



July 11, 2016

Representative Mark Neuman, Co-chair House Finance Committee
Representative Steve Thompson, Co-chair House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature ~ State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representatives Neuman and Thompson:

I know our letter is one of many that you have received, but I hope you can take just a few minutes to read our thoughts and concerns.

We believe it is the right time to enact a comprehensive package of initiatives that will provide for a sustainable, balanced state budget for the foreseeable future including restructuring of the Permanent Fund. We believe most people would also accept a statewide income tax.

We don't have the financial expertise to suggest that we restructure the Fund one way or another. We have faith that you and the Legislature as a whole will perform your due diligence and find the right path to achieve this endeavor. It is a critical and historic decision for our state and we are counting on you to do the right thing.

As we've painfully learned time and time again, the volatility of the price of oil is such that we can't rely on this source of income any longer. Even the financial world recognizes this fact as our state has been downgraded and will continue to lose confidence if we don't have a reliable revenue stream.

Thank you for all of your hard work this year. Please know that citizens of our community appreciate the efforts you have put forward so far to sustain our livelihoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice A. Ruby".

Alice Ruby, Mayor
City of Dillingham

cc: Email to:
Governor Bill Walker
Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Kevin Meyer