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**Age:** 60

**Place of Birth:** Vancouver, Washington

**Occupation:** Machinist

**Length of Residency in Alaska:** 41 Years

### **Other:**

I grew up in Camas, Washington, and moved to Alaska when I was 19. My grade school teacher, Mrs. English, taught our class the Bill of Rights, and made sure I understood it applied to all of us, causing me an early desire for freedom.

Most of my life has involved hard, yet enjoyable work. I have rebuilt or built a wide variety of industrial equipment at my business, Howee's Machine shop, went gold mining, drove wrecker truck on the Dalton Highway, fought wounded bear in the dark, and got stopped by the park service at Webber creek with Joe Vogler.

During my 41 years In Alaska, I have not only grown to be a mature man, I have grown to be Alaskan.

### **Position Statement:**

We are buffeted by many ills from government. Foremost in my mind is taxation. The government - federal, state, borough, city - all are thieves.

Even when the spending comes from a vote of the people it is stealing, the only difference is those that voted for spending are now also guilty. How do we fund government without theft? It may sound as a joke, until you spend a few weeks thinking about it, but the funding must come from individuals voluntarily giving. This is the only way government will ever be responsive to the people. If government is not voluntary, it is a dictatorship. I will do all I can to end taxes.

The Declaration of Independence was the revelation by government of citizen's right to freedom.

This was declared, only after a revolt because of taxes.

The Bill of Rights is the government's contract to refrain from taking your freedom.

We Alaskans need to reclaim our freedom.

Yet how can we reclaim that which has never been afforded us?

Many years ago, the common thought was that Alaska was being held as a storehouse. I have grown however to realize, that the truth is the taxing, the locked up land, the denied rs2477 trails, the puppet state government, and many other abuses, are not for holding resources, but rather to keep the independent and strong Alaskan people from becoming independent and free individuals.



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