



Rep. Charisse Millett House District 25

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Hannah Fjeld and Janelle Solbos, two Pharmacy School students from District 25 came by to visit this week! Seeing smart, driven young students makes you hopeful for our state's future.

Update on Fiscal Plans

This week, we were grateful for the outpouring of public testimony on the House Democrats' proposed income tax, House Bill 115. Not only did the House Finance Committee hear the voices of Alaskans, but legislators throughout the building were watching, and paying attention to the thoughts of their constituents. Of the 127 testifiers across the state, the majority of testifiers called to show their deep opposition to House Bill 115 and reinstating an income tax in this economy. This sentiment reflects what we have heard in our office from those who have called and emailed. While most Alaskans believe a fiscal plan must be accomplished this year, they continue to demonstrate firm opposition to an income tax due to the incredibly damaging affect it would have on businesses during this recession.

As we mentioned last week, the House Republicans have introduced a comprehensive fiscal plan that doesn't rely on taxes to sustain essential services.

[House Bill 192](#) caps state spending, makes phased reductions to the budget, and uses our states' assets in a more efficient manner. An important part of this plan is that it enables the PFD to grow with the overall Permanent Funds, and keeps money circulating in the hands of private citizens, thereby, helping Alaska bounce back from this recession.



One of the most dedicated and passionate advocates for our children, Trevor Storrs, also happens to be a great constituent! Thanks for the visit and for your work with the Alaska Children's Trust!

Income Tax Facts

Alaska hasn't had a state income tax since 1980 when it was repealed. [HB 115](#), being championed by the House Majority, would reinstitute that tax. All types of income (including retirement, earnings from trusts, ANSCA shareholder dividends etc.) earned in Alaska would be taxed, with both state residents and non-residents having to give up a portion of their incomes.

The income tax would take at least \$680 million from Alaskans, and give it to state government. A minimum of 60 new state employees will be hired to administer the tax. The bill would establish a progressive income tax with six different brackets. The highest marginal rate, of 7%, imposed under HB 115 would be the 12th highest in the country for single filers.

Currently, there are seven states with no income tax in the U.S., with Alaska being one of them. I want Alaska to remain amongst those seven states.



Happy to meet with the Alaska Banker's Association to talk fiscal plans this week!

Seward Highway Dowling to Dimond Project

On Wednesday, our office sent out a special update on the upcoming project to expand the Seward Highway, and its effect on the Dowling-Dimond corridor. We have been working overtime to make sure the concerns of community members, schools and businesses in the area are brought to the Department of Transportation's attention. Little work was done by the Department to ensure that stakeholders in the area were engaged and given adequate notification of the upcoming road closures.

To find out more about the project, you can read our Wednesday Update here: <http://charissemillet.com/?p=2149>



Awesome meeting with members of Safari Club International, and a special visit from constituent, Bethany Marcum! Thank you to the club for advocating for our outdoor heritage!

Municipal Election Next Week

Tuesday, April 4th is Anchorage's Municipal Election Day! Polls are open from 7AM to 8PM, and you can look up your polling place here: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/As>



[ssembly/Clerk/Elections/2017%20Election%20Documents/NoticeofPollingPlaces.pdf](#)

On the ballot are candidates for Assembly Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, School Board seats C and D, service areas, a ballot proposition, and many bond proposals. Our city works best when our residents are engaged and share their thoughts about how we can improve and grow. Let your voice be heard on April 4th!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this update! We really appreciate your engagement.

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Warmly,

Charisse Millett



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