Jim Cooper – Senate District F Senator – Democratic Nominee

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Spouse’s Name: widowed

Children’s Name(s): David, Eric, Jamie

Occupation: retired 26-year Coast Guard veteran, former co-owner JUST SEW fabric store Palmer

Length of Residency in Alaska: On and off since 1958, Palmer 25 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Education: Shoreline CC – AA, USCG Academy- BS, George Washington University - MBA

Military: USCG 1968-1994

Political and Government Positions:
Palmer Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Palmer City Council, Palmer Mayor, President Alaska Municipal League

Business and Professional Positions:
Chairman Palmer Economic Development Chairman, President Greater Palmer Chamber

Service Organization(s) Membership:
Chamber of Commerce, Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Disabled American Veterans

Position Statement:
I’ve always believed in public service – not Politics. As Mayor of Palmer and President of Alaska Municipal League, I worked hard to build consensus and do what was best for all. Divisive politics and political parties stand in the way of meaningful progress. Alaskans need a leader...
who is a team builder, someone who listens to them and who works with both parties to get the right solution. Alaskans don’t wake up in the morning thinking they are Republicans or Democrats; that’s what politicians do. Alaskans wonder if they have enough money for mortgage, food, gas, medicines; whether their children will get sick or get bullied at school or whether there will even be school; will the car start, do I still have a job? Your elected officials need to realize these affect ALL Alaskans NOT just the ones who voted for them. These are a few of the issues I promise to tackle head-on for all Alaskans:

1. A fully functional, balanced budget that doesn’t starve our children’s education and ability to remain in Alaska
2. Restoring Alaska’s historical share from oil companies to ensure a balanced budget and a fully funded PFD.
3. Bringing more physicians to the Valley where the physician-to-population ratio is one-half the Alaska and National average.
4. Getting state and local control over OUR resources; fisheries, forestry and minerals.

These issues require leadership willing to stick with it and address the things that really matter to regular people, and willing to work for ALL Alaskans.