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Subject: Non Support for SB 247

Representative Thompson,

Please consider the following when voting on HB 247.

- Higher taxes will discourage investment and shrink the pie for everyone. When you tax something, you get less of it; in this case, oil.
- The number one goal of the Senate Resources Committee should be to protect the jobs and investment necessary to maximize TAPS throughput. However, SB 130 will increase taxes on an industry already operating at a loss, resulting in lower investment, fewer jobs, lower production and less state revenues over the long term.
- After many years of debate and a failed referendum in 2014, Alaska should not be looking to change its taxes yet again. This sends the wrong message to investors in all industries.
- Tax reform of recent years improved Alaska's competitive position for investment and partially insulated the state from massive industry cuts that are occurring elsewhere. The governor's tax proposal moves us in the opposite direction, jeopardizing future investment, jobs and production.
- Recent data from the State of Alaska offers proof the current tax regime is working, showing an almost one percent increase of year-over-year oil production during the past 12 months.
- Higher industry taxes in this low-priced commodity environment could be a game changer for Alaska, leading to lower state revenues and a weaker private sector over the long term. The private sector is the foundation of Alaska's economy and its underlying health is the key to sustaining jobs, state government and the overall economy.
- It is not good policy to raise taxes on businesses that are already losing money. Raising taxes will make a bad situation worse.
- The current oil tax system is balanced, setting a higher minimum floor than the previous tax system, while setting a stable and predictable rate when oil prices rise again. At current prices, Alaska's oil tax policy has brought hundreds of millions of dollars more in tax revenue to the state than it would have under the previous system.
- Tax credits have attracted significant investments from companies new to Alaska. Without credits, Southcentral Alaska might still face the prospect of importing its energy at high costs to heat homes and generate electricity. Thanks to tax credits, local utilities have security of supply for several years. In the long term, additional investment will be needed to meet demand.

Thank you,

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- No to job loss
- No to tax increases
- No on HB 247

We are a small business here in Alaska I am very concerned with the direction HB247 would take us. Sure it sounds good to hold onto more money for the state...But at what cost?!

As oil companies are closing up shop on slope faster than I can count, this is a bad plan. We should be discussing how the state can help keep them working.

Our company has seen a 30+ percent decrease in oil and gas related project revenue in the last 12 months. We have had to lay-off 25% of our laborers that made products for the slope. Our long time production supervisor has now left our company after 10 years. His reason was he was afraid that legislation like HB247 would lead to additional reduction in force.

I shutter to think were we would be if the Vote no on One campaign had failed. That is exactly were HB247 would take us.

Please consider voting No on HB247, my employee's would be grateful.

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Subject: HB 247

I am against any change in the current Oil & Gas tax structure. It is a great political talking point to try and manipulate the message that we give more tax credits than we receive in revenue but the sentence needs to be completed. Since the previous administration put into place the current tax structure the Oil & Gas companies have immediately and significantly increased their investment in Alaska. Since then we have seen an increase in production, something we have not seen in decades. This current tax structure has not only increased investment from the majors like Conoco Philips but more so from the smaller Oil Companies like Hilcorp, Brooks Range and Armstrong. Without these incentives the smaller companies cannot afford these investments.

Oil & Gas investment is the only way to stimulate our economy. This proposal will generate more revenue for the state in the short term but as investments decrease so will production and state revenue as well as further job reduction. Already all of the Oil companies have scaled back due to the low oil prices. Rather than risk further decline in these investments the state needs to further attract and stimulate investment as well as scale back just as we are all doing. Thousands of people related to the Oil & Gas market have lost their jobs and more are on the way but I have not seen one state employee laid off. And now you want to purchase the Literature Building in Anchorage! The message you are all sending is arrogance and incompetence in representing the people of Alaska and a disconnect in the reality of our economy.

With that said I encourage you to kill HB 247 and come up with something more comprehensive to increase revenue and reduce state spending.

One suggestion on state spending I would look at the last budget that was in line with the current revenue and start with that as a bases for the budget. And then take a close look at “wants and needs” like the rest of us are doing.

Regards;
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1. I would first like to voice my objection to HB 247. We cannot tax ourselves into prosperity. This will only stifle growth, and create additional job losses. Oil is like beach property; there is only so much of it. While the value may be low now, it cannot sustain at those levels. Oil will eventually be made obsolete by other energy sources. The time to sell is now while there are buyers.

2. I would second like to address our revenue shortfalls. We cannot depend upon oil to carry us on. An income tax alone cannot close the gap. It is my opinion that we also need a State sales tax to enable us to stand solidly on our own two feet. Any surplus oil revenues generated in the future should be socked away for the benefit of future generations.



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Subject: HB 247

A quick comment on HB 247: Just Say NO.

Passing this bill would be a step backward to the days where Alaska turned to bite the hand that feeds it-the Palin Era and burdensome taxes that send resource extraction to overseas, less expensive regions. Especially at times of low oil prices, Alaska has to remain an investment partner; not a greedy landlord. Tenants maintain the option to move. We've lost hundreds of jobs in the oil patch, and trickle down jobs in service industries. It will continue to get worse with predatory taxation.

Incentives have helped increase production in the Alyeska pipeline, and the south-central gas crisis to become a non-issue.

Going wild with a new tax scheme this close to the passage (with positive outcomes) of SB 21 is going to reinforce a less than positive image of Alaska as a place to invest, as unstable as the worst of 3rd world countries.

Alaskans need investment to keep the state in business, both in the private as well as state sectors. Passage of HB 247 will put us on a slide to fiscal ruin.

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Best regards,

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I am writing with my concern for the proposed HB247 and how it affects all us Alaskans. I have seen many friends now get laid off and jobs lost. Some even moving out of state to find new work. I have seen sales drop off and affect the company that I work for. I have seen and witnessed oil companies pull completely out of the State of Alaska. Some due to the current low oil prices, but also because of the State budget and proposal of new taxes or the elimination of the tax incentives.

Please reconsider and look at other ways to save money, and do not put another burden or hit on the Oil and Gas industry. Let everyone get in the black and back on stable ground, before hitting someone when they are already down. I hate to say it, but if I have to give up my PFD, so be it. Use the funds for what they were designed for and get our state back on track. I wish the state would just do a one-time payout and be done with the PFD and finally use it 100% for the state.

The point being, HB247 affects all of us Alaskans, and in the worst way.

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Legislators-

As life-long Alaskan, hard-working mother, and employee in the oil & gas industry, I appeal to you not to support HB 247. The bill will lead to even further job loss in ALL industries in our state, and we will see a mass exodus of the hard working Alaskans to the Lower 48. I want to continue to work and live in Alaska, and the current economic climate in the State is already making it difficult to do that. Families like mine need you to make it economical for the oil business to thrive as much as possible here.

Sincerely,
Heather Joseph