



# Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce

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April 23, 2019

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Governor Mike Dunleavy  
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Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Delivered by email

Senator Cathy Giessel  
Senate President  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, RM 3  
Juneau, AK 99801

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Speaker of the House  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, RM 3  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Position Paper on Governor's Budget

Dear Governor Dunleavy, Senator Giessel, Representative Edgmon :

Attached is the position paper drafted and approved by the boards of directors representing the Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce and the Haines Chamber of Commerce. We appreciate and understand the need for change, the importance of working together to resolve the fiscal challenges that face the state, and the necessity for meaningful dialogue to make decisions that will bring about change. However, we do not believe the time frames and methodologies are in the best interest of the people and businesses that live and invest in Alaska.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig E. Dahl".

Craig E. Dahl, Executive Director  
Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce

cc: All members of the Senate  
All members of the House of Representatives



## Joint Chambers of Commerce Statement on Governor Dunleavy Budget

The Chambers of Commerce representing the business communities of Haines, Juneau and Sitka supports State Government spending that provides a stable and dependable economy that inspires confidence for all stakeholders; family confidence to purchase a home, business confidence to expand operations, and entrepreneurial confidence to start a new venture. While there must be accountability for state spending, our future depends on a thoughtful and consistent fiscal policy that makes Alaska a place people want to live, work and invest.

The three chambers encourage and support the responsible use of permanent fund earnings to protect the economy. The dividend formula must be changed to a *percent of market value* formula to continue the dividend while allowing significant revenue for state government. The chambers also support accountable state spending that includes a cap on annual general fund expenditures.

The chambers believe it is critical to provide reliable funding to deliver quality education for our next generation of Alaskans. An education system that prepares youth for the careers of tomorrow is the best investment we can make. The chambers also believe that a strong integrated transportation system is vital to the economic health of Southeast Alaska.

**Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors**

  
Mike Satre, President

March 13, 2019

**Haines Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors**

  
Tracey Harmon, Executive Director

March 28, 2019

**Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors**

  
Rachel Roy, Executive Director

April 5, 2019