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Place of Birth: Anchorage

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Occupation: Teacher; Attorney; Legislator

Length of Residency in Alaska: 56 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:
Fairbanks, 1997-1998;
Kenai, 1998-1999;
Kotzebue, 1999-2001;
Anchorage, remaining 46 years.

Education:
West Anchorage High, 1982.
UAA, MAT, 1992.
Dickinson School of Law-Penn State, JD, 1997.

Political and Government Positions:

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Business and Professional Positions:

Special Interests:

Position Statement:
The work legislators do is never dull. Our problems are great, but not insurmountable. However, this is a time for a call to citizenship including a focus on selflessness and one’s personal contribution to the greater good of all Alaskans. This may require a willingness to sacrifice for your state.

Spanning the last 8 years, I'm the only legislator to never miss a vote on the chamber floor, amounting to 1600 votes without missing one. My attendance in committee is also exemplary.

I'm proud to have been the author of HB 23, which provides health insurance to the spouses and children of our fallen first responders.

I guarantee my constituents that:

- I'll always consider the impacts of every action I take as a legislator on our natural environment: our water, land and air.
- I'll always protect the Permanent Fund, principally by not "invading" the Earnings Reserve past a point of sustainability. We abolished fish traps for violating escapement principles. Similarly, we need to protect the Permanent Fund from excessive draws.
- I'll always support robust K-12 and University budgets.
- I'll always oppose the Pebble Mine.
• If I vote to not fully fund the PFD per the formula, it is because my constituents have indicated a desire for more government services over payment of a full PFD. I respond, accordingly.
• I'll always protect the independence of our great court system.
• I'll fight for the civil rights of Alaskans, including our LGBT brothers and sisters.
• And, I'll fight for worker safety. Always.