August 27, 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We are now operating in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY2021). Let's take a quick look at the $4.36 billion FY 21 budget.

On the left side of the graph, the blue bar, represents the $680 million spent for the Permanent Fund Dividend. $680 million = ALL of the budget for these Departments: Commerce, Environmental Conservation, Labor, Military, Governor's office, Revenue (tax collectors), Fish & Game, Law, Natural Resources, Administration, Legislature, Judiciary (courts) and Transportation.

Nearly 70% of state agency operations = Education, Medicaid (Health and Social Services) and the University. 1 in every 3 Alaskans (~30%) receives Medicaid or public assistance of some kind through the Health and Social Services budget.

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Kind regards,

Cathy

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Alaska LNG Project Export Authorization

Last Thursday, August 20, the U.S. Department of Energy authorized the Alaska LNG project to export liquefied natural gas (LNG). The export authorization is another step to the reality of a gas pipeline for Alaska and America. The clean source of energy from natural gas is a game changer for our state, country and the world, as Alaska's Arctic position is ideal to meet global demand. Alaska's natural gas is also a critical component to the long-term health of our state's economy. A successful project will provide thousands of good-paying jobs for Alaskans and diversify state and local revenue streams.

Thank you to Frank Richards and the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation team for achieving this milestone.

Click here to read the full press release from the Alaska Senate Majority.

Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub

The Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub provides information, maps and resources about the COVID-19 response.

Click here to visit the hub and explore the latest COVID-19 data for Alaska.

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

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

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