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February 21, 1996

Senator John Torgerson
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

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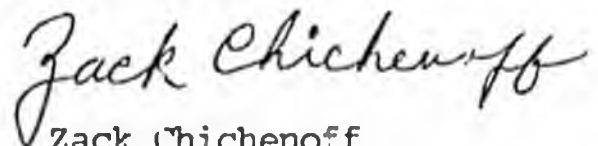
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CITY OF
UNALAKLEET

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February 27, 1996

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

Dear Senator Torgerson:

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To	AML EYT	From	City of Unalakleet
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Dept		Phone #	
Fax #		Fax #	

The City of Unalakleet strongly urges the passage of Senate Bill 20-- "Safe Communities". It has become increasingly difficult over recent years for our community to make cuts in keeping with the cuts sustained to Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing. We are not alone in this situation because as I talk to members of other communities I find that they are also hurting and in many cases are on the brink of dissolving local government entirely.

We are constantly working to improve our tax base. Here in Unalakleet we are working in conjunction with the local Native Corporation, the local IRA and other groups to replace our old fish plant with emphasis not only on market-ready fresh fish but with value-added products as well. We are supporting the tourism efforts of the Unalakleet Native Corporation with their Unalakleet River Lodge. We are working to expand our community across a narrow slough which is the only place to expand, as we sit on a spit of land currently with water on three sides and the airport on the other. In short, we are working very diligently and in harmony with all the various community groups to make our community a thriving place to live. We need the "Safe Communities" support to sustain us in our efforts.

Public Safety is something that, in our second class city, is not sustained by any particular revenue source other than the current Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing and the minimal amount of protective custody fees. So the City runs a Bingo/Pulltab game of which 100% of all revenues derived go directly to support the police department. However, that amounts to \$25,000-\$30,000/yr. With a Chief, two officers and support dispatchers/jailers, our current Public Safety budget is \$179,318. The City collects a 5% Sales Tax, 2% of which is dedicated to support our new solid waste baler facility. The Sales Tax revenue that was not dedicated to the baler operation in FY95 was \$139,138. The City does not receive revenues from fish taxes as do many coastal communities in Southeast Alaska or Bristol Bay. So as you can see, with the cuts in MARS, our general fund revenues continue to shrink while demand for services continues. Staffing turnover is high because of the workload, job stress and low pay. It is difficult to build a credible workforce when salaries remain static.

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The above scenario is not unique to Unalaska only. It is happening statewide, but the most immediate impacts are on small communities with limited revenue-generating capacity. We simply must have the assistance in order to survive.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on SD20. I urge you not to delay in its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Ivanoff, Sr.", written over a dashed horizontal line.

Henry Ivanoff, Sr
Mayor

cc: City Council
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CITY OF BETHEL

P.O. Box 388 Bethel, Alaska 99559
907-543-2297
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

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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 36.9% 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 3% 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 55% 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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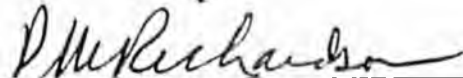
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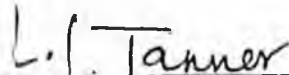
5. Set a \$40,000 minimum funding level for incorporated communities.

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 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.


Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


L.L. Tanner, City Clerk

DENALI BOROUGH

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John C. Gonzales, Mayor
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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,

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Municipality of Anchorage



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Rick Mystrom, Mayor

February 14, 1996

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FAX: 465-2779

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

Dear Senator Torgerson:

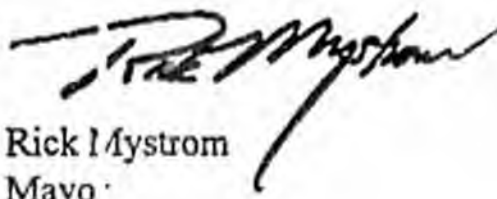
I have reviewed, and strongly support, the latest work draft of Senate Bill 20. Your efforts have produced a bill which will benefit all Alaskan communities.

For too long, Alaska's municipalities have had to bear the brunt of state budget cuts. From 1986 to 1996, the Municipality of Anchorage has seen a 62% drop in state assistance. During this same ten-year period, the state operating budget has actually increased by about 4%. Other Alaska communities have faced similar reductions. As these state revenues decreased, the taxes paid by local residents have increased.

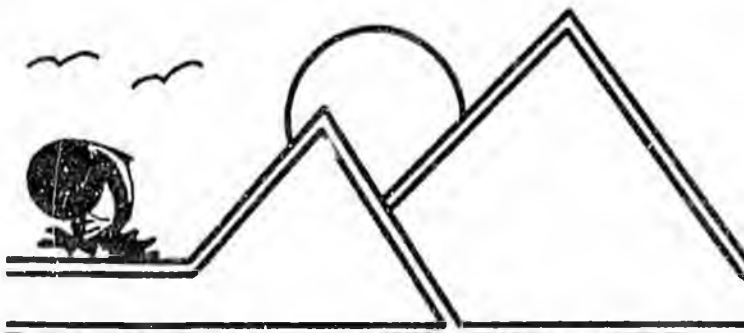
SB 20 emphasizes a Safe Communities approach, and will prioritize state revenues be spent on critical municipal Safe Communities services. It will redefine the state shared revenues formula so citizens will better understand its goals and the role state dollars play in creating and maintaining Safe Communities. I believe this approach will make these critical local basic services more visible.

Thank you for your continued assistance in initiating and supporting this important legislation. Your efforts help make our communities safer and better places in which to live, work, and raise our families.

Sincerely,



Rick Mystrom
Mayor



City of Port Lions

Administrative Offices

P.O. Box 110

Port Lions, AK 99550-0110

(907) 454-2332 (Fax) 454-2420

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

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FEB 20 1996
ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

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.

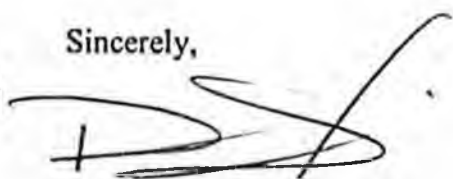
We cannot stress enough the importance in the passing of SB 20. The impact will tremendously help not only Port Lions, but all the small communities throughout the great State of Alaska.

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

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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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
Alvin D. Osterback
Mayor



City and Borough of Sitka

100 LINCOLN STREET • SITKA, ALASKA 99835

February 20, 1996

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

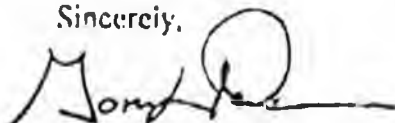
Dear Senator Torgerson and Community and Regional Affairs Committee:

The City and Borough of Sitka supports Senate Bill 20, the revised "Safe Communities" bill. This bill provides for greater equity and better use of Municipal Assistance funds. Sitka strongly supports distribution of all funds to municipalities early in the fiscal year. This bill is a "win-win" that will strengthen municipalities.

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



City of False Pass

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February 16, 1996

Senator John Torgerson
State Capitol, Room 427
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To	Joe Mundy, AML	From Elizabeth MANFRED
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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

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

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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.

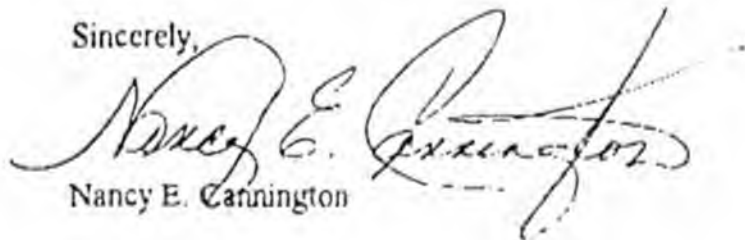
The legislature continue to cut, cut, cut, and pass it on to the municipalities. The end result is that the smaller communities are looking at dissolving, (*or just quit operating*), cities in organized boroughs are looking to detach, and organized boroughs are having an increasingly hard time justifying 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. Cannington". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy E. Cannington

Joe Murdy, President
Alaska Municipal League,
217 Second Street
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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 463-5480)

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
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ACoM and AML MUNICIPAL SURVEY

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Municipality City of Bethel Completed by Mayor Ruth Richardson

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- 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

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The City privatized the operations of the Laundromat

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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

Ketchikan - Elaine Stanton

\$8 million port dock

done in a year

cooperate with NW Cruise Assoc / State / City

bond. partnership - benefit all
no issue taxes.

"A lot of what we do is just survive"

ACoM and AML MUNICIPAL SURVEY

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

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Capital improvement program has been scaled back significantly

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Property and/or sales tax increases

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Solid waste disposal fees and harbor user fees

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

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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

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Municipality Hoonah Completed by Robert Pinard, Ass't. Admn./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 Jonetta 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 Harbor 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.

For Beaumont 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 Mountain Village Completed by Carol P Myre

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 ADIA JIA. I feel this is a big accomplishment for Mountain 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 assist or state cost to the individuals.

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Municipality Nome Completed by Junda Penley - City Clerk & Jane Wardle - City Commissioner

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:

Both decreased state money, property taxes have been increased. City of Nome initiated 47% bid tax. We enforce tax on pull tabs sales. Our Museum was closed and only open for a 10 month period.

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 much as 20% for school, police, fire, public works, etc. We are also being required to provide ambulance service, for although the service 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:

47% Bid Tax initiated
Sales tax increased from 37% to 47%, which machine / ATV license raised from \$55 to \$95

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.

Completing the Child Care building (over 1,000 sq. ft. in local tax money expanded 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 regulations that mandate additional time, material, money, 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 service
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
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
implemented other taxes or fees to maintain services? No Yes, the most are:
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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 pr
especially over the past year or so. For example, a new program to promote econ
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/bullfaps permit to benefit city operations and began a pr campaign emphasizing collection of the accounts receivable in order to keep our city clean. Everyone 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 re: reg
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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 resulted 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" existance. 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 fuctional decreases and name only existance. There is a real danger of cities looking at alternateve 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 x Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. No x 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 employecs, 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 x 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 hall fields. Business have landscaped and added other things to summer beautification. The Lions Club purchascd 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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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 George Lopez

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 Fee [redacted] Tour 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 governments. 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 IMPLIMENTED.

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

TAXING 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 60%. Clinic Operations and maintenance reduced more than 96%. School Budget reduced 15% or more. Schools maintenance deferred. Replacement Schools 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 Kiana 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 Katchatag

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 income tax 2) less services to ~~state~~ constituents. 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.

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

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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:

(1) Reduced Services - (2) Maintenance Breakdowns (3) Increased Taxes (4) Reduced Communication (5) Economic Plan Reductions (6) Trained Employees 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 Taxes, Increased User Fees (Wasteb Sues)

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 STRAP 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 KOTIKOULU 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%
CLOSED 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 SCATTERED POPULATION - THE BEST COMMUNITIES SUFFERING FROM ECONOMIC DISTRESS - MUST SURVIVE WITHOUT MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE & REVENUE SHARING

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

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Municipality City of Thorne Bay Completed by Kay McMaster, 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:

- Utility, clinic, and harbor user fee increases; sales tax increase to make up for reduced funding for clinic and emergency services operations.
 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 DNR 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 ACE 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

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 Kevin Sam:196prn.doc 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. When 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 *PH Hubbard*
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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 37% 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 wisdom 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 (Q77) occur 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 Yes, if yes, please give examples:

b. service cutbacks. ___ No 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 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 Causeway which is a local historical landmark and also the loggist 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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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 3.81 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 (Propose)

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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 "burden municipalities" 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 Aleknagik Completed by Helen M. Chythlook, Administrator

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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 appropriation

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 JHS 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 part-time positions to provide

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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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Reinvest Permanent fund Monies
In The State of Alaska

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Municipality City of Ekwok completed by Jeff Romie

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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 wasn't for the state revenue sharing & municipal debt Ekwok 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.

No more cuts in Municipal Assst. and State Revenue sharing. We are a community with 126 residents and basically no way to generate revenue.

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Municipality Summit Completed by David Johnson

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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 SERVICES, 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 JANITORIAL SERVICES

CONTRACTING GREENWASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

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

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Municipality Akutan Completed by Erika Tritremmel

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- 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 lingers me that at the same time as the

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State is cutting 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 Patton

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- 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 50% 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:

Major degradation in school program or a 1% sales tax 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 institute a five year budget plan which includes school fund and major funding equipment for school buildings renovation and other 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 miles

NET = 3 miles

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

Stop violating your budget problems on the basis of municipalities.

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Municipality CITY OF MCGRATH Completed by COLIN HANWAY, MAYOR

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- 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 CLINICS
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 BILLINGS

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
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→ ANY MORE CUTS WILL EFFECT BASIC
 SERVICES.

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Municipality Palmer Completed by Joe Lawton

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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. (70 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 GO bonds. Preparation of historical

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 statisticians. In Palmer, constituents are neighbors and co-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 Metlakatla Completed by Jack Booth Sr.

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

A cut in revenue sharing has caused us to transfer our private profit to help in the shortage in state shortfalls. This effects water, sewer, garbage and essential services. We see shortages on the MCDC project list which funds; ems ambulance, power services, senior citizens, schools, roads, and law enforcement.

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: _____

Due to the shortage of timber & federal impacts on SBA sales, we will cut and discontinue services all together.

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 maintenance and hookup fees.

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No Comment

5. In a sentence, summarize the message you would like to give the state regarding municipal government. We believe in local control & would like to see the downsizing (administrative) of State & Federal Govt. Pass the saving on to the municipal Govts. If you want to see some top heavy sections in the State look at Daycare or the State Library Grant System.

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Municipality FALSE PASS Completed by BORGE LARSEN

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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 Rec Centre - opens nightly for
youth and 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,
airport maintenance etc... ~~Help~~ HELP US HELP YOU!

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Municipality Buckland Completed by Willie P. Thomas/Mayor

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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 ~~will~~ will ~~be~~ be ~~on~~ on ~~your~~ your ~~municipality.~~ 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 vertially 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, and that the state can learn how 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 Public Works. The mill rate increased 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 & No - attempts have been made to implement new taxes with little success. The public sentiment is that citizens are 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 (135,000) on July 1, 1994 - by July 1, 1995 our General Fund was + 175,000. Every dept has learned to do more 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. Aguchak

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 definitly 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 Programs past two years.

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

Consider Annual/AML proposals especially the program to replace St. Paul Sharing/Municipal Assst

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

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Municipality Manokotak Completed by Melvin Taylor Sr

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 + Rescue Team

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

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Municipality City of Homer Completed by Del Kuebeck

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 thru. 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 by public works ie 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:

Tire case recycling permit fees, water & sewer rates, port & moorage 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 these reserves can be used

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

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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 or funding there are
some 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 Akutan school utilizing a lease purchase agreement. In FY96, we completed the Nelson Lagoon dock with only \$75,000 of state funding. The remaining \$2.2M was comprised of AEB funds, \$1.1M, federal funds, \$600K and \$600K from the Aleutian Pribof Islands Community Development Assc.~~

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.

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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 outbacks. No Yes, if yes, please give examples:

1985-1993 Property tax increased about 1.0 mill
to compensate for drop 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 gets about
500,000/yr now. If cuts continue and MARS disappears
other sales tax will increase 1/4% or Property tax will increase
by 2.0 mills. Wasilla is growing even with static
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. Little
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, initiated road and
street paving and construction program with
proceeds from 2% sales tax established Jan'93.

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 pick-up burden.

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Municipality Eagle AK Completed by Steve 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 bldg restoration
- 4 missed 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, personnel 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 - Waterfront restoration. 2 million dollars from Soil Conservation with City matching. Success 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 E. Cannington

1. Since 1985, have state cuts in Municipal Assistance/ Revenue Sharing and other municipal aid programs, transfer 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.

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Municipality Kodiak Island Borough Completed by Jessie 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
building permits increased
virtually all fees have had to increase & new fees added

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 mineral 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 managed to complete a hospital addition/renovation
2. The city entered into the City of Kodiak and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce to do a 10-year economic development pact which has brought new funding and new businesses and 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 6.5%

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 rodeo 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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SPONSOR: SENATE COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS PURPOSE: PUBLIC HEARING

MESSAGE TEXT: HOONAH HAS JOINED THE CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANTS MAY WISH TO TESTIFY

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Overview by Section
Sponsor Substitute for Senate Bill 20
Alaska Municipal Basic Services Program

- Section 1 Housekeeping- name change
- Section 2 Housekeeping- name change
- Section 3 Housekeeping- name change
- Section 4 THIS SECTION LAYS OUT AMBS ALLOCATION FORMULA (See attached formula description)
- Section 5 Housekeeping- statute citation change
- Section 6 Removes obsolete language regarding how "locally generated revenues" are determined under the old revenue sharing formula.
- Section 7 Makes minor administrative change in DCRA process to determine average assessed valuation in second class cities that do not levy property tax. It restricts average only to other second class cities.
- Section 8 Brings DCRA reporting requirement into conformance with AMBS
- Section 9 Brings DCRA regulatory responsibility into conformance with AMBS
- Section 10 Housekeeping- statute citation change
- Section 11 Allows road/ ice road entitlements to be prorated according to available funding.
- Section 12 Housekeeping- requested by DCRA to improve administration
- Section 13 Allows hospital/ health facility entitlements to be prorated according to available funding.
- Section 14 Establishes a flat \$5.00 per capita for volunteer fire departments in unorganized areas. (FY 95 per capita prorated to \$3.30)
- Section 15 Establishes a flat \$7500 entitlement for unincorporated communities. (FY 95 prorated allocation is \$8333)
- Section 16 Establishes a flat \$40,000 entitlement for incorporated communities providing at least 2 of 9 municipal basic services.
- Section 17 Clarifies the \$40,000 minimum entitlement for incorporated communities.
- Section 18 Recognizes federal Indian reserves for entitlements under AMBS. (only Metlakatla qualifies as an Indian reserve)
- Section 19 Makes July 1 the payment date for entitlements.
- Section 20 Clarifies areas and population used in AMBS calculations when a specific municipal basic service is not provided areawide.
- Section 21 Housekeeping- name and statute citation change.
- Section 22 Housekeeping change related to Indian reserves
- Section 23 Repeals obsolete statutes relating to the Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing Programs.
- Section 24 Provides for a gradual transition to the new formula by reducing entitlements no more than 2% in FY 96 and FY 97, and no more than 5% thereafter, relative to the FY 95 amounts, until the transition is complete for that community.

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 20 ALASKA MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICES (AMBS) PROGRAM

The concept of the AMBS program is that revenue should be shared with municipalities in proportion to the extent that they provide municipal basic services. There are two basic steps in the allocation process:

STEP ONE

Allocation of the annual legislative appropriation among nine municipal basic service categories based on a statutory formula.

MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICES

1.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-12 (local contribution)	20%
2.	POLICE	17%
3.	TAXATION/ASSESSMENT, FINANCE, LAND USE PLANNING	19%
4.	ROADS and ICE ROADS OPERATION and MAINTENANCE	12%
5.	FIRE and EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	11%
6.	WATER and SEWER OPERATION and MAINTENANCE	8%
7.	WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATION and MAINTENANCE	5%
7.	HEALTH FACILITIES OPERATION and MAINTENANCE	4%
9.	COMMUNITY SERVICES (parks, recreation, social/health services, libraries and culture)	4%
		100%

FORMULA

The annual funding for each MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICE category is determined annually as shown in the following example:

<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</i>	<i>X (times)</i>	<i>CATEGORY %</i>	<i>equals</i>	<i>CATEGORY FUNDING</i>
<i>by LEGISLATURE</i>				

<i>\$100,000,000</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>POLICE 17%</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>\$17,000,000</i>
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STEP TWO

ALLOCATION OF AMBS FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Each municipality is entitled to receive an amount of revenue sharing funds from one or all municipal basic service categories in proportion to that municipality's local effort in each category (actual prior year expenditures), its overall ability to pay (represented by the full and true assessed value), and its population.

The following formula determines the amount from each category that is distributed to each municipality. It incorporates the concepts of accountability, local effort, local ability to pay, per capita distribution, and low administrative costs.

$$\frac{\text{LOCAL EFFORT in each CATEGORY* X(times) POPULATION}}{\text{LOCAL ABILITY TO PAY**}} = \text{ALLOCATION FACTOR}$$

- * Actual prior year expenditures as reported to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA)
- ** .1% of full and true local assessed value as determined by DCRA

NOTE #1

The ALLOCATION FACTORS from each community are totaled and converted to a percentage to determine each municipality's share of revenue for each category. The data needed to make the above calculations are already provided to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs by municipalities for purposes of the current programs.

SUMMARY

The total annual allocation to each municipality is the TOTAL OF THAT MUNICIPALITY'S SHARE OF EACH OF THE NINE (9) CATEGORIES OF MUNICIPAL BASIC SERVICES.

SB 20 (AMBS) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

TRANSITION SCHEDULE

As with any changes in an existing formula program, most municipalities will not receive the same amount of funding that they would have under the current formula. In the case of the municipalities that receive less, there will be transition language that states no municipality will lose more than 2% for the first year (relative to FY 95 funding), 2% the second year, and 5% each year thereafter until they reach the proper level. Funding for the transition will come from the municipalities that show increases.

MINIMUM ENTITLEMENTS

The minimum entitlement will be increased from \$25,000 (plus geographic differential) TO \$40,000 flat.

HEALTH FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS

HEALTH SERVICES are often passed through a municipality to another provider, such as a nonprofit hospital board, and are not reported as municipal expenditures. The present funding formula is based on the number of beds and/or the size of the facility. Therefore, SB 20 proposes that the present allocation formula for health facilities and hospitals be retained.

ROADS/ICE ROADS

Roads and ice roads are currently an entitlement program with a set amount of money per road mile. SB 20 proposes to keep the present allocation formula for roads and ice roads the same.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS OUTSIDE OF MUNICIPALITIES

It is proposed that a per capita allocation formula for volunteer fire departments outside of a municipality be **RETAINED** approximating current funding levels for these organizations. (actual FY 95 per capita is \$3.30, proposed AMBS is \$5.00 per capita)

UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH

It is proposed that an allocation formula to communities in the unorganized borough be \$7,500 each.

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		Final			Final		
		Allocation	\$ Change	% Change	Allocation	\$ Change	% Change
Akhiok	\$28,456	\$40,000	\$11,544	40.6%	\$40,000	\$11,544	40.6%
Akiak	\$43,672	\$40,000	(\$3,672)	-8.4%	\$42,799	(\$873)	-2.0%
Akutan	\$70,340	\$134,854	\$64,514	91.7%	\$84,401	\$14,061	20.0%
Alakanuk	\$66,294	\$63,499	(\$2,795)	-4.2%	\$64,968	(\$1,326)	-2.0%
Aleknagik	\$37,961	\$40,000	\$2,039	5.4%	\$40,000	\$2,039	5.4%
Aleutians East Borough	\$142,979	\$234,020	\$91,041	63.7%	\$162,153	\$19,174	13.4%
Allakaket	\$40,890	\$40,000	(\$890)	-2.2%	\$40,072	(\$818)	-2.0%
Ambler	\$56,024	\$83,779	\$26,855	47.2%	\$62,354	\$5,430	9.5%
Anaktuvuk Pass	\$42,203	\$40,000	(\$2,203)	-5.2%	\$41,359	(\$844)	-2.0%
Anchorage	\$22,622,308	\$21,298,659	(\$1,323,649)	-5.9%	\$22,169,862	(\$452,446)	-2.0%
Anderson	\$61,464	\$52,572	(\$8,892)	-14.5%	\$60,235	(\$1,229)	-2.0%
Angoon	\$56,294	\$46,229	(\$10,065)	-17.9%	\$55,168	(\$1,126)	-2.0%
Aniak	\$76,460	\$93,960	\$17,500	22.9%	\$79,396	\$2,936	3.8%
Anvik	\$37,295	\$40,000	\$2,705	7.3%	\$40,000	\$2,705	7.3%
Atka	\$34,483	\$40,000	\$5,517	16.0%	\$40,000	\$5,517	16.0%
Atkasuk	\$58,082	\$41,751	(\$16,332)	-28.1%	\$56,921	(\$1,162)	-2.0%
Barrow	\$263,113	\$328,120	\$65,007	24.7%	\$274,339	\$11,226	4.3%
Bethel	\$603,783	\$771,251	\$167,468	27.7%	\$633,836	\$30,053	5.0%
Bettles	\$36,264	\$40,000	\$3,736	10.3%	\$40,000	\$3,736	10.3%
Brevig Mission	\$41,905	\$40,000	(\$1,905)	-4.5%	\$41,067	(\$838)	-2.0%
Bristol Bay Borough	\$136,283	\$183,013	\$46,730	34.3%	\$145,162	\$8,879	6.5%
Buckland	\$60,962	\$95,621	\$34,659	56.9%	\$68,161	\$7,199	11.8%
Chefornak	\$45,578	\$40,000	(\$5,578)	-12.2%	\$44,666	(\$912)	-2.0%
Chevak	\$56,404	\$40,000	(\$16,404)	-29.1%	\$55,276	(\$1,128)	-2.0%
Chignik	\$37,310	\$40,000	\$2,690	7.2%	\$40,000	\$2,690	7.2%
Chuathbaluk	\$36,968	\$40,000	\$3,032	8.2%	\$40,000	\$3,032	8.2%
Coffman Cove	\$80,596	\$107,991	\$27,395	34.0%	\$85,790	\$5,194	6.4%
Cold Bay	\$39,726	\$40,000	\$274	0.7%	\$40,000	\$274	0.7%
Cordova	\$433,143	\$353,467	(\$79,676)	-18.4%	\$424,480	(\$8,663)	-2.0%
Craig	\$133,822	\$241,438	\$107,616	80.4%	\$157,025	\$23,203	17.3%
Deering	\$63,370	\$90,507	\$27,137	42.8%	\$68,767	\$5,397	8.5%

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	FY 95 Allocation	Final			(based on FY 95 actual allocation)		
	Actual	Allocation	\$ Change	% Change	Final Allocation	\$ Change	% Change
Delta Junction	\$89,343	\$88,605	(\$738)	-0.8%	\$87,802	(\$1,541)	-1.7%
Denali Borough	\$104,389	\$40,000	(\$64,389)	-61.7%	\$102,301	(\$2,088)	-2.0%
Dillingham	\$209,178	\$278,450	\$69,272	33.1%	\$222,230	\$13,052	6.2%
Diomede	\$39,272	\$40,000	\$728	1.9%	\$40,000	\$728	1.9%
Eagle	\$34,537	\$40,000	\$5,463	15.8%	\$40,000	\$5,463	15.8%
Eek	\$42,640	\$40,000	(\$2,640)	-6.2%	\$41,787	(\$853)	-2.0%
Ekwok	\$34,252	\$40,000	\$5,748	16.8%	\$40,000	\$5,748	16.8%
Elim	\$45,610	\$42,432	(\$3,178)	-7.0%	\$44,698	(\$912)	-2.0%
Emmonak	\$86,916	\$91,876	\$4,960	5.7%	\$86,749	(\$167)	-0.2%
Fairbanks	\$3,101,443	\$2,744,500	(\$356,913)	-11.5%	\$3,039,414	(\$62,029)	-2.0%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	\$4,380,105	\$4,782,278	\$402,173	9.2%	\$4,407,426	\$27,321	0.6%
False Pass	\$33,177	\$56,153	\$22,976	69.3%	\$43,790	\$10,613	32.0%
Fort Yukon	\$122,867	\$121,224	(\$1,643)	-1.3%	\$120,601	(\$2,266)	-1.8%
Galena	\$98,241	\$113,850	\$15,609	15.9%	\$100,400	\$2,159	2.2%
Gambell	\$57,677	\$40,000	(\$17,677)	-30.6%	\$56,523	(\$1,154)	-2.0%
Golovin	\$40,005	\$40,000	(\$5)	0.0%	\$40,000	(\$5)	0.0%
Goodnews Bay	\$40,974	\$40,000	(\$974)	-2.4%	\$40,155	(\$819)	-2.0%
Grayling	\$41,789	\$40,000	(\$1,789)	-4.3%	\$40,953	(\$836)	-2.0%
Haines	\$130,372	\$132,329	\$1,957	1.5%	\$128,836	(\$1,536)	-1.2%
Haines Borough	\$75,736	\$110,173	\$34,437	45.5%	\$82,657	\$6,921	9.1%
Holy Cross	\$45,960	\$40,000	(\$5,960)	-13.0%	\$45,041	(\$919)	-2.0%
Homer	\$420,003	\$508,676	\$88,673	21.1%	\$434,381	\$14,378	3.4%
Hoonah	\$144,021	\$265,134	\$121,113	84.1%	\$170,235	\$26,214	18.2%
Hooper Bay	\$69,867	\$54,572	(\$15,295)	-21.9%	\$68,470	(\$1,397)	-2.0%
Houston	\$76,162	\$69,859	(\$6,303)	-8.3%	\$74,639	(\$1,523)	-2.0%
Hughes	\$35,382	\$40,000	\$4,618	13.1%	\$40,000	\$4,618	13.1%
Huslia	\$44,588	\$47,840	\$3,252	7.3%	\$44,669	\$81	0.2%
Hydaburg	\$41,477	\$75,376	\$33,899	81.7%	\$48,796	\$7,319	17.6%
Juneau	\$3,597,911	\$3,185,099	(\$412,812)	-11.5%	\$3,525,953	(\$71,958)	-2.0%
Kachemak	\$40,297	\$40,000	(\$297)	-0.7%	\$40,000	(\$297)	-0.7%
Kenai	\$61,790	\$133,784	\$71,994	116.5%	\$77,737	\$15,947	25.8%

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	Actual	Allocation	\$ Change	% Change	Allocation	\$ Change	% Change
Kaktovik	\$41,786	\$40,000	(\$1,786)	-4.3%	\$40,950	(\$836)	-2.0%
Kaltag	\$43,848	\$40,000	(\$3,848)	-8.8%	\$42,971	(\$877)	-2.0%
Kasaan	\$25,638	\$40,000	\$14,362	56.0%	\$40,000	\$14,362	56.0%
Kenai	\$659,511	\$587,416	(\$72,095)	-10.9%	\$646,321	(\$13,190)	-2.0%
Kenai Borough	\$3,420,595	\$3,028,013	(\$392,582)	-11.5%	\$3,352,183	(\$68,412)	-2.0%
Ketchikan	\$978,775	\$1,005,774	\$26,999	2.8%	\$970,128	(\$8,647)	-0.9%
Ketchikan Borough	\$486,272	\$559,013	\$72,741	15.0%	\$495,897	\$9,625	2.0%
Kiana	\$57,906	\$66,703	\$8,797	15.2%	\$59,084	\$1,178	2.0%
King Cove	\$91,223	\$147,371	\$56,148	61.6%	\$103,002	\$11,779	12.9%
Kivalina	\$108,084	\$49,829	(\$58,255)	-53.9%	\$105,922	(\$2,162)	-2.0%
Klawock	\$76,388	\$187,902	\$111,514	146.0%	\$101,385	\$24,997	32.7%
Kobuk	\$37,558	\$41,651	\$4,093	10.9%	\$40,388	\$2,830	7.5%
Kodiak	\$659,228	\$472,616	(\$186,612)	-28.3%	\$646,043	(\$13,185)	-2.0%
Kodiak Borough	\$815,018	\$942,897	\$127,879	15.7%	\$832,548	\$17,530	2.2%
Kotlik	\$53,168	\$40,000	(\$13,168)	-24.8%	\$52,105	(\$1,063)	-2.0%
Kotzebue	\$377,029	\$632,211	\$255,182	67.7%	\$431,135	\$54,106	14.4%
Koyuk	\$44,355	\$40,000	(\$4,355)	-9.8%	\$43,468	(\$887)	-2.0%
Koyukuk	\$38,224	\$40,000	\$1,776	4.6%	\$40,000	\$1,776	4.6%
Kupreanof	\$24,666	\$40,000	\$15,334	62.2%	\$40,000	\$15,334	62.2%
Kwethluk	\$57,175	\$40,000	(\$17,175)	-30.0%	\$56,032	(\$1,144)	-2.0%
Lake & Peninsula Borough	\$358,577	\$429,563	\$70,986	19.8%	\$369,745	\$11,168	3.1%
Larsen Bay	\$30,482	\$40,000	\$9,518	31.2%	\$40,000	\$9,518	31.2%
Lower Kalskag	\$46,165	\$49,941	\$3,776	8.2%	\$46,344	\$179	0.4%
Manokotak	\$47,371	\$40,000	(\$7,371)	-15.6%	\$46,424	(\$947)	-2.0%
Marshall	\$44,544	\$40,000	(\$4,544)	-10.2%	\$43,653	(\$891)	-2.0%
Mat-Su Borough	\$3,632,600	\$4,189,873	\$557,273	15.3%	\$3,707,756	\$75,156	2.1%
McGrath	\$60,801	\$61,903	\$1,102	1.8%	\$60,129	(\$672)	-1.1%
Mekoryuk	\$39,985	\$40,000	\$15	0.0%	\$40,000	\$15	0.0%
Mountain Village	\$66,961	\$57,521	(\$9,440)	-14.1%	\$65,622	(\$1,339)	-2.0%
Napakiak	\$47,412	\$40,000	(\$7,412)	-15.6%	\$46,464	(\$948)	-2.0%
Napaskiak	\$46,665	\$40,000	(\$6,665)	-14.3%	\$45,732	(\$933)	-2.0%

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Nenana	\$94,166	\$118,214	\$24,048	25.5%	\$98,367	\$4,201	4.5%
New Stuyahok	\$46,905	\$40,000	(\$6,905)	-14.7%	\$45,967	(\$938)	-2.0%
Newhalen	\$37,648	\$40,000	\$2,352	6.2%	\$40,000	\$2,352	6.2%
Nightmute	\$37,971	\$40,000	\$2,029	5.3%	\$40,000	\$2,029	5.3%
Nikolai	\$36,756	\$40,000	\$3,244	8.8%	\$40,000	\$3,244	8.8%
Nome	\$593,952	\$564,802	(\$29,150)	-4.9%	\$582,073	(\$11,879)	-2.0%
Nondalton	\$44,882	\$73,007	\$28,125	62.7%	\$50,794	\$5,912	13.2%
Noorvik	\$79,745	\$118,184	\$38,439	48.2%	\$87,544	\$7,799	9.8%
North Pole	\$132,981	\$99,837	(\$33,144)	-24.9%	\$130,321	(\$2,660)	-2.0%
North Slope Borough	\$1,735,903	\$1,836,195	\$100,292	5.8%	\$1,732,864	(\$3,039)	-0.2%
NW Arctic Borough	\$378,695	\$693,908	\$315,213	83.2%	\$446,861	\$68,166	18.0%
Nuiqsut	\$47,961	\$53,504	\$5,543	11.6%	\$48,527	\$566	1.2%
Nulato	\$49,555	\$44,521	(\$5,034)	-10.2%	\$48,564	(\$991)	-2.0%
Nunapitchuk	\$69,742	\$83,101	\$13,359	19.2%	\$71,809	\$2,067	3.0%
Old Harbor	\$37,930	\$49,027	\$11,097	29.3%	\$42,118	\$4,188	11.0%
Ouzinkie	\$33,811	\$40,809	\$6,998	20.7%	\$40,190	\$6,379	18.9%
Palmer	\$435,963	\$553,793	\$117,830	27.0%	\$436,938	\$20,975	4.8%
Pelican	\$37,180	\$40,000	\$2,820	7.6%	\$40,000	\$2,820	7.6%
Petersburg	\$457,703	\$366,782	(\$90,921)	-19.9%	\$448,549	(\$9,154)	-2.0%
Pilot Point	\$42,457	\$40,000	(\$2,457)	-5.8%	\$41,608	(\$849)	-2.0%
Pilot Station	\$52,183	\$40,000	(\$12,183)	-23.3%	\$51,139	(\$1,044)	-2.0%
Platinum	\$34,959	\$40,000	\$5,041	14.4%	\$40,000	\$5,041	14.4%
Point Hope	\$63,381	\$57,821	(\$5,560)	-8.8%	\$52,113	(\$1,268)	-2.0%
Port Alexander	\$28,409	\$40,000	\$11,591	40.8%	\$40,000	\$11,591	40.8%
Port Heiden	\$38,962	\$53,955	\$14,993	38.5%	\$43,275	\$4,313	11.1%
Port Lions	\$35,881	\$40,000	\$4,119	11.5%	\$40,000	\$4,119	11.5%
Quinhagak	\$53,460	\$40,000	(\$13,460)	-25.2%	\$52,391	(\$1,069)	-2.0%
Ruby	\$42,070	\$40,000	(\$2,070)	-4.9%	\$41,229	(\$841)	-2.0%
Russian Mission	\$42,874	\$40,000	(\$2,874)	-6.7%	\$42,017	(\$857)	-2.0%
Sand Point	\$117,465	\$108,996	(\$8,469)	-7.2%	\$115,116	(\$2,349)	-2.0%
Savoonga	\$57,081	\$40,000	(\$17,081)	-29.9%	\$55,939	(\$1,142)	-2.0%

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		Allocation	\$ Change	% Change	Allocation	\$ Change	% Change
Saxman	\$40,129	\$46,092	\$5,963	14.9%	\$41,429	\$1,300	3.2%
Scammon Bay	\$47,252	\$40,000	(\$7,252)	-15.3%	\$46,307	(\$945)	-2.0%
Selawik	\$104,244	\$109,663	\$5,419	5.2%	\$103,920	(\$324)	-0.3%
Seldovia	\$43,286	\$40,556	(\$2,730)	-6.3%	\$42,420	(\$866)	-2.0%
Seward	\$460,730	\$466,193	\$5,463	1.2%	\$454,959	(\$5,771)	-1.3%
Shageluk	\$38,532	\$40,000	\$1,468	3.8%	\$40,000	\$1,468	3.8%
Shaktolik	\$41,296	\$40,000	(\$1,296)	-3.1%	\$40,470	(\$826)	-2.0%
Sheldon Point	\$36,012	\$40,000	\$3,988	11.1%	\$40,000	\$3,988	11.1%
Shishmaref	\$55,159	\$40,000	(\$15,159)	-27.5%	\$54,056	(\$1,103)	-2.0%
Shungnak	\$58,032	\$79,489	\$21,457	37.0%	\$62,179	\$4,147	7.1%
Sitka	\$953,174	\$823,043	(\$130,131)	-13.7%	\$934,111	(\$19,063)	-2.0%
Skagway	\$82,974	\$69,219	(\$13,755)	-16.6%	\$81,315	(\$1,659)	-2.0%
Soldotna	\$414,740	\$293,396	(\$121,344)	-29.3%	\$406,445	(\$8,295)	-2.0%
St. George	\$67,350	\$219,323	\$151,973	225.6%	\$101,979	\$34,629	51.4%
St. Mary's	\$74,253	\$137,992	\$63,739	85.8%	\$88,072	\$13,819	18.6%
St. Michael	\$50,360	\$40,000	(\$10,360)	-20.6%	\$49,353	(\$1,007)	-2.0%
St. Paul	\$135,301	\$223,302	\$88,001	65.0%	\$153,879	\$18,578	13.7%
Stebbins	\$51,806	\$44,752	(\$7,054)	-13.6%	\$50,770	(\$1,036)	-2.0%
Tanana	\$62,333	\$108,491	\$46,158	74.1%	\$72,210	\$9,877	15.8%
Teller	\$41,891	\$40,000	(\$1,891)	-4.5%	\$41,053	(\$838)	-2.0%
Tenakee Springs	\$29,428	\$40,000	\$10,572	35.9%	\$40,000	\$10,572	35.9%
Thorne Bay	\$54,668	\$81,092	\$26,424	48.3%	\$60,031	\$5,363	9.8%
Togiak	\$65,873	\$57,606	(\$8,267)	-12.6%	\$64,556	(\$1,317)	-2.0%
Toksook Bay	\$52,811	\$40,000	(\$12,811)	-24.3%	\$51,755	(\$1,056)	-2.0%
Unalakleet	\$68,264	\$74,929	\$6,665	9.8%	\$68,783	\$519	0.8%
Unalaska	\$505,118	\$572,432	\$67,314	13.3%	\$513,181	\$8,063	1.6%
Upper Kalskag	\$40,955	\$40,000	(\$955)	-2.3%	\$40,136	(\$819)	-2.0%
Valdez	\$790,335	\$346,980	(\$443,355)	-56.1%	\$774,528	(\$15,807)	-2.0%
Wainwright	\$54,202	\$40,000	(\$14,202)	-26.2%	\$53,118	(\$1,084)	-2.0%
Wales	\$38,076	\$40,000	\$1,924	5.1%	\$40,000	\$1,924	5.1%
Wasilla	\$350,983	\$295,619	(\$55,364)	-15.8%	\$343,963	(\$7,020)	-2.0%

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Municipality	FY 95 Allocation Actual	AMBS Without Transition Provisions			AMBS with 2% Transition Provision (based on FY 95 actual allocation)		
		Final	\$ Change	% Change	Final	\$ Change	% Change
		Allocation			Allocation		
White Mountain	\$39,923	\$40,000	\$75	0.2%	\$40,000	\$75	0.2%
Whittier	\$38,436	\$49,186	\$10,750	28.0%	\$42,155	\$3,719	9.7%
Wrangell	\$380,057	\$335,684	(\$44,373)	-11.7%	\$372,456	(\$7,601)	-2.0%
Yakutat Borough	\$68,001	\$180,530	\$112,529	165.5%	\$93,364	\$25,363	37.3%
	\$61,883,941	\$61,885,194	\$1,253		\$61,885,194	\$1,253	

Alaska Municipal League Position on SB 20- testimony of Donald Long,
AML president

The Alaska Municipal League strongly supports the concept embodied in this bill. It has not yet taken a position on the new changes in the sponsor substitute.

The goal of the Alaska Municipal Basic Services program is to educate the administration and the legislature on the critical importance of state revenue sharing with municipalities.

Each of the fifty states provide some form of revenue sharing with municipalities because political subdivisions carry out a large number of state mandates which would otherwise be totally unfunded state mandates.

In Alaska, revenue sharing with municipalities is even more important because, in addition to many state mandates on municipalities, the current wealth of the state is primarily concentrated in a small area to the north. Without a redistribution of these resources to other areas of the state, current state services would virtually be impossible to sustain at any reasonable level. Likewise, without a reasonable level of revenue sharing with municipalities, the quality of life and essential services in many municipalities simply cannot be sustained.

The January 25, 1995 Local Boundary Commission report to the legislature notes that five municipalities are being recommended for dissolution. However, many more municipalities and areas of boroughs are seriously considering dissolution or detachment. Page 50 of the LBC report, which discusses the detachment of part of the Mat-Su Borough, states that the borough has been financially "...penalized because of incorporation. Anticipated continued reductions in state aid to local governments will only exacerbate the problem".

The financial cost to the state to provide services to additional unincorporated areas will be far greater than the cost of stabilization of revenue sharing at an adequate level.

In the past nine years, the state has cut revenue sharing over 55% while the state operating budget has experienced moderate growth on the whole. It has been easy for the state to cut revenue sharing because the state is insulated from the decisions necessitated by the cuts. In fact, the cuts to revenue sharing have gone far beyond forcing political subdivisions to operate at maximum efficiency. The cuts have meant much higher local taxes, taking police off the streets, taking teachers out of the schools, closing libraries, reducing emergency medical services, decreasing road repair and maintenance, terminating local programs to fight drug and alcohol abuse, and cutting other basic services that are critical to the quality of life in municipalities. How many Alaskans have died needlessly because no police officer was on duty, or a road was not maintained at an adequate level? What will the impact be on our communities if revenue sharing to municipalities is not stabilized once and for all?

The primary purpose for the creation of the concept of the Alaska Municipal Basic Services program by the municipalities of our state is to gain your good faith support for the stabilization of state revenue sharing with municipalities this year and in the future.

The Alaska Municipal Basic Services program is a very difficult and fragile product of consensus between municipalities to help save the concept of revenue sharing. Simple extrapolation of the funding trend for the current programs indicates that they will be incrementally cut out of existence in the next several unless the state renews its partnership with its political subdivisions. The Alaska Municipal Basic Services program provides one way of doing this, as long as its adoption signals the stabilization of state revenue sharing for municipalities at an adequate level. It may already be too late for some municipalities that are now incorporated unless some portion of the funding taken away is restored.

I ask for three things today, your support of the AMBS concept, your willingness to continue to work with us on hammering out the allocation issues of the bill, and support for a relatively small restoration of funding, \$3 million of the \$75 million that has been cut over the past nine years.

This relatively small restoration will show the state's good faith to its renewed relationship with municipalities and will truly be one of the most