



# Senator Mia Costello Alaska State Legislature



June 30, 2020

Dear friends and neighbors,

Summer has arrived here in Anchorage and I hope you've all had a chance to get out and enjoy some sunshine with your loved ones. I know these past few months have been difficult for many of you, and I have been advocating for getting immediate relief to Alaskans. Last month we approved the federal CARES Act money, which provided much needed funds to individuals and small businesses who were struggling because of COVID-19. Now more relief will be coming to Alaskans tomorrow, when PFD's are sent out on July 1st. Residents will receive a \$992 dividend this year, which is not the full statutory dividend that I fought for, but I hope this money will help you and your family through this difficult time.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy this summer. As the state continues to reopen, I encourage you to support our local businesses when you can and help strengthen our economy.

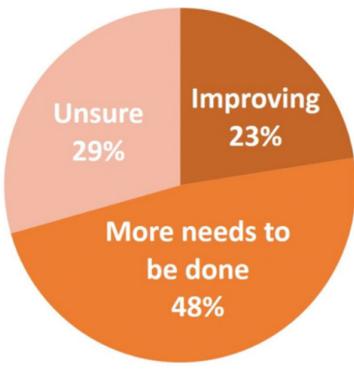
Please continue to reach out with comments and concerns. As always, it is a privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,

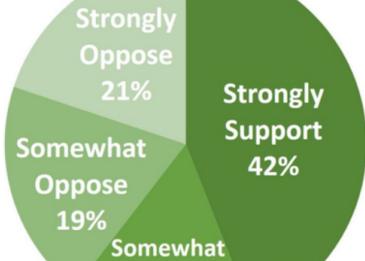


**Listening to you:** Earlier this year I sent out a survey to hear your thoughts on some of the issues facing our state. Many of you responded and shared your opinions on crime, state spending, the dividend, and even high school start times. It is clear that many want the state to decrease spending and continue working to reduce crime. Additionally, there is strong support for later high school start times, as well as support for a motor fuel tax and oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. You can see the results of this survey below.

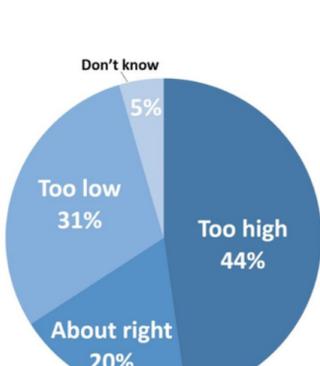
**SB 91 REPEAL:** Now that SB 91 has been repealed and replaced, do you feel the legislature has done enough to reduce crime?



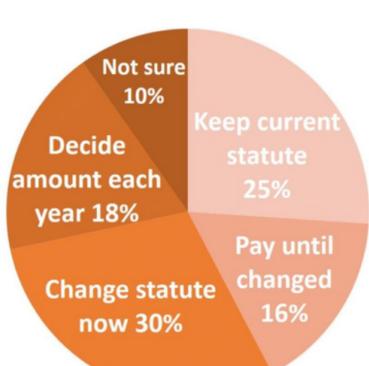
**STATE SPENDING CAP:** What is your position on a state spending cap?



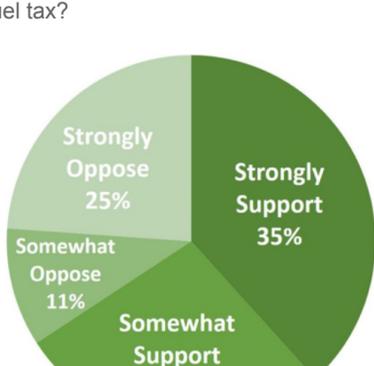
**STATE SPENDING:** Do you think government spending is:



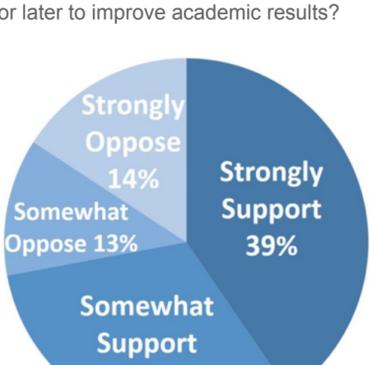
**DIVIDEND POSITION:** What statement best reflects your position on the statutory dividend? You may select all that apply:



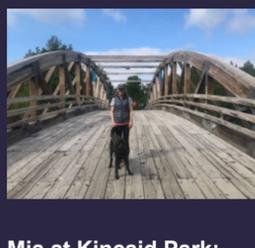
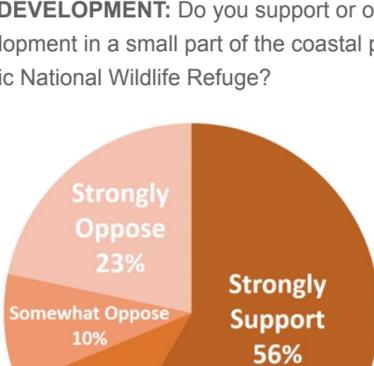
**MOTOR FUEL TAX:** What is your position on the motor fuel tax?



**HIGH SCHOOL START TIME:** Do you support allowing district to select the start time of high school, as long as it's 8:30 or later to improve academic results?



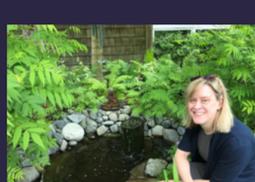
**ANWR DEVELOPMENT:** Do you support or oppose oil development in a small part of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?



**Mia at Kincaid Park:** Mia enjoys a sunny walk through the park.



**Mia working for you:** Mia returned to Juneau last month to approve CARES Act money for Alaskans.

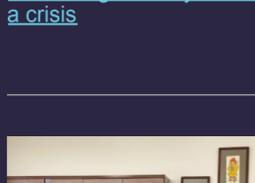


**Mia visits a local garden:** Mia went to an authentic Japanese Garden located right here in Anchorage.

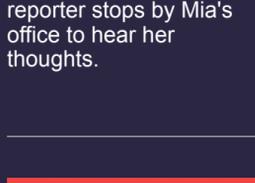


**Mia talks innovation:** Mia recently co-hosted a webinar on innovation and economic development during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can watch it at this link:

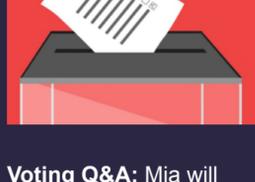
[Innovating our way out of a crisis](#)



**Mia speaks out:** A reporter stops by Mia's office to hear her thoughts.



**Voting Q&A:** Mia will have a virtual town hall with Rep. Rasmussen and Lt. Gov Kevin Meyer on July 8 at noon. You can ask questions about voting and learn about the different options you have for casting your ballot.



**Mia supports investment in Alaska:** Mia keeps her social distance while meeting with the Alaska Oil and Gas Association to discuss the problems with ballot measure 1.



**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved one, and best practices for professionals.

**Veterans**

For veterans, crises can be heightened by their experiences during military service. If you're a veteran or service member in crisis, these resources can help.

**Veterans Crisis Line**

call: 1-800-273-8255

text: 838255

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**Apply for absentee ballots online:** You can now request an absentee ballot online. Just [click here](#) to fill out the application. You can also use this link to register to vote or update your voter registration.

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