



# Senator Cathy Giessel

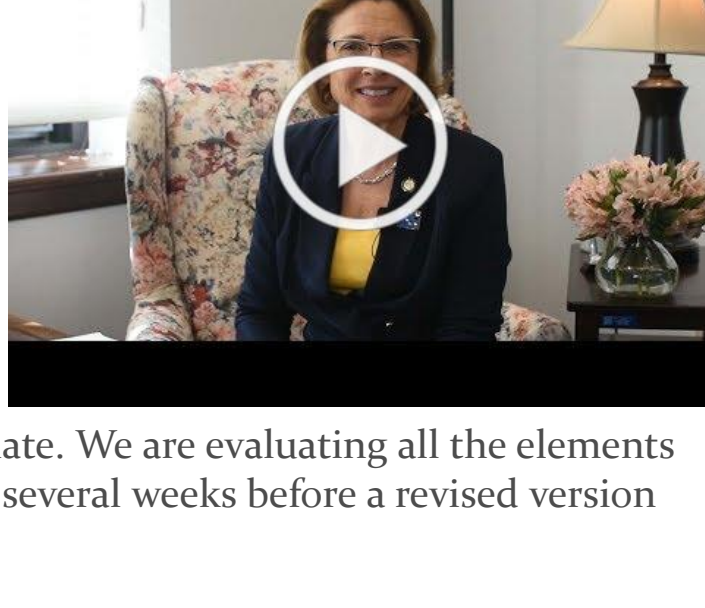
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Northeast Anchorage, Anchorage Hillside,  
Indian, Bird, Girdwood and Portage

February 27, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for all of your comments you've sent me on solutions to the \$1.6 billion budget gap! I appreciate the feedback.



Here's what you should know - the budget that has been proposed is a piece of legislation. Nearly all legislation, and definitely all budgets, are modified by the Senate. We are evaluating all the elements in the budget now, and it will be several weeks before a revised version comes out.

In the meantime, the Senate is also addressing the issue of crime. There are 5 bills going through the process to address elements of public safety that need review and adjustment. Two of the bills address sexual offenses, then one each to address sentencing, pretrial/bail, and probation/parole.

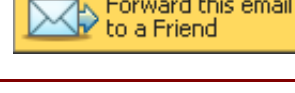
Public safety is the core responsibility of government. The people of Alaska are demanding - and the Senate is delivering - a swift response to the public safety crisis plaguing our state.

In this week's newsletter you'll find:

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- Senate Finance Hearings
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Best regards,  
Cathy

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### Senator Spotlight

For this week's Senator Spotlight, I sat down with Senator Reinbold from Eagle River to discuss her beginning in politics, priorities for the session, and her transition from the House to the Senate.



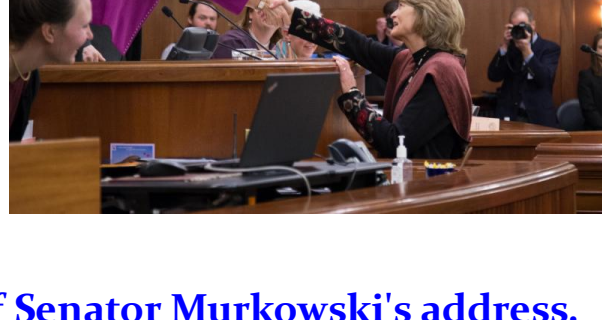
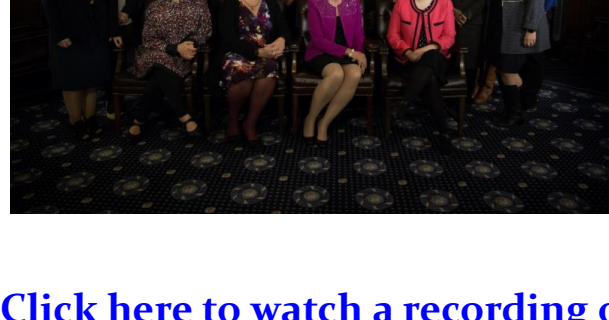
### Senate Finance

To tune into these informative hearings, you can visit [360 North](#), or the [Alaska State Legislature website](#).

- [Wednesday, Feb. 20th: Review of Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs, Court System, Transportation & Public Facilities](#)
- [Thursday, Feb. 21st: Review of Fish & Game, Natural Resources, and Environmental Conservation](#)
- [Friday, Feb. 22nd: Review of Health & Social Services](#)
- [Monday, Feb. 25th: Review of Labor & Workforce Development, Administration, DCCED, Governor, and Revenue](#)

### Annual Address by Senator Murkowski

On Tuesday, February 19th, Senator Lisa Murkowski gave her annual address to the Alaska Legislature.



[Click here to watch a recording of Senator Murkowski's address.](#)

### State of the Judiciary

On Wednesday, February 20th, Chief Justice Joel Bolger gave the State of the Judiciary in the House Chambers.



[Click here to watch a recording of the State of the Judiciary.](#)

### Senator Sullivan's Annual Address

It was a pleasure to have Senator Sullivan in Juneau to give his Annual Address to both bodies of the legislature.



[Click here to watch a recording of Senator Sullivan's address.](#)

### Alaska Common Ground Event Series:

#### The Housing Continuum

Alaska Common Ground presents a three-part series, *The Housing Continuum: Building a Vibrant Community*. The event will take place on Mondays, March 4th, March 18th, and April 1st from 6:30-8:30pm in the Anchorage Museum Auditorium (625 C St.). A \$10 donation is suggested.

- March 4th: The Current Supply and Demand
- March 18th: Housing Supply: What are the Barriers?
- April 1st: Opportunities & Solutions

For more information, contact [info@akcommonground.org](mailto:info@akcommonground.org).

[Click here to view the event flyer.](#)

### Anchorage Caucus

There will be Anchorage Caucus on Saturday, March 2nd, from 2pm-4:30pm at East Anchorage High School (4025 East Northern Lights Blvd.).

Stop by to meet your Senator and/or Representative from your district to share your thoughts and ideas for the 31st Alaska State Legislature.

- 2-3:30pm - Intro, Legislative Update, and Public Testimony
- 3:30-4:30pm - Breakout Sessions by Senate District

### Constituents in the Capitol

It's always a pleasure to visit with constituents while I am here in Juneau. I appreciate the time and effort it takes to visit us during the legislative session. Here's who stopped by my office this past week:



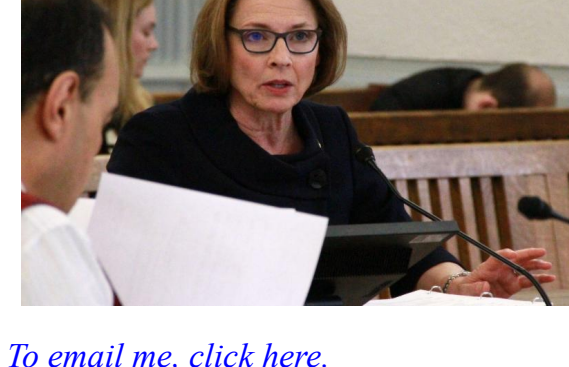
North Slope Borough



Mike McCracken from the ConocoPhillips Civic Action Program



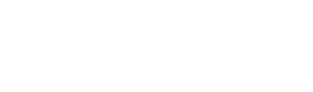
Yukon Premier Sandy Silver and Mead Treadwell



It's a pleasure to serve and represent the wonderful people of district N!

I look forward to hearing your ideas, suggestions and comments.

[To email me, click here.](#)



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