

House District 10

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 32 years

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Member, House Finance; Member, Executive Counsel, National Sportsmans Caucus; and Legislator, State House 2004 to present.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Big Lake Lions, Local Chamber of Commerce, Susitna Rotary, SCI, SFW, Alaska Outdoor Council and NRA.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Hunting; Fishing; Snowmobiling; Gardening; Old equipment and machines; and NASCAR.

OTHER:

I truly enjoy helping Alaskans.

STATEMENT:

In the eight years I have spent in the legislature have provided me with an insight to many issues facing Alaska. I have served as the Chair of Education, Economic Development and Resources Committees and am now a member of the House Finance Committee. This experience has led me to work towards diversifying our economy. Currently our state general finances are funded almost exclusively by oil production – nearly 90%. Unfortunately our oil throughput in the TRANS ALASKA pipeline is and has been declining at 6-7% for nearly 20 years.

Alaska needs to stop being a resource extraction state and move towards being a resource development state. Alaska tends to extract our raw resources and then add thousands of mile of transportation costs to them so that others can create jobs processing them and adding value. Reliable, long term, reasonably priced energy will be key in reversing this trend. Reducing cost for reliable energy to provide heat to our homes and businesses. We need to spur new industries such as converting natural gas to transportation fuels in a gas to liquids conversion plant. This could generate hundreds of new long term family sustaining jobs.

We Alaskans have to think outside the box. The easy stuff is gone. My priority will be to continue to find new ways to diversify our economy and create jobs for Alaskans.

I am asking for your support so we may continue to work together towards these efforts. Thank you,

Sincerely, Mark Neuman