
Subject: FW: Bed Tax

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
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Could you pass this on to the Assembly Members, thank You.

Please let the voters decide on the bed tax so we can put an end to this debate. If you don't it will just keep coming back up.

Thank You,
David Lewis
Homer

To: Kenai Borough

7/31/17

From: Phil Gordon

Re: Bed Tax

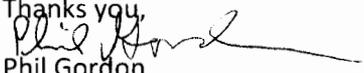
I understand why we have allowed our tourist facilities industry to make considerable profits in times of government wealth, but those times ended some years ago. We need what almost every other tourist town has: A bed tax. I also understand why the influential business people who are failing to allow the bed tax wish to continue making their extraordinary levels of income. That selfishness in times of community need must end now.

Our community cannot any longer give this indirect subsidy to this particular industry. The state of Alaska must cut back oil subsidies and tax credits, the Borough must similarly cut back the subsidies that we are offering by not routinely taxing them. This industry is using our infrastructure, using our new gas lines, using our port, using our roads, using our tourists to make very impressive incomes. In the interest of fairness to the members of the community, this industry must stop avoiding their share of taxes.

For the sake of our community, please examine the tourist industry and the taxes routinely paid as bed taxes all over the United States and Alaska. Please do not allow a very small number of wealthy people to avoid their share of community support.

Thank you for your research, your consideration and your courage to tell a few powerful people to carry their share of the burden of this Borough.

Thanks you,


Phil Gordon

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