for smaller municipalities to dissolve as continued funding cuts have rendered them unable to provide public services.

The City of False Pass relies on the Municipal Assistance payment to fund the Volunteer Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Response Team which are the only such services available locally. The Safe Communities payment would also be used to supplement water and landfill services which are not supported with user fees. Local revenue source is derived from sales tax which fluctuates annually according to fishing income. Local revenue has declined steadily in relation to new fishing regulations. Local revenue cannot continue to support basic public services without additional "safe Communities" assistance.

We appreciate your continued support of SB 20. The proposed changes allow the City of False Pass to remain a second class city providing basic public services and to provide a healthy and safe environment to all its residents.

Sincerely,

Borge Larsen
Mayor

City of Ouzinkie
P.O. Box 109
Ouzinkie, AK 99644
Ph# (907) 680-2209
Fax (907) 680-2223

February 21, 1996

Senator John Torgerson
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Torgerson:

The City of Ouzinkie supports SB20 the Safe Communities Bill. Like many Alaskan Villages, or small cities with populations less than 1,000.00 and no revenue base, this bill if passed could save us from dissolving.

To many times Municipal Assistance is interpreted wrong or confused with welfare, which it is not, it is the communities share of Alaska's resources.

These monies are generally used for the Health and Safety of the people of the communities, without revenues from the State, the Public Safety Department does not have operating funds.

The amount of revenues allocated in SB20 will make a considerable difference for smaller communities to operate without impacting the larger cities.

As I said, before, we definitely support SB20 and ask the legislature to pass it, the bill makes allocation more equitable among municipalities.

Sincerely,

Zack Chichenoff
Zack Chichenoff
Mayor

FEB 27 20 11:40 AM UNIT OF UNALAKLEET 4387 649 4130 741

Nancy E. Cannington
P. O. Box 28
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

February 26, 1996

Senator John Torgerson
State Capitol, Rm. 427
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

Senate Bill 20, the "Safe Communities" Bill, is most urgently needed in order for small Alaskan villages to survive. As a member of the Local Boundary Commission I am very concerned that we are seeing so many requests for information on dissolution. As these small communities are allowed to dissolve, certain obligations and liabilities are still going to be the responsibility of the State. If these communities can continue to operate as small cities with the assistance of "Safe Communities" funds, then why do we face such opposition from the legislature? Common sense dictates that old adage that "You can pay now, or you can pay later". I urge you not to let it be later.

One other distressing comment that I heard during the first hearing on SB20 on Wednesday, February 14, was Sen. Kelly's statement that he always considered the education funding as Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing toward the total community contribution. In areas of the State outside organized boroughs, the local communities never see the education funding because it is handled through the REAA for each area. Our municipal funds received through MA/RS are used to provide the safety for our communities.

In Unalakleet, our police department receives no other funding other than what little is collected for protective custodies, yet it is necessary to run a full-time police department! How would you like to live in a community without police protection? In the seven years that I have been manager here, our police department has been cut from 6 full-time officers to three with utilization of a VPSO to cover for the fourth position. They work four 10-hour days on, four off. That is one officer, working alone. There are four hours of each 24 hour period that we have *no* officer on duty because we just cannot afford it. We utilize special officers (those with limited or only on-the-job training) because burnout creates turnover before we can send them to the trooper academy for training.

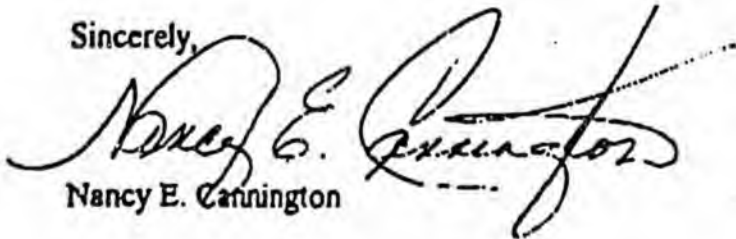
The legislature continue to cut, cut, cut, and pass it on to the municipalities. The end result is that the smaller communities are looking at dissolving, (*or just quit operating*), cities in organized boroughs are looking to detach, and organized boroughs are having an increasingly hard time justifying the taxes vs. services they are able to provide. Yet the

legislature continues to assume that they are doing an excellent job as long as they can balance the State's budget on the backs of local governments through cuts.

With the State facing continuing declining revenues, I feel it is time for the legislature to approach utilizing the interest earnings on the Permanent Fund to balance the budget. Just how rainy does it have to get before we reap some benefits from this "Rainy Day Account"? I am certainly not advocating a raid on the principal, but it would never have to be touched. When we talk to people from other states about our budget woes they laugh at us because we have this roughly 19 billion dollar fund!

I do hope the legislature will act responsibly and pass SB20 to show some support for the grassroots governments that provide the services to the legislators' constituents. Thank you, Sen. Torgerson, for having the foresight to sponsor this Bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy E. Carrington". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy E. Carrington

Joe Murdy, President
Alaska Municipal League,
217 Second Street
Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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FEB 23 1996
ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

February 22, 1996

Dear Joe,

I am writing to support Senator Torgerson in SB 20 bill - the "Safe Communities" bill. Which would change the program title from Municipal Assistance to "Safe Communities". This would let the public know how important services are supported by the funds. Also the public strongly supports direct public safety expenditures and requires accountability. And the "Safe Communities" program, retains the former two allocation formulas, but makes the program more equitable by allowing equitable proration. And funding for "Safe Communities" and "Priority Revenue Sharing for Municipal Services" will be distributed close to the beginning of the state fiscal year (on July 31) to: provide municipalities with more flexibility, and; end the practice of the state holding part of the funds until mid fiscal year. I would like to emphasize that the city of Diomed strongly supports the SB 20 bill.

Helen Iyapana
Helen Iyapana, Treasurer

ACoM and AML MUNICIPAL SURVEY

(Please take a few minutes to complete and return ASAP by FAX to 463-5440)

Municipality Kotlik Completed by Rose Cheemuk - City Manager

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:
a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
The City office cut back on the hours that the office usually opens,
also the maintenance man's hours were cut.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:
The City office may have to lessen all the employees hours if there
is more cuts.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.
Since the cut backs other organizations have assisted alot and
the organizations are working together.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Further cut backs on the municipal assistance and
state revenue sharing will cause hardship for the local government and
the community. The cuts will affect the police force also in the villages.
The public depends alot on the local government.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League
City Manager: Rose Cheemuk

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Municipality City of Bethel

Completed by Mayor Ruth Richardson

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

It is very difficult to keep up with the services needed by our growing population, i.e.,
water, sewer, police, fire, roads.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Increases in the Sales Tax
Degradation of Roads and Public Services
Severe impact on the Bethel Bank Stabilization Project, which may result in further
loss of riverbank, homes, and roads.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

Fuel through-put Tax on all fuel crossing the seaway.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

The City privatized the operations of the Laundromat.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

Seriously look at other areas of the State Government for cutbacks before cutting
Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

R. Thibault - Claire Stanton

\$5 million post date

done in a year

cooperated with AMO/water/State/City
franchise partnership - forget all
in local areas

"Cost of what we do is just
reverse"

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Municipality Katchikan Completed by Robert E. Newell, Jr. Finance Director

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Capital Improvement program has been scaled back significantly

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Property and/or sales tax increases

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

Solid waste disposal fees and harbor user fees

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Expanded the Port of Katchikan in 1994 to further promote growth in our tourism industry

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

State government's efforts to contain its operating costs and balance its budget should not be done at the expense of local municipalities.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League
Contact: 206-196-1111

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Municipality Hoonah Completed by Robert Pinard, Ass't. Adm./Treasurer

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

The City of Hoonah has reduced Public Works, Police and General Operation Personnel to the extent that it has reduced the quality of service and protection we are able to provide.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Continued reduction of service and protection. Like most predominantly native communities they do not feel they should support government service through increased taxes.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: We have attempted on two occasions to raise sales taxes. Because of the problem with restricted deeds and HUD Housing a property tax is not equitable in this community.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Basically, to do more with less and still be able to operate the City in the Black.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Please do not pass the state problems on to communities that are predominantly native. As stated above they feel government owes them not them owing government.

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Municipality Old Harbor Completed by Janette Crutty - City Clerk

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Sales Tax 3%
Cut back with City Employee's
Eliminated Garbage Pick-up

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

The City of Old Harbor is operating with the
bare minimum budget. A reduction would
be devastating.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

Water / Sewer Fees
Boat Harbors fees

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Recomm. Construction of the New
Fire Hall Building -

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. It's essential to the economic

Growth & Development of the community

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Municipality Mtn Village Completed by NAPOL P MURE

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Police Dept cut in wages and hours. Have to depend on dispatchers at a lower wage.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Water/Sewer

Services will become harder to maintain. Pressure will be on the residence and local businesses.

Police Dept will be almost impossible to finance.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

We have begun to acquire Insurance through AML JIA. Great this is a big accomplishment for Mtn Village.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Any more cutbacks will be hard on our community. Hard to be self sufficient when there is no money coming in. Whether it is state, dist or state asst to the individuals.

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Municipality Nome Completed by J Linda Carlson - city clerk & Jane Wardle - city commissioner

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1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

With decreased state money resources, taxes have been increased. City of Nome initiated 47c bid tax. We enforce tax on all taxable. Our Museum was closed and only open on a 10 month basis.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

We will be required to increase taxes as needs continue. School, police, fire, public works, etc. We are also being required to provide ambulance service, although the medical is staffed by volunteers, the paper work has increased.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

47c Bid Tax initiated
Sales tax increased from 37c to 47c. Snow machine /
ATV license raised from \$15 to \$25.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Completion of the child care building (over 1,000 sq. ft. in local tax money expended and now in use for benefit of the children in the community)

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

Stop passing resolutions that mandate additional time, material, knowledge, frustration etc. to municipalities unless you fund the compliance expense.

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Municipality _____ Completed by _____

- 1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance, municipal aid programs, transfers of state services, and underfunding state programs (such as schools):**
 - a. tax or fee increases? No**
 - b. service cutbacks. No**

No, not yet

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impact on your community will be over the next several years? _____

If they aren't going to fund local governments then they need to let local governments have more authority to conduct fund raising on their own, such as raising the prize payout limits for municipal run gaming activities. Let communities decide on their own how much gaming is too much for their community. We only allow bingo evenings if there is no school the next day.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: _____

The City of Teller has been involved in gaming a couple of different times since 1985. Lately we started again in 1994. In 1995 we were able to raise about \$160,000 through this method, which we have used to pay off past debts and support other basic city services.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

When I became Mayor in December of 1993 the City was on the brink of collapse due to poor management. We instituted the DCRA model accounting system, started operating our own bingo/pulltabs permit to benefit city operations and began a PR campaign emphasizing collection of the accounts receivable in order to keep our city clean. Everynna that has traveled bush Alaska much comments on how clean it is in Teller. We rescheduled our debt payments, survived a couple of IRS liens, and took over the funding for the annual Christmas Holiday events. Stability at the top has attracted some competent office staff, we have a water & sewer feasibility study going on, funding for phase 1 is in the current capital budget, a reindeer slaughterhouse should be built this summer with a CDBG grant.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal governments. _____

Most of us have a greater concern about our environment than any agency could possibly regulate. There are some regulations that don't make sense in our rural settings that cost a great deal to meet. Don't make us have to meet them unless the state is willing to pick up the tab for it. One of the biggest problems is finding competent personnel. Funding for schools in rural areas is woefully inadequate. Where is the next generation of leaders going to come from? I hope that this fiscal year we will be able to develop a pay scale for our employees that is comparable to the private sector in order to keep attracting quality workers. But we need the

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Municipality CHUATHBALUK Completed by Steve Bennis - Mayor

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No XX Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Municipal Asst./Rev. Sharing cuts have required in less hours budgeted for our City Clerk and Maintenance Man. As a result of cuts we've also eliminated the City's sales of home heating fuel, gasoline and propane. Also the City has had to stop hauling honeybucket service and leave it up to residents.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: #1) Job loss for a City Clerk and hours cut on Maintenance Man. #2) Loss of the ability for our City to function properly as a 2nd class city and exist in name only. #3) Our community will seriously look at withdrawing it's membership in AML and existing as an IRA council and propose existing with its own council and judicial system.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No XX Yes, the most significant are: Increase cost of city provided services in all areas for community residents such as laundromat fee's, equipment rentals and to cease sanitation service of honeybucket hauling and leave it up to the residents.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Our Municipality funding has been cut so drastically that our services are now in "bare-bones" existence. Frankly, there isn't any accomplishment recently we can look upon with pride and in fact there is an over-riding feeling of resentment and reconsideration of seeking alternative forms of community government.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Rural communities and cities in Alaska have been slowly strangled by regular assistance and Revenue Sharing cutbacks resulting in continuous functional decreases and name only existence. There is a real danger of cities looking at alternative forms of government.

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Municipality CITY OF PALMER Completed by HENERY P. GUINOTTE

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

The city sales tax was increased from 2% to 3%. We have increased fees for water hookups, building inspections, airport leases, airport tie downs, utility services. WE have cut five employees, public works 2, library 2, accounting 1. We have delayed street repairs. We have cut library hours.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: _____

We will need to increase local taxes. We can't cut much more and be a viable city. We feel we are down to minimums. Population is increasing with the demand for more services. Federal mandates have taken money from other local projects. The senior tax exemption decreases funding.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: Fees as listed above

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

We continue to support the office of Palmer Economic development. WE have used private money to add to safr ball fields. Business have landscaped and added other things to summer beautification. The Lions Club purchasred costly holiday lights for the city and repaired existng ones.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. PLEASE DON'T BALANCE THE STATE BUDGET IN A WAY THAT WILL INCREASE THE LOCAL TAXES. We will start a public information series to alert the voters to the reason for the increase in taxes and the reduced city services.

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Municipality KENAI Completed by John P. Sweeney, Finance Director

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

-Property tax raised 0.8 mills, from 2.7 to 3.5 mills, in FY 1993.

This made the total effective property tax 12.05 mills in FY 1993.

-Property tax raised 0.8 mills, from 1.9 to 2.7 mills, in FY 1987.

-Imposed 5% Hotel/Motel Room Tax in FY 1993.

-Imposed ambulance fees in FY 1996.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Kenai is reaching a point where projected revenues will no longer sustain the current level of municipal services, much less fund growth. Kenai may soon be faced with the prospects of either raising taxes or reducing service levels.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

-Imposed 5% Hotel/Motel Room Tax in FY 1993.

-Imposed ambulance fees in FY 1996.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

-Becoming an All American City in 1992.

-Constructing a congregate housing (unassisted living)

complex for senior citizens. We feel our senior citizens program is the best in the state.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. A major role of state government is to assist local government, either with direct capital funding or indirectly, through professional services/assistance. The State of Alaska must not forget this role!

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Since fiscal year 1986, total State of Alaska Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing provided to the City of Kenai has declined by 64.3% from a high of \$1,591,692 in FY86 to a projected low of \$567,708 in FY97, for a total decline of \$1,023,984.

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Municipality Haines Borough Completed by Amy Lee

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Put Backs To Fire Departments

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

IMPACTS
Could lead to less fire service for our area. Also could lead to less area wide development

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

New Dock For Tug Ships

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

The state has been putting more and more responsibilities on local government. They are taking away the revenues to support these extra responsibilities.

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Municipality DENALI BOROUGH Completed by BOROUGH CLERK AND MAYOR GONZALES

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

SERVICES HAVE BEEN CUT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: EMS/FIRE DEPARTMENT, LOCAL LIBRARIES, AND MENTAL HEALTH.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: THESE SERVICES WILL

CONTINUE TO DECREASE AND OTHER TAXES WILL HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS WILL FORCE OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO TAX THE PEOPLE AND "SUPPOSEDLY" KEEP THE STATE OUT OF TAXATION.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: THE DENALI BOROUGH HAS ONLY BEEN IN INCORPORATION FOR FIVE YEARS AND THIS DOES NOT APPLY NOW, BUT WILL IN THE FUTURE.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

WE HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH FOR A NEW MUNICIPAL LANDFILL THAT WILL CREATE A SAFE ATMOSPHERE, JOBS AND LOWER TIPPING FEES FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. WHILE THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS CLAIMING THAT THERE WILL BE NO TAXES IMPOSED IN ITS RESIDENTS, THEY ARE IN FACT TAKING THE PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY REDUCING REVENUE SHARING AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE!

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Municipality Petersburg Completed by Jodell Jones

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Sales tax rate increase from 5% to 6% in August of 1989: Police Dept. personnel cut, Library budget and fire Dept. budget. Cuts have severely restricted dollars available for capital improvement projects to city infrastructure. Dollars must go to operation and maintenance instead.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: City of Petersburg has property tax cap of 10 mills; unless the voters agree to revoke the cap, an increase to sales tax or decrease of services is only recourse.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: Parks & Rec fees increased to help support services. Building permit fees, ambulance fees, miscellaneous administrative fees and enterprise fund charges have all been increased.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Co-opted with US Forest Service and non-profits to provide funding for several Parks & Rec projects

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Unfunded state mandates should be eliminated; they impair the city's ability to cope with revenue sharing and municipal assistance cuts. Lack of funding for Sr. Citizen property tax exemption creates an undue burden.

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Municipality Northwest Arctic Borough Completed By Chuck Greene, Mayor

1. Since 1985, have State cuts in Municipal Assistance/Revenue Sharing and other Municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs been a major factor in local:

- a. Tax or Fee Increases? No Yes
 b. Service Cutbacks? No Yes

Road maintenance activities reduced more than 80%. Clinic Operations and maintenance reduced more than 96%. School Budget reduced 15% or more. Schools maintenance deferred. Health care services delayed...

2. If the State continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel will be the impacts on your community over the next several years:

Reduced ability of communities in jurisdiction to meet reporting requirements to handle own affairs-- increased emphasis on Borough to provide these functions with resulting losses in maintenance of effort on economic development, zoning enforcement, pollution prevention, educational funding, etc. Sweeping changes in the school system organization at a pace so rapid as to threaten or injure the quality of education now available.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your community had to implement other taxes and fees to maintain services No Yes. The most significant are:

A graduated scale of fees in lieu of taxes with the Cominco/Red Dog mine has kept this Borough afloat. Savings realized over the first few years of the agreement are now being depleted. There is no tax base for a reasonable alternative method of fund raising in this jurisdiction.

4. Describe something your community accomplished over the past year or two that you are especially proud of. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less:

Village fires are deadly threats. The Klana Volunteer Fire Department developed a system for dealing with them that was efficient and cost-effective. With Borough assistance, they can now market the system statewide. Each village developed the concept of putting together a "permanent fund" to assist with the cost of services, and new business starts who receive grant assistance through community eligibility must pledge 1% of gross profit to the community permanent fund. A new business start is happening in Buckland as an indirect result of Borough Planning which is an EXPORT INDUSTRY with renewable resources. Once again, 1% of the gross profit goes to a community permanent fund.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government:

Municipal government is an important segment of many local networks, including Search & Rescue, economic development, volunteer tax assistance, and maintaining the quality of life; to reduce the municipalities any further will destroy or severely cripple these networks.

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Municipality Elim Completed by Mayor Darlene Kozhat

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

1) removal of state inc. tax
2) less services to people, cost health,
3) increased dependence on state welfare programs because of rise of unemployment!

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: raise sewer & water rates.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

A new water treatment plant was just put on line last month.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

The people of rural Alaska are not given their fair share of revenues that come from rural Alaska.

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Municipality ELIM Completed by LUTHER NAGARUK

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
 b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Services - (2) Maintenance Breakdown
(3) Increased Debt (4) Reduced Commitment
(5) Economic Plans Reductions (6) Involuntary
Leaving City Post (7) Increased Welfare (8) Increased
Unemployment (9)

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

Local Service - Increased Debt, Increased
Water Fees (Water & Sewer)

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF ELIM CONTINUES
TO SCRAPE UP FUNDS FOR SMALL PROJECTS TO
KEEP OUR LOCAL PEOPLE WORKING.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. "RURAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS WILL

CONTINUE TO LOOSE UNLESS STATE LAWS ARE
CHANGED" ALL RURAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONTINUE
TO BUILD URBAN ALASKA.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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Municipality KOTIKOUE Completed by NATHAN KOTCH

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

SALES TAX INCREASED FROM 4% TO 6%
CLOSE OUR RECREATION CENTER / CUT BACK ON PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

WILL BE FORCED TO AGAIN RAISE SALES TAXES TO COVER HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE NEEDS

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

SALES TAX TO NON-PROFIT GAMING ORGANIZATIONS
BED-TAX ON HOTEL LODGINGS

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

N/A

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government:

ALASKA IS A LARGE STATE WITH A SPARSE POPULATION - THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S SUBSIDIES FROM ECONOMIC DISTRESS - CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE & REVENUE SHARING

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Municipality City of Thorne Completed by Kay McMaster, Mayor
Bay

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:
- tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
 - service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- a. Utility, clinic, and harbor user fee increases; sales tax increase to make up for reduced funding for clinic and emergency services operations.
- b. Reductions in parks and recreation maintenance and operations; reduced road maintenance, reduced clinic hours of operation, reduced funding for emergency services.
2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:
- Continued increases in fees and taxes and/or further reductions in essential services (fire, emergency medical, law enforcement, pollution control, etc.)

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: increased utility rates for water, sewer, refuse, and electric services; initiating animal licensing fees and increased fines; initiating fees for administrative services, ie copying, faxing, notarizing, etc.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.
- Constructed with state and federal assistance, the first regional solid waste treatment and disposal facility on Prince of Wales Island; funded the so that survey, appraisal, and sale of 11 additional industrial lots to the general public may proceed; constructed the first park the community has ever had.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Reductions in municipal assistance, revenue sharing and PCE programs do not reduce government's costs for services nor does it reduce the public costs for those services - it merely passes down more and more of the burden to local government. In some cases, these cuts result in local government inability to provide essential services at all especially in small, rural

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League communities where revenue generating ability is limited and the program funds helped support high per capita costs associated with maintenance and operation of water, sewer, and refuse services. Small communities can no longer pay for operation and maintenance of these facilities they fail. System failure

cost many more dollars than any savings the legislature perceives to occur through reduction in these program fundings to communities.

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Municipality Valdez Completed by Phil Hubbard, City Manager

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1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

The key point here is these cuts have not been a "major" factor in local tax or fee increases or in service cutbacks. In Valdez, the "major" factor has been the loss in value of oil property. Oil property assessed value has been declining about 9% every year.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: _____

Reduction in "quality of life" services.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: _____

Our City Council has chosen to reduce expenditures instead. Operating expenditures have been cut 3% and 8% respectively in the last two years. The City Administration expects to recommend user fee increases in its FY97 budget.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

N/A

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. All window does not flow from the State. Municipalities should be involved in public policy issues and solutions - e.g. State Mandated Senior Citizens' Property Tax Exemption Program has significant local impact and the financial consequences (97%) accrue to

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City governments, not to the State.

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Municipality PORT LIONS Completed by Robert Himes

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No X Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No X Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Increase in water/sewer/Garbage Fees
Decreased Harbor Maintenance, Decreased Road Maint.
Decreased Equip. Maint. Causing lack of Road Maint.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Harbor Facility will have to be turned over to the
State. We will longer be able to operate or maintain
Water/Sewer/Garbage Facilities

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No X Yes, the most significant are: Increased Water/Sewer/Garbage Fees.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

The Port Lions School Student Council Secured Funds
From the Legislature to rebuild the Port Lions Courtyard
which is a local historical landmark and also the
longest wood bridge in Alaska

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Reduced Municipal Assistance/Revenue Sharing will kill Rural Alaska.

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Notes on ACoM/AML Survey

Municipality - City & Borough of Juneau
Completed by - Dennis Egan & Craig Duncan

1a. We have seen a 70% drop in MA/SSR. Since FY86 we have seen a \$7 million drop in MA/SSR even though our population has increased from 20,000 in 1985 to 30,000 in 1996. In FY86 we received \$10 million MA/SSR. In FY96 we are predicting funding just short of \$3 million.

1b. State Senior and Veterans tax exempt programs. The state is currently funding only 6% of this program. Seniors will apply for over \$1.3 million in exemptions and the state will pay only \$75,000. This equates to over a \$1.2 million shortfall.

If we combine these two programs we are looking at an \$8.5 million funding shortfall from the state. This alone equals a mill levy of just over 5 mills.

The mill rate in FY86 (1985) was around 9.25 or 3.8i mills less than the FY96 (1995) rate of 13.06.

2. Services and programs will have to be eliminated or curtailed further. User fees will have to be instituted or where they now exist will have to be increased substantially. Water, sewer and waste water discharge regulations will force us to increase rates substantially and to rethink how these services are provided.

3. We have increased tobacco (6%) and liquor (3%) taxes to offset decreases in funding to Health and Social Services. We have instituted a \$2.80 per month hazardous waste disposal charge to all utility customers. Enterprise fund fees, building permit fees, parks & recreation fees, etc. have all been increased. All fees were reviewed and increased where warranted.

4. Juneau has managed to absorb state mandates and program funding reductions that were far greater than the financial impacts passed on to our residents. We have become much more efficient and cost effective in providing services to our residents over the past 10 years.

5. Taxpayer irritation should not be focused at local government but to the declining support of state and federal services and municipal funding. It is not the federal or state government, but the local government that provides the majority of direct taxpayer services in Juneau.

We do this for a cost of around \$1,400 per resident (property and sales tax). The state budget is \$2.5 billion. That works out to \$4,500 per resident. Even if the state stopped paying for education, that would only add another \$800 per resident locally. So, who is getting the best bang for the buck?

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Municipality Kenai Borough Completed by Don Selman

- 1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:
 - a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
 - b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Tax has been implemented to offset Road maintenance fund reduction in Revenue Sharing - Increase Tax about \$11,000,000 / yr.

- 2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Increase of Tax for Road SVCS - SVCS won't be cut once Rd MAINTENANCE starts it will continue

- 3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

We did not have to increase fees - we did - special waste fees for large customers such as demolition by contractors - Asbestos, etc.

- 4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Improved Solid Waste Management - Went to larger Containers - Reduced Hauling Costs and Improved environmental Quality

- 5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Municipal Assistance was boosted in the early 1980's as a way to reduce local tax burden.

Most communities did reduce Property or Sales Tax. However most communities increased expenditures (programs)

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Now the program needs outweigh the municipal assistance and tax rates have had to increase accordingly. Municipal ^{assistance} started out to replace a business license fee and in FY 1980 was only \$11,000,000. It grew in FY 1982 to almost \$80,000,000 without any real analysis. It was put in to get the "barn mums" off our back (over)

so we can deal with the real needs of the state."

Redistribution of the resource wealth of the state is a good idea. a reasonable level of that wealth should go to municipal govts to ^{help} provide basic services to the communities. The state should settle on some policy other than reduction of funds every year so communities can plan. after establishing some base then any other mandate, transfer of state service, etc should have adequate funding above the base amount.

Don Selman

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Municipality Alknagik Completed by Helen M. Chythlook, Administrator

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Cut out Refuse Collection Full-Time employment cut
down to permanent part-time for other City employment
positions.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: We will have general
operation & maintenance expense problems if cuts continue.

We already have a limited Municipal Assistance & Revenue
Sharing monies, because our population is less than 400,
and most rural communities needs are not considered top
priorities in the State legislative Capital Project budget a proportionate

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant

are: We charge heavy equipment rental rates so that
helps some when seasonal construction companies
wish to rent city equipment for their projects. No other
fees, as of now.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

We are in the process of getting the completed South
Shore Aleknagik Health Clinic, and possibly a
permanent Community Health Aide position for the
South side. Negotiations between FHS is still being done.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Do not cut any more State Revenue
sharing and/or municipal assistance monies. Most rural
local government offices rely on these monies to
maintain and operate, even at part-time positions to provide

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needed Community

Services.

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Municipality Soldotna Completed by Ken Lancaster - Mayor

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No ___ Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No ___ Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Used Cities fund Balance and Equipment fund To Balance Budget.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Re Allocation of Our Sales Tax upon Approval of Tax Payers.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No ___ Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Partner with Rotary for Habitat Protection & Kenai River Classic To Raise Funds for Habitat Protection.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

Recognize The Work That Cities & Chambers of Commerce Do To Promote Alaska & Economic Development and do The Same.

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Re invest Permanent fund Monies InThe State of Alaska

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Municipality City of Ekwok Completed by Jeff Romie

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No ___ Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No ___ Yes, if yes, please give examples:

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

We will not survive, if it weren't for the state revenue sharing & municipal assistance would not make it. The major source of revenue comes from the Electric Company.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No ___ Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

We are generating our own power to the city year around for the first time, before we were purchasing power from the school district. Thanks to a good Administration and new council.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

We are cut in Municipal Ass. and State Revenue Sharing. We are a community with 126 residents and basically no way to generate revenue.

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Municipality San Pedro Completed by Don J. ...

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: REDUCTION IN LEVEL

OF SERVICE, CONTINUING SERVICES

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

PRIVATIZATION OF JUDICIAL SERVICES

CONTRACTING OUT SERVICE COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. ENFORCE LAWS

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Municipality Akutan Completed by Erika Tritremmel

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Increased fees for services, cutback of services that are not essential (such as Daycare)

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. The most difficult is to deal with mandates that are not really necessary in a small community yet we are required to follow through with them. It angers me that at the same time as the

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State is willing funds to small communities they are establishing regulatory fees for State services that increase our financial burden (i.e. drinking water permits, landfill permits, Tidelands leases in the past, etc.)

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Municipality SITKA Completed by Gary Martin

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:
- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
 - b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Our school district has a 10% fall between
600,000 to 1M \$

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: 0

Major degradation in school program or
a 1% rate fee increase

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

1) trying to include a 1% property tax
plan which includes school fund and major
building equipment by school building
Renovated and added Public Service Bldg.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

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1987 increase 1 mile & 1990 2 mile

NOTE 7 = 3 mile

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

Stop increasing your budget
problems on the state or community level.

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Municipality CITY OF MCGRATH Completed by COLEN HANWAY, MAYOR

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

HEALTH CLINIC - TRANSFERRED TO TANANA CHIERS
DAY CARE CENTER - CLOSED
STREETLIGHTS -- CUT BACK FROM 61 → 18 NOW ON

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: OUR OPERATING BUDGET
HAS GONE FROM \$450,000/YR TO \$175,000
AT PRESENT. IF THE TREND CONTINUES THERE
WILL BE NO STAFF EXCEPT THE CITY CLERK
TO DO WATER, SEWER, & LANDFILL MATTERS

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: LANDFILL FEE -- \$12 PER MONTH. SALES
TAX HAS FAILED TWICE SINCE 1988. A BED
TAX FAILED IN 1991.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

ELIMINATED THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S
POSITION. NOW, THE MAYOR HAS TAKEN
OVER THE ADMINISTRATOR'S POS'N ON A
PART-TIME BASIS TO SAVE MONEY.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. THE CITY OF MCGRATH HAS
CUT ABOUT AS MUCH AS IT CAN, AND STILL
MAINTAIN BASIC SERVICES: WATER, SEWER,
STREETLIGHTS, ROAD MAINTENANCE, DUMP MAINTENANCE
THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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→ ANY MORE CUTS WILL AFFECT BASIC
SERVICES.

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Municipality Palmer Completed by Joe Lawton

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Property taxes increased in early 90's. Sales tax increased for 1996. (TO 32)

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Higher taxes, wider

taxes, service fees on exempt properties, decreased services

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: airport fees, building fees, and utility rates have all risen

dramatically

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Refinance of golf course through GI bonds. ~~Preparation for...~~

Matanuska Maid complex for sale and development.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. From Juneau, constituents are "Alaskans" at best, but more likely they are "democrats", "republicans", or socialists. In Palmer, constituents are neighbors and in-workers. We can do a better job of determining the best use of much of the state's resources locally.

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Municipality FALSE PASS Completed by BORBE LARSEN

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Not Yet but we have not been able to expand services
Either. Unfunded mandates concerning water testing causes
us to operate a water treatment plant at a loss yearly.
This year we will see rate increases for water & landfill services

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: AS rates increase

to cover basic public services, people will move
to the city

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Build a community Res Center - opens nightly for
youth & adults - has a library - no library prior to this

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Municipal Government provides basic services
to insure health and welfare of residents - with city services,
state would be required to pay more law enforcement, welfare,
and maintenance etc... HELP US HELP YOU!

THANK YOU, From the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League
City: _____

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Municipality Buckland Completed by Willie P. Thomas/Mayor

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state services responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Due to RS/MA cut backs our Police and Health Clinic services have suffered (Priority) have been reduced to bare minimum and is due to further reduction.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts we already feel that we will have to seriously consider dissolving as a second class municipality.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: This community is too small to have a tax structure other than sales tax.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less. With the continued cuts and unfunded mandates a municipality of this size is virtually impossible to create a viable economic base.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. I believe that the state and municipalities should be on a partnership basis, that the state can turn key to better support municipalities across the state.

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Municipality Dillingham Completed by Chris Hladick City Manager

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

The City of Dillingham cut four departments last fiscal year. There is no longer a Parks & Rec dept, no Planning dept, no full time librarian, and positions were cut in the Public Works. The mill rate is raised for this fiscal year from 6 to 8 mills.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: More increases to

real + personal property taxes, and reduction of services.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant

are: Yes - attempts have been made to implement new taxes with little success. The public sentiment is that citizens see paying too much now.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Our general fund was at \$125,000 on July 1, 1994 - by July 1, 1995 the General Fund was \$150,000. Every debt has managed to be done with less.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

Rural Alaska Administrators are doing their best to live within our means. We are prepared for more cuts. We expect any decreases to revenues to be equitable in that both Rural and Urban areas are cut equally.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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Municipality Scammon Bay Completed by Frank E. Aguchuk

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Aides who normally worked for six hours are now working three hours a day

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

There will be cuts definitely to Public Safety, Public Works Administration.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Utilizing the Matching Grant Program past two years.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

Consider small town proposals especially the program to replace St. Paul Sharing / Municipal Ass't

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

City of Scammon Bay, Alaska

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Municipality Manokotak Completed by Mrs. Taylor Sa

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: We will suffer because of lack of funding.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

We have a search + Review Team

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Hope we can get more fund for small communities

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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Municipality CITY of Homer Completed by Val Kueberlein

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

a. Sales Tax increased from 2% to 3 & 1/2
 b. Decreased personnel from positions, one Police Dept, Two Public works

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Reduce police force, reduce services provided in public works is street sweeping & snow plowing, less street maintenance.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: Three case building permit fees, water & sewer rates, per 1/2 hour fees, ambulance fees.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Funds apportioned by the state to the municipal governments provides greater benefit by allowing local control of how those resources can be used

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Municipality ST. MARYS Completed by WALTON SMITH

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

INCREASED DUMP Fees Equip. RENTAL
~~- decreased garbage pickups -~~
~~borrowed money from reserves~~

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Reduced LABOR FORCE - Then Reduced services

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

When the State cuts
services & funding, these cuts
have a devastating impact
on small town villages

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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Municipality Aleutians East Borough Completed by Bob Juettner

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

~~The only reason I have answered no to both questions is because southwest Alaska experienced a fish boom as a result of the Americanization of the Bering Sea fisheries. With fish price in decline, and the resulting loss of tax revenues, southwest Alaska is now in the same position as the rest of the state and its dependence upon state revenues.~~

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: We will have to reduce our support for education and social service programs. In addition to the elimination of the local capital improvement program.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

~~In FY 95, we completed the remodel and addition of the Natan school utilizing a lease purchase agreement.~~ We completed the Nelson Lagoon dock with only \$75,000 of state funds. The remaining \$2.2M was comprised of AEB funds, \$1.1M, federal funds, \$600K and \$600K from the Aleutian Pribof Islands Community Development Assoc.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Stand up and tell the public the truth. It is the Legislature which is responsible for increased local taxes and decreased local services.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League
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Municipality Wasilla Completed by John Stein

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

1985-1993 Property tax increased about 1.0 mill
to compensate for drops in MARS and Roads grants

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Wasilla sets about
500,000/yr now. If cuts continue and MARS disappears
either sales tax will increase 1/4% or property tax will increase
by 2.0 mills. Wasilla is growing. Even with state
level of service, population increase will drive costs up for basic
services.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: Sewer utility rates increased 30% in FY 95. No state
grant support is available for "non-rural" utility
construction in past 2 years.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Established new Police department.
street paving and construction program with
proceeds from 2% sales tax established 1993.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. As municipal support wanes, the state
admin and legislature should deliver the message
that local taxpayers are expected to bear a burden.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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Municipality Eagle Completed by Elmer R. Scott, Mayor

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

- 1 Less hours for personnel
- 2 Less recreation programs & equipment
- 3 Less historic site restoration
- 4 ~~Less~~ matching grants

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Would cut into road maintenance program
time, etc. - Charge for water now furnished free
from well house, etc

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are: Our community does not support increased taxes

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Saved our Community - ~~Historic~~ restoration
2 million dollars from Soil Conservation with
City matching
Increase in tourism

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

The municipalities carry the load of
the services to residents - Support the municipal
governments before funding more state programs. No more
cuts please

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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Municipality Unalakleet Completed by Nancy Z. Cannington

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No XX Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No XX Yes, if yes, please give examples:

a. Increase in 2% sales tax and dock fees

b. Police Department manpower (officers & dispatchers) and Road Maintenance

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: Continued cuts to RS/MA programs - the community cannot generate additional local revenues to cover the decreases, therefore staffing and services will be eliminated on a priority basis.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No XX Yes, the most significant are: Dock Fees, Herring Boat Hauls

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

We are currently working with the IRA, Unalakleet Native Corp. and Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. to secure funding for a new fish plant to promote value added processing.

The City has received transfer of excess airport lands from DOT, a portion of which will be earmarked to promote economic

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. Local governments are the first line of service to constituents, and we ask that the state support rather than jeopardize our ability to provide those services.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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cont. 4! development in the community.

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Municipality Kodiak Island Borough Completed by Jaime Selby

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
- b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

mill rate has almost doubled.
garbage water and sewer rates have significantly increased
permits increased
virtually all fees have had to increase due to cuts

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

increased taxes & service cutbacks.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

a Severance tax on all natural resources

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

- 1. the community banded to complete a hospital addition/renovation
- 2. in 1988 joined with the City of Kodiak, another Charles & Gorman to establish an economic development effort which has attracted new funding and new jobs to Kodiak

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

municipal government is the heart of Alaska and should be the first place the state invests for the future.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League
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Municipality City of Kodiak Completed by 02/06/96

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

- a. tax or fee increases? No Yes, if yes, please give examples:
b. service cutbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Effective July 1, 1993, the City sales tax was raised from 5% to 6%.

Effective July 1, 1993, discontinued reimbursements of personal property tax.

Reduced Fire Department personnel by 13% (15 - 13 employees).

Reduced Police Department personnel by 3% (34 - 33 employees).

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years:

Undoubtedly, increase property tax levy, enact a personal property tax, and reduce expenditures,

i.e.: reduce number of personnel, postpone capital acquisitions, and defer maintenance, etc.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most significant are:

Insufficient fee income in Parks and Recreation and other minor revenue sources.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

City beautification program to enhance central downtown area and developing a float plane facility because of present unsafe conditions mixing planes and boats.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government.

Further reduction of revenue sharing and municipal assistance will jeopardize the existence of communities and may create a greater financial burden for municipalities.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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Municipality Soldotna Completed by Joel L. Wilkins

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfers of state service responsibilities, unfunded mandates, and underfunding state programs (such as schools), been a major factor in local:

a. tax or fee increases? No ___ Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. ___ No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

Fund balance has dwindled alarmingly. We can no longer fund scholarships and safety incentives & other items. We have reduced personnel and benefits.

2. If the state continues the trends described in question 1, what do you feel the impacts on your community will be over the next several years: We will either see a raise in property taxes and/or stop funding all Health & Welfare Programs such as Community Schools, cut back of "quality of life" things like parks, landscaping and street sweeping.

3. Since 1985, in addition to sales and property taxes, has your municipality had to implement other taxes or fees to maintain services? ___ No Yes, the most significant are: We have increased water and sewer rates, building permit fees, park fees, and Sports Center charges.

4. Describe something your municipality accomplished that you are especially proud of, especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote community economic growth, or a way to do more with less.

Traded park maintenance of one park for rent, enlisted volunteers for park upgrades and street corners. Contracted with a community association to manage our village grounds, re-organized our Public Works Department, created a community group called "Mainstreet Alaska" to help us promote community pride and highway safety.

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. The municipalities have risen to the challenge of leaner times, but we are reaching the end of our capacity. Our residents are also residents of the State of Alaska and deserve the State's support and loyalty.

THANK YOU, from the Alaska Conference of Mayors and Alaska Municipal League

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TO: Senator John Torgerson
FROM: Kevin Ritchie, Executive Director
DATE: March 2, 1995
SUBJECT: AMBS Program

These are the resolutions and letters received to date supporting the concept of AMBS:

Alaska Conference of Mayors
City of Alakanuk
City of Savoogna
City of Buckland
City of Unalakleet
City of Homer
City of Skagway
City of Kenai
City of Anstuvik Pass
Lake and Peninsula Borough
City of Palmer
City of Ouzinkie
City & Borough of Sitka
City of Whittier
City of Atka
City of Eek
City of Nome
City of Marshall
City of Hoonah

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February 6, 1995

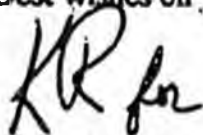
Senator John Torgerson
Alaska State Capital
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Senator Torgerson,

The Alaska Conference of Mayors met in Juneau on January 24, 1995. At the meeting, the Mayors discussed the Alaska Municipal Basic Services Program concepts and the financial impact of Senate Bill 20 on their communities. As an example, the Mayors were given figures generated by DCRA that represented estimated funding for their community based on the formula in SB20 but using the "old road" method. It was explained to the Mayors that the figures were estimates and that different changes to the formula or actual numbers could yield different results. The Mayors also discussed the transition provision of "2% decrease for the first two years and 5% thereafter" adopted at the Alaska Municipal League Annual Conference.

The Alaska Conference of Mayors voted overwhelmingly at their meeting to support the Alaska Municipal Basic Services Program with the inclusion of the transition provision. A specific formula was not a part of the motion.

Best wishes on your new career.



Alaire Stanton, President
Alaska Conference of Mayors

RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

RESOLUTION NO. 95-1

**AN OPEN RESOLUTION TO THE
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the North and Northwestern area of Alaska specifically and rural Alaska in general, have conditions not experienced in any other part of the United States (such as the lack of water and sewer systems, the high costs of electrical power and the economic conditions financially comparable to third world countries); and

WHEREAS, the North and Northwest Alaska Mayors Conference, the Alaska Municipal League, the Alaska Federation of Natives, and the Alaska Conference of Mayors have long recognized the devastating social, economic and financial conditions in rural Alaska, and feel this is not being fully recognized by the powers that be in the State and Federal levels; and

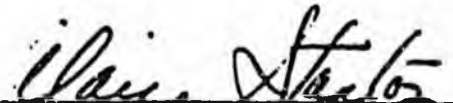
WHEREAS, while the majority of Alaska's revenues have come from rural Alaska through taxes on natural resources such as the North Slope oil, timber and commercial fishing, living conditions in rural Alaska have not improved proportionate to the improvements made elsewhere in Alaska through State spending; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to remind the State Legislature of the very basic human needs of its aboriginal and rural peoples, especially while they are considering expenditures such as billions of dollars in moving the State Capital or building multi-million dollar modern office structures:

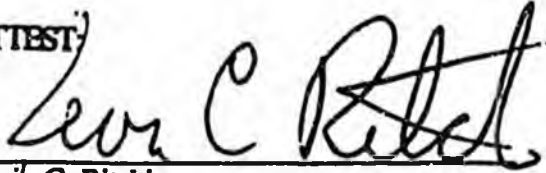
SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, through passage of this open resolution to the Alaska Legislature, the North and Northwest Alaska Mayors Conference, the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Alaska Municipal League and the Alaska Conference of Mayors do hereby request the following from the Alaska State Legislature:

1. That the Revenue Sharing and Municipal Assistance for all Alaska communities be maintained at the current levels, or increased levels where all communities can maintain functional city offices to provide basic local services.
2. That the Power Cost Equalization program be continued at the current levels.
3. That a minimum of \$25 Million per year be continued for matching federal funds for water and sewer projects in rural Alaska.

This resolution was approved for submission to the Alaska Municipal League membership by the governing body of the Alaska Conference of Mayors on November 15, 1994.


Maire Stanton, President

ATTEST



Kevin C. Ritchie
AML Executive Director

Staff

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

RESOLUTION 95-9

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL URGING
THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT
THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICES PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, many Alaskans municipalities are facing fiscal crises that may curtail some basic municipal services to citizens and encourage the dissolution of some small municipalities; and

WHEREAS, these negative impacts are due in large part to severe cutbacks in the current Municipal Assistance and the State Revenue Sharing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the two current programs comprising state aid to municipalities are administratively complex for municipalities, have outdated formulas, do not ensure that municipal basic services are provided, and have some conflicting policy provisions; and

WHEREAS, State government has an obligation to share revenue from the resources that are commonly owned by all the people of Alaska to provide basic and essential state and municipal services;

WHEREAS, due to Alaska's dispersed population, relatively small local tax bases, and large resource revenues to the state, it is critical that sufficient state revenue from commonly held resources be distributed to local governments to ensure that minimum basic municipal services are provided; and

WHEREAS, sharing of revenues from commonly held resources is especially important to small rural communities because many have virtually no tax base and state shared revenues are often their only stable revenue; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing increases local determination rather than fostering the need for additional direct state services to communities; and

WHEREAS, every dollar cut from municipal revenue sharing or municipal assistance is a dollar of local tax increase or a cut to direct basic services to residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Alaska Municipal Basic Services Programs (AMBS) supports a "back to basics" approach to government, increases accountability, reduces administrative complexity, allocates revenues fairly, and provides an efficient long term vehicle to support stable and effective local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council requests that the Governor and Legislature support and work to adopt and implement the Alaska Municipal Basic Services Program with the following major provisions:

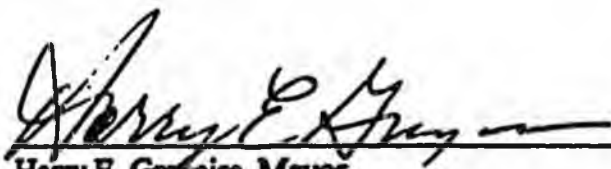
1. Funds are allocated to municipalities based on each community's actual expenditures for municipal basic services, local assessed valuation, and population (with the exception of health facilities, volunteer fire departments outside of municipalities, and unincorporated communities in the unorganized borough, which will receive allocations similar to existing formulas).
2. The existing minimum entitlement for municipalities will be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Homer City Council requests that the Governor and Legislature support and work to adopt a restoration of funding for municipal aid at the FY 94 level to establish a realistic base to ensure stable municipalities. (This reflects an increase in funding from the FY 95 level of \$62,018,183 to the FY 94 level of \$72,030,376.) A restoration of the FY 94 funding for municipal aid will allow for a phase-in of the new AMBS program, establish a fair funding level for municipal aid consistent with national averages, and provide a stabilization of support for minimum municipal basic services.

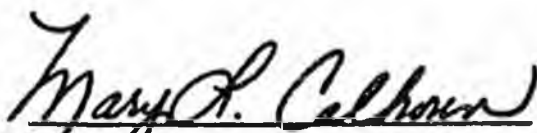
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports the development and implementation of a long-range fiscal plan for the State of Alaska that provides for the stabilization of both state and municipal basic services.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Homer City Council this 23rd day of January, 1995.

CITY OF HOMER


Harry E. Grigoire, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary W. Calhoun, City Clerk

CITY OF SKAGWAY

GATEWAY TO THE GOLD RUSH OF '99"

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ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

February 6, 1994

Mr. Donald Long
President
Alaska Municipal League
217 Second Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Long,

Members of the Skagway City Council support your efforts to preserve funding levels of state assistance to municipalities. They are concerned that as state assistance drops, funds from local sources have to be redirected or services have to be eliminated.

You have seen the amounts of state assistance to municipalities drop consistently during recent years and now the programs are in danger of being eliminated in favor of what many perceive as a greater need at the state level.

While the Municipal Basic Services Program may not serve all of its clients favorably - the need to reorganize and stop further erosion of state aid to municipalities is a recognized need. Thank you for your effort on behalf of municipalities statewide.

Sincerely,


James R. Filip
City Manager

cc: Rep. Jerry Mackie
Senator Fred Zharoff



City of Anaktuvuk Pass

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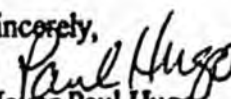
February 13, 1995

Dear Donald Long, AML President,

This letter is to support the Alaska Municipal Basic Services Program. The Rural Communities of Alaska depend on the Municipal Assistance and State Revenue Sharing to keep our Cities operating.

The City of Anaktuvuk Pass will continue to support the AMBS Program until they stabilize this program and take it off the cut list.

Sincerely,


Mayor Paul Hugo



City of Anaktuvuk Pass

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Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska 99721-0030
Phone 907-661-3612

RESOLUTION 94-22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 'OPEN RESOLUTION FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE' IN REGARDS TO REVENUE SHARING AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE, POWER COST EQUALIZATION AND MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS IN RURAL ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the North and Northwestern area of Alaska specifically and rural Alaska in general, has conditions not experienced in any other part of the United States (such as the lack of water and sewer systems, the high costs of electrical power and the economic conditions financially comparable to third world countries) and,

WHEREAS, the North and Northwest Mayor's Conference, the Alaska Municipal League, the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Alaska Conference of Mayors and the City of Anaktuvuk Pass have long recognized the devastating social, economic and financial conditions in rural Alaska, and feel this is not being fully recognized by the powers that be in the State and Federal levels, and

WHEREAS, while the majority of Alaska's revenues have come from rural Alaska through taxes on natural resources such as the North Slope oil, timber and commercial fishing, living conditions in rural Alaska have not improved proportionate to the improvements made elsewhere in Alaska through State spending, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to remind the State Legislature of the very basic needs of its aboriginal and rural peoples, especially while they are considering expenditures such as billions of dollars in moving the State Capital or building multi-million dollar offices structures ;

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that through adoption and passage of this open resolution to the Alaska Legislature, we support the North & Northwest Alaska Mayor's Conference, the Alaska Conference of Mayors, the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Alaska Municipal League ; and that we the City of Anaktuvuk Pass, do hereby request the following from the Alaska State Legislature :

1. that the Revenue Sharing and Municipal Assistance for all Alaska communities be maintained at the current levels, or increased to levels where all communities can maintain functional City offices to provide basic local services.
2. that the Power Cost Equalization program be continued at the current levels;

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3. that a minimum of 25 million per year be continued for matching federal funds for water and sewer projects in rural Alaska.

DULY PASSED BY A CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY OF ANAKTUVUK
PASS, THIS 13th DAY OF Dec., 1994

ATTEST: Alice Ahjook
CITY CLERK

Paul Neep
MAYOR, ANAKTUVUK PASS

LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION #95-09

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ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO
SUPPORT THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, many Alaskan municipalities are facing fiscal crises that may curtail basic municipal services to citizens and encourage the dissolution of many small municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, these negative impacts are due in large part to severe cutbacks in the current Municipal Assistance and the State Revenue Sharing Programs; and,

WHEREAS, the two current programs comprising state aid to municipalities are administratively complex for municipalities, have outdated formulas, do not ensure that municipal basic services are provided, and have some conflicting policy provisions. They are acceptable programs to allocate state revenues in the short term, but they do not reflect the policy decisions necessary for the future, and,

WHEREAS,

- **Alaskans support accountability at all levels of government**
- **Alaskans want a "back to basics" approach to government**
- **Alaskans support low administrative costs and less complex programs**
- **Alaskans want the state's limited resources distributed most efficiently and fairly**
- **Alaskans are concerned about their capacity to maintain existing capital improvements**
- **Alaskans want stable municipal governments; and,**

WHEREAS, State government has an obligation to share revenue from the resources that are commonly owned by all the people of Alaska to provide basic and essential state and municipal services; and,

WHEREAS, due to Alaska's dispersed population, relatively small local tax bases, and large resource revenues to the state, it is critical that sufficient state revenue from commonly held resources be distributed to local governments to ensure that minimum basic municipal services are provided; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing increases local determination rather than fostering the need for additional direct state services to communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the programs to share revenue from resources commonly held by all the people of Alaska be strengthened to ensure continuing maintenance of existing improvements and to provide a base for other basic and reasonable local operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Alaska Municipal Basic Services Programs (AMBS) supports a "back to basics" approach to government, increases accountability, reduces administrative complexity, allocates revenues fairly, and provides an efficient long term vehicle to support stable and effective local government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly requests that the Governor and the Legislature support and work to adopt and implement the Alaska Municipal Basic Services Program with the following major provisions:

1. Funds are allocated to municipalities based on each communities actual expenditures for basic services, local assessed valuation, and population (with the exception of health facilities, roads and ice roads, volunteer fire departments outside of municipalities, and un-incorporated communities in the unorganized borough, which will receive allocations similar to existing formulas).

2. The existing minimum entitlement for all municipalities and communities will be increased from \$25,000.00 to \$75,000.

3. That all un-incorporated communities inside organized boroughs will be treated equally and as fairly as un-incorporated communities outside organized boroughs, including the minimum entitlement.

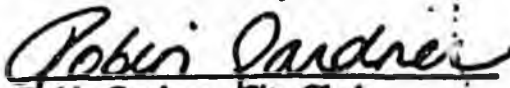
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly requests that the Governor and Legislature support and work to adopt a restoration of funding for municipal aid at the FY 94 level to establish a realistic base to ensure stable municipalities. (This reflects an increase in funding from the FY 95 level of \$62,018,183 to the FY 94 level of \$72,030,376). A restoration of the FY 94 funding for municipal aid will allow for a phase-in of the new AMBS program, establish a fair funding level for municipal aid consistent with national averages, and provide a stabilization of support for minimum municipal basic services.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly this 14th. day of February, 1995.

SIGNED:


Glen Alsworth, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin Gardner, City Clerk

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 421-95
URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE
ALASKA MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICES PROGRAM**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, many Alaskans municipalities are facing fiscal crises that may curtail some basic municipal services to citizens and encourage the dissolution of some small municipalities; and

WHEREAS, these negative impacts are due in large part to severe cutbacks in the current Municipal Assistance and the State Revenue Sharing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the two current programs comprising state aid to municipalities are administratively complex for municipalities, have outdated formulas, do not ensure that municipal basic services are provided, and have some conflicting policy provisions. They are acceptable programs to allocate state revenues in the short term, but they do not reflect the policy decisions necessary for the future; and

WHEREAS,

- Alaskans support accountability at all levels of government
- Alaskans want a "back to basics" approach to government
- Alaskans support low administrative costs and less complex programs
- Alaskans want the state's limited resources distributed most efficiently and fairly
- Alaskans are concerned about their capacity to maintain existing capital improvements
- Alaskans want stable municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, State government has an obligation to share revenue from the resources that are commonly owned by all the people of Alaska to provide basic and essential state and municipal services; and

WHEREAS, every state in the U.S.A. provides some form of revenue sharing to its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, due to Alaska's dispersed population, relatively small local tax bases, and large resource revenues to the state, it is critical that sufficient state revenue from commonly held resources be distributed to local governments to ensure that minimum basic municipal services are provided; and

WHEREAS, sharing of revenues from commonly held resources is especially important to small rural communities because many have virtually no tax base and state shared revenues are often their only stable revenue; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing increases local determination rather than fostering the need for additional direct state services to communities; and

WHEREAS, every dollar cut from municipal revenue sharing or municipal assistance is a dollar of local tax increase or a cut to direct basic services to Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's emphasis during the last decade has been on capital projects and often the cost of continuing operation and maintenance of projects was not planned adequately; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the programs to share revenue from resources commonly held by all the people of Alaska be strengthened to ensure continuing maintenance of existing improvement and to provide a base for other basic and reasonable local operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Alaska Municipal Basic Services Programs (AMBS) supports a "back to basics" approach to government, increases accountability, reduces administrative complexity, allocates revenues fairly, and provides an efficient long term vehicle to support stable and effective local government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League requests that the Governor and the Legislature support and work to adopt and implement the Alaska Municipal Basic Services Program with the following major provisions:

1. Funds are allocated to municipalities based on each community's actual expenditures for municipal basic services, local assessed valuation, and population (with the exception of health facilities, volunteer fire departments outside of municipalities, and unincorporated communities in the unorganized borough, which will receive allocations similar to existing formulas).
2. The existing minimum entitlement for municipalities will be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League requests that the Governor and Legislature support and work to adopt a restoration of funding for municipal aid at the FY 94 level to establish a realistic base to ensure stable municipalities. (This reflects an increase in funding from the FY 95 level of \$62,018,183 to the FY 94 level of \$72,030,376). A restoration of the FY 94 funding for municipal aid will allow for a phase-in of the new AMBS program, establish a fair funding level for municipal aid consistent with national averages, and provide a stabilization of support for minimum municipal basic services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League and its member communities will work to support the development and implementation of a long-range fiscal plan for the State of Alaska that provides for the stabilization of both state and municipal basic services. If the need for additional revenues is indicated, the Alaska Municipal League and its member communities will support the implementation of an income tax with a prime stated purpose of supporting state and municipal services.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council this _____ day of _____, 1995

Chris Overbeck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Burnham, City Clerk

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSENT: _____
ABSTAIN: _____

THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

TO: Alaska Conference of Mayors
AML Board of Directors
Municipal Aid Working Group

FROM: Chris Overbeck, Mayor
City of Whittier

RE: Impact of cuts of Municipal Assistance/Revenue
Sharing Revenue

DATE: January 18, 1995

The City of Whittier in the last five years has had an average reduction of our Municipal Assistance/revenue Sharing Revenue of \$12,724 or 22% each year (see Impact Worksheet I)

The effective change of the reduction of revenue from 1990 to 1994 was \$33,382 or 45% (See Impact Worksheet I).

The effect on the basic services (AMBS) for the City of Whittier was the following from 1990 to 1994:

1990 to 1994 <u>Department</u>	Total % Reduction from <u>Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing Cuts</u>
POLICE	10%
LIBRARY	42%
PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE	5%

The reduction of this revenue has had very damaging effect in the closing of our public library, reduction in road maintenance and police department (loss of one police officer out of four)

RKSHEET: MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE REV LING

I. Municipal Assistance/Revenue Sharing

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing</u>	<u>Reduction From Previous Year Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
1994	\$ 40,657	(8,391)	(17%)
1993	\$ 49,048	(16,883)	(26%)
1992	\$ 65,931	(2,992)	(5%)
1991	\$ 62,939	(11,100)	(15%)
1990	\$ 74,039	(24,306)	(45%)
Average:	\$ 58,522	(12,724)	(22%)
Reduction from 1990 To 1994:	\$ -	(33,382)	(45%)

II. Effect of Cuts - Basic Services:

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>1990 Actual</u>	<u>Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing Reduction</u>	<u>Other Reduction</u>	<u>1994 Actual</u>	<u>Total % Reduction From Municipal Revenue Sharing</u>
Police	\$245,404	(\$20,693)	(\$103,530)	\$121,181	10%
Library	\$ 26,405	(\$11,008)	(\$ 15,103)	\$ 294	42%
Clinic	\$125,841	-	(\$ 9,463)	\$116,378	-
Public Works Road Maintenance	\$ 40,034	(\$ 1,681)	(\$ 2,648)	\$ 35,705	5%
Total	\$437,684	(33,382)	(\$130,744)	\$273,558	

THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

TABULATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE/REVENUE SHARING 1988-1994

1994		
	Municipal Assistance	- \$16,163
	Revenue Sharing	- <u>\$24,494</u>
		\$40,657
1993		
	Municipal Assistance	- \$17,926
	Revenue Sharing	- <u>\$31,122</u>
		\$49,048
1992		
	Municipal Assistance	- \$21,636
	Revenue Sharing	- <u>\$44,295</u>
		\$65,931
1991		
	Municipal Assistance	- \$23,363
	Revenue Sharing	- <u>\$39,276</u>
		\$62,639
1990		
	Municipal Assistance	- \$25,415
	Revenue Sharing	- <u>\$48,624</u>
		\$74,039
1989		
	Municipal Assistance	- \$28,445
	Revenue Sharing	- <u>\$69,900</u>
		\$98,345
1988		
	Municipal Assistance	- \$31,455
	Revenue Sharing	- <u>\$65,555</u>
		\$97,010