Tom Begich – Senate District J Senator – Democratic Nominee

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Occupation: Musician and Strategic Consultant

Length of Residency in Alaska: 59 Years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Education:

Political and Government Positions:

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Business and Professional Positions:

Service Organization(s) Membership:
AYDC; Bartlett Club; NAACP; AFSCME Retirees, Chapter 52; AFM #1000 AFL-CIO; IBEW #1547; Folk Alliance; ASCAP

Special Interests:
Music, writing, books, maps, travel

Position Statement:
For the last four years I have served as State Senator for District J, the last two as Minority Leader. When I first ran, I made a commitment to you to be a champion for education, work toward a stable and vibrant Alaskan economy, and advocate for sustainable use of our resources. We have made substantial progress toward those goals. On the Education and HSS Committees, I fought for expansion of Pre-K and Medicaid to ensure access to our schools and our healthcare system for all Alaskans. We nearly passed the Alaska Reads Act this year, which would have expanded Pre-K to all Alaskans. We can complete that work in the coming years. I worked across the aisle and with the House to defend a bipartisan budget that limited devastating budget cuts. Together my colleagues and I championed measures that I believe will lead us to a stable and sustainable budget - including a $5 billion transfer into the principle of the Permanent Fund - guaranteeing that our wealth today will support our state for years to come. I believe that after the pandemic we will find ourselves moving toward a sustainable future - where we are less dependent on oil, receive our fair share of resource revenue, we all contribute to our state, and together, we build a sustainable future for all Alaskans. Learn more about my positions on issues on my web site: www.tombegichforalaska.com. I’d appreciate your vote on Election Day.
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