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greetings committee members and all alaska legislators:

please do not forego this opportunity to correct the now obvious errors in judgement made by former legislative committees/bodies! this "tax credit" giveaway must be stopped! the oil industry has derived an almost free pass because of our state's overly generous "business climate". they do not enjoy this peaceful and profitable status anywhere else they conduct business. we WILL NOT resolve our state's financial dilemma by giving out free money!

Meanwhile, in light of the overall lack of diversity in our state's economy, senate bill 8 lies languishing in your committee as well! please inform yourselves of what a boost to the local and global economy passage of this bill would bring! hemp-based construction materials MADE IN ALASKA! income-generating, research provoking technologies EXIST! in order to create change, we need to focus on solutions rather than correcting problems in an economy and an industry which, for years, has only proven destructive economically and environmentally!

in short, it should be obvious to ALL by now that the age of oil is at an end and it is time to relinquish it's addictive hold on this world. new industries and technologies exist today and seeding and nurturing hemp industries, (<http://www.thehia.org/>), as well as reinvigorating our commercial fisheries, developing and investing in renewable power technologies, and making education AFFORDABLE are some ways to wean ourselves away from the insanity of continuing to pursue fossil fuels. doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results is a self destructive logic loop! PLEASE - get us OFF this track!

sincerely,

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