



July 8, 2016

To the Honorable 29th Alaska Legislature

As Petersburg's Borough Mayor, I urge you to take immediate action during the fifth special session of the 29th Legislature to pass all necessary fiscal legislation required to provide for a fair, balanced, and sustainable state budget. Our state's large fiscal deficit has lowered Alaska's credit rating, is quickly depleting our cash reserves and threatening the Permanent Fund Dividend program - none of which is good for Alaskans.

A balanced fiscal plan for Alaska is necessary immediately. Financially sound decisions, though difficult, must be made and the Petersburg Borough looks to you to work together and do what is best for Alaskans as a whole. We realize balancing the budget will mean each Alaskan will take a financial hit of sorts through possible taxes and/or program cuts. And all Alaskans will know they are doing their part to balance our state's budget and sustain Alaska into the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Jensen", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

cc: Honorable Governor Walker
Honorable Lt. Governor Mallott
Honorable Senator Stedman
Honorable Representative Kreiss-Tomkins