

"In Gratitude"

To our friends and relatives, we extend our gratitude for your services; Cards-flowers-food and gifts. Those who came to our village during this time of our sorrow, during the death of our beloved daughter. Ramona Commack on January 14.

James Commack Family
Shungnak, Alaska 99773

COMMON SENSE, 1807:

"Practical politics consists of ignoring facts."

Henry Adams

COMMON SENSE, 1980:

Virtually every thoughtful Alaskan recognizes the fact that our state government's growth is close to running out of control. And, in many instances, those elected officials responsible for state government budgeting seem to be unaware of—or are ignoring—these facts:

FACT: Since 1970, the State operating budget has increased by an astounding 876.3% percent. That's nearly ten times the increase in our overall cost of living.*

FACT: From one year to the next, government costs are escalating at a rate completely out of proportion with such economic indicators as inflation, cost of living, employment rates, and population growth. The proposed budget for Alaska's fiscal year 1981 calls for more than twice the capital expenditures required in the 1980 budget.**

*U.S. Department of Commerce "Statistical Abstract," 1979 edition

**1981 proposed budget, per H.B. 8508 introduced 1/1/80

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FACT: In 1981, the per-capita cost to Alaskans for state government is expected to reach \$3,535. This is by far the highest in the nation. For example, in 1977 runner-up Hawaii paid only \$1,511 per citizen to support their government—while our per-capita cost was \$2,528.***

FACT: Alaskan taxpayers support more State employees per-capita than any other state. In fact, of each 10,000 Alaskans, 389 are on the State payroll. Compare this with an average of 136 per 10,000 for the U.S. as a whole. And Illinois manages to get by with just 101.*

CONCLUSION: Alaska cannot ignore runaway government. And responsible Alaskans can't ignore the facts about the ultimate effect that a government out of control will have on all of us.

Common Sense for Alaska is a group of concerned citizens which seeks to acquaint other Alaskans with factors related to uncontrolled government growth. We hope you'll join us in our effort. Because we believe that government belongs to the people. So it's up to "We, the People" to see that it's run in the best interest of all of us. And that's just plain Common Sense.

YES, I'M FOR A COMMON-SENSE APPROACH TO STATE SPENDING.

- ☐ Please send me more information
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