

Assemblywoman Cooper,

I was 2 years old the our family moved to Alaska in August 1959. We lived in Anchorage and homesteaded on Adkins road in Sterling. My parents were self employed during my school years in Anchorage. We paid income tax, did not get a dividend check, and had extraordinary educational opportunities. I was not a viable candidate for college like my brother who became a school teacher in the valley for 36 yrs. I did however have a knack for cars. The Anchorage career center (now King Career Center) offered a night class that got me interested in Going to Meohanics school, which required a high school diploma and got me through high school. That opportunity inadvertently led to a very successful maritime career as a Crowley Captain for 30 yrs.

I remember when there was no University of Anchorage, and Anchorage Community college was totally insignificant. There were not the current opportunities for vocational education or degrees. We need our college, our schools, and the Alaska Marine Highway to be viably funded. I fear my now 11 year old son will not haver the opportunities I had.

Rep. Vance claims to be an advocate of education, yet rubber stamps any cut Dunleavy puts forth. I may not be a typical profile of your average supporter. I am a conservative. I am very much Pro life. I have an 11 yr old adopted son who has been with us since day 2 of his life.

I was a Republican party member till they started getting soft on the spending that continued after the Knowles administration. So I joined the AIP, though i did not agree with their views of the Jones act. I am now a registered non Partisan.

I believe we should have an Income tax to get that 80 million per year (as figured by Gov Walker and rep Seaton a few yrs ago) from out of state workers. There could be some exemptions and credits that only Alaskans would qualify for. OMV fees, property tax, renters credit in AK etc.

I do not believe that in a time when all Alaskans need to contribute to Alaska that a full PFD is a consideration. If you don't want to contribute to Alaska, get the heck out!

I am quite tired of the PFD being what defines us as Alaskans to the outside world.

Last fall I publicly vowed in Homer news "letters" that I would support the viable candidate running against Sara Vance in the amount of anything over 1000\$ of PFD check, Which was the original check amount and cap by Gov Hammond for that year.

I am in the boat repair business now "Boat Shop & Paint Locker" and times are tough just getting started. I also charter fish in Summer and will be making more money soon. I am enclosing 1/2 of my promise at this time. \$300. Balance to follow soon, I hope.

I believe I may be the non-typical supporter to help you unseat Ms. Vance. It is not just the "left wing subversive radicals" that want rid of Dunleavy and Vance. I have many friends that will be hopefully joining your cause.

Sincerely, Richard