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Reference: HB247 Tax,Credits,Interest, O&G

Legislators:

Having attempted to read HB247, I am strongly opposed to this bill. This bill epitomizes what is wrong in Alaska. Tax credits transferable to third parties, not expiring for years that make no sense for working Alaskans. Complicated schemes that no one could forecast the ultimate outcome of.

Stop the insanity. There is no one in State government that can match wits with Big Oil accountants. Just hiring accountants to audit all these schemes would cost a fortune. We Alaskans will always lose in that scenario. Things need to change. A totally different approach is needed.

Repeal SB21, repeal all oil and gas tax credits. Stop the impossible accounting of "new oil" or "old oil", no production taxes if oil is below \$73, transferable tax credits and all the other loop holes.

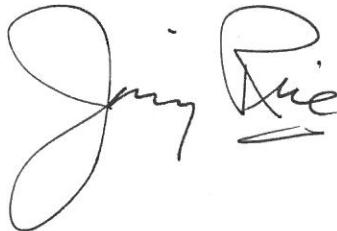
Impose a production tax for each barrel of oil produced based on percentage of market price. Alaskans cannot be cheated under this plan. There is no need to match wits with the Big Oil accountants. Look at production taxes in the rest of the world and see what is normal. Nowhere else in the world is any country giving away free oil like Alaska! STOP this now!

Impose a tax on all gas in the ground to net at least \$500 million per year until Big Oil builds a gas line. They have had decades to produce our gas and it is Alaskan's gas, not theirs. It is time for them to pay or leave. Alaska has been hoodwinked by the big corporations.

In summary, do not shift the burden of government to the people when Big Oil is using our money to drill and not paying production taxes. HB247 simply must die as it only further complicates a complex loophole mechanism crafted by oil company lobbyists to steal Alaska's resources.

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