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Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
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Just got the heads up that Meyer ran into Mike in the hallway. Just so we're all on the same page, my conversation with Kevin was positive. Tibbles doesn't need to be concerned.

Ivy Frye <ivyfrye@yahoo.com> wrote:

You guys all have good eyes--you all noticed the same mistake. Thanks for taking a look!

Here's the latest. I went over and touched base w/ the gov re: this op-ed. On my way out I ran into Kevin Meyer and took the opportunity to let him know he would be mentioned in my op-ed. He told me I could remove CON b/c he's going to hear it in (H) FIN on Saturday!! Also, he said he didn't see a problem with hearing studded tire and would get back to me.

I'm holding on to my piece until Saturday to see if he follows through.

Kris Perry <krisandclark@yahoo.com> wrote:

She reduced property tax and business license fees; she didn't eliminate the sales tax. Thanks Ivy!

Ivy Frye <ivyfrye@yahoo.com> wrote:

I'm ready to submit my op-ed to the Frontiersman, unless there are any objections?

I know you guys don't have time to read it, so in sum it speaks to the benefit of biz license, studded tire, and CON repeal and Gov Palin looking out for Alaskans. AND calls on Stedman to stop stalling bills. Also, it calls on Meyer to schedule CON and studded tire. Sharon gave it a once over and smoothed it out.

With the first 90-day session coming to a close in less than two weeks, several important pieces of legislation are being held in the House and Senate Finance Committees. The Senate Finance Committee alone has 108 bills that will likely die when session ends unless Finance co-chair Sen. Bert Stedman schedules them for a hearing this week — an unlikely scenario to say the least.

Three bills of particular interest to Alaskans were sponsored by Gov. Sarah Palin. House Bill 106, repealing the studded-tire tax, and HB 337, repealing the certificate of need (CON) program, are held up in

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House Finance; and HB 111, decreasing business license fees, has been sitting in Senate Finance with no hearing since May 2007. In fact, of those 108 bills stalled in Senate Finance, more than 10 percent were sponsored by our governor. Alaskans would greatly benefit if the Finance co-chairmen would schedule these bills for a hearing, and let them out of committee to allow the fair and appropriate process to continue.

When Gov. Palin served as mayor and manager of Alaska's fastest growing city she reduced and eventually eliminated sales tax in the City of Wasilla. The governor continues to find ways to reduce and eliminate burdensome taxes, and protect Alaskans. For years, Alaskans have been financially penalized for purchasing safer tires for their vehicles. Current law imposes a \$2.50 fee per tire on the retail sale of all new tires for motor vehicles, and an additional \$5 fee per tire on the sale and installation of large metal studs that fit large transporting rigs that travel Alaska's highways.

Alaskans should not be penalized for purchasing safe winter tires for their vehicles. HB 106 repeals the studded-tire tax.

The State of Alaska has charged a fee of \$100 for each new business license since 2003. HB 111 decreases the fee to \$25 to show that Alaska is open and ready for business. Our governor recognizes Alaska's entrepreneurs, and business owners should not be penalized for stimulating and encouraging economic growth.

Perhaps most important, Gov. Palin's Alaska Health Care Transparency Act proposes to provide affordable and quality health-care services for all Alaskans. HB 337 does three things: 1) it establishes the Alaska Health Care Commission to look at health-care services from a statewide perspective via public and private stakeholders; 2) it creates the Alaska health care information office to provide Alaskans information on the quality and cost of health care; and 3) it repeals the CON program.

CON is a regulatory process that requires certain health providers to obtain State approval before offering certain new or expanded services. Our current system is broken. Gov. Palin recognizes that cost and needs, not static bureaucracy, should drive health-care choices. By eliminating CON we allow competition, increase choice, and manage rising costs in health care services provided in Alaska. The public is behind the governor in this effort; legislators should listen to their constituents on this matter.

I encourage Alaskans to contact House Finance co-chair Rep. Kevin Meyer and urge him to schedule hearings for the studded-tire tax repeal bill, and the CON repeal bill. Let your legislators know what you expect on these important bills.

And I urge Alaskans to contact Sen. Bert Stedman to schedule the business

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license fee reduction, and express your opinion to Valley Sen. Charlie Huggins who serves as vice-chairman of Senate Finance – let them know the business license fee reduction bill has sat in Senate Finance one year too long.

Ivy Frye is a lifelong Alaska and Palmer resident. She currently resides in Juneau and works in the Department of Administration.

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