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# Nick Begich Repeatedly Used Rhetoric That Resembled The “Great Replacement Theory,” A White Supremacist Conspiracy Theory He Called “Conspiracy Fact”

## Significant Findings

**On Multiple Occasions, Nick Begich Used Rhetoric That Resembled The “Great Replacement Theory, A White Supremacist Conspiracy Theory Begich Himself Called, “Conspiracy Fact.”**

- The “Great Replacement Theory” was identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a, “racist conspiracy narrative [that] falsely asserts there is an active, ongoing and covert effort to replace white populations in current white-majority countries.”
- Begich said Democrats, “brought in the equivalent of 13 new House representatives with illegal migrants.”
  - Begich said Democrats did this to achieve “permanent power.”
  - Begich called for the “judicious return” of “illegal migrants” to their “point of origin.”
- Begich said the Biden Administration brought in 300,000 illegal immigrants for a “vote grab.”
- Begich said it was the “long view of the left” to “turn them (immigrants) into citizens so they become a viable voting Democrat bloc.
- Begich acknowledged his statements could be understood as a conspiracy theory and said, “this isn’t a conspiracy theory, this is a conspiracy fact.”

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**Begich Said Democrats “Brought In The Equivalent Of 13 New House Reps With Illegal Migrants.”** “HOST: New York just issued credit cards, \$15,000, to all these undocumented folks... Begich: If minimum wage is \$15, that’s 1,000 hours of free time that they were given... That’s stealing. That’s theft These people should be sent home. You have to recognize, the reason the Biden administration is doing this is they realize in 2030 they’re headed for a major set of losses in the reapportionment during the census. They’re going to lose House seats across the nation because people have been moving out of blue states into red states. And the reason that’s important is because that’s not just the House, that’s the presidency. That’s how the electoral college works.... They’re bringing these people in because under the U.S. constitution, as it’s been interpreted right now, non-citizens count toward apportionment... They’ve brought in the

equivalent of 13 new House reps with illegal migrants. It depends which measure you're looking at, but there's about 14 million people in our country illegally right now... Their plan is to keep them here. This isn't a conspiracy theory, it's a conspiracy fact being perpetrated by the Democrats in order for them to achieve permanent power." [Michael Dukes, YouTube, 1:46:23-1:48:44, [4/1/24](#)]

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**Begich Said, "Biden's Administration Had Brought In 300,000 Illegal Immigrants...Let's Be Very Clear About What's Going On, What It Is Is A Vote Grab."** BEGICH: "If you don't have secure borders, you don't have a country. This last week a report came out that said Joe Biden's administration had brought in 300,000 illegal immigrants through the airports, paid their ticket from their country of origin to come in... Let's be very clear about what's going on. What it is is a vote grab." [Michael Dukes Show, YouTube, 36:57-41:30, [3/7/24](#)]

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**Begich Continued The "Long View Of The Left" Was To "Turn Them Into Citizens So They Become A Viable Voting Democrat Bloc."** BEGICH: "Why do you think all these people are being housed in California? Because California's going to lose population in the House. The long view of the Left isn't just to have them here but to turn them into citizens so they become a viable voting Democrat bloc." [Michael Dukes Show, YouTube, 42:37-42:50, [3/7/24](#)]

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- ANILCA had explicit protections for subsistence uses for rural residents, including Alaska Natives.
- Rural Alaska Natives, “rely significantly on subsistence harvests, which constitute 50-90% of their dietary intake.”

**ANILCA Was Created As A Response To A Lack Of Protection For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights, Recognized By The Native American Rights Fund As “Essential” To Alaska Natives Existence.**

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- The Native American Rights Fund said that ANILCA recognized that Subsistence Fishing was “essential” to Alaska Natives existence.

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Begich Condemned ANILCA And Said That Alaska Had Been Denied The “Ability To Develop Our Own State, Our Own Resources.” BEGICH: “The reason why we’re continuing to take this money is because we’ve been denied the ability to develop our own state, our own resources in Alaska. This started, with President Carter put ANILCA through, which locked up enormous amounts of Alaska land.” [Michael Dukes, YouTube, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

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ANILCA, Or The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Was Passed In 1980 And Sought To Protect Alaska’s Natural Ecosystems And Landscapes While Preserving “Opportunity For Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land.” “In 1980, when Congress passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), it recognized the importance of protecting Alaska’s splendid natural ecosystems and landscapes, while preserving the opportunity for traditional ways of living on the land to continue.” [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

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**ANILCA Explicitly Protected Subsistence Uses For Rural Residents Of Alaska.** “Congress acknowledged the exceptional and unique conditions of life in Alaska's rural areas in Title VIII of the Act, noting that: ‘The Congress finds and declares that the continuation of the opportunity for subsistence uses by rural residents of Alaska, including both Natives and non-Natives, on the public lands and by Alaska Natives on Native lands is essential to Native physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence ...’” [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

**Rural Alaska Natives “Rely Significantly On Subsistence Harvests, Which Constitute 50-90% Of Their Dietary Intake”**

**Rural Alaska Natives Relied “Significantly On Subsistence Harvests, Which Constitute 50-90% Of Their Dietary Intake.”** “Rural Alaska Native communities rely significantly on subsistence harvests, which constitute between 50% to 90% of their dietary intake. The loss of access to these vital sources of food would have profound consequences.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/12/24](#)]

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**The Native American Rights Fund Said That ANILCA Recognized That Subsistence Fishing Was “Essential” To Alaska Natives’ Existence**

**The Native American Rights Fund Said That ANILCA Recognized That Subsistence Fishing Was Essential To Alaska Natives.** “The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) recognizes that subsistence fishing is essential to Alaska Natives’ physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence, and mandates a subsistence fishing preference for rural residents whenever it becomes necessary to restrict fishing to conserve fish populations.” [Native American Rights Fund, Press Release, [4/2/24](#)]

## **Begich Pledged To Cut Nearly 20,000 Alaska Jobs**

### Significant Findings

**Nick Begich Said He Was “Thrilled” To Be Endorsed By Vivek Ramaswamy And That He Had A Tremendous Amount Of Respect For Him. Ramaswamy Said That Begich Signed His American Truth Pledge.”**

- Nick Begich said that he was “thrilled” to be endorsed by Vivek Ramasamy and had “tremendous amount of respect for him.”
- Ramaswamy said that Begich signed his “American Truth Pledge.”

**The “American Truth Pledge” Included A Hard Commitment To Reduce Federal And State Bureaucrats By 75%, A Move That Would Result In Nearly 20,000 Alaskans Losing Their Jobs.**

- Ramaswamy’s American Truth Pledge included a “hard commitment” to reduce federal and state bureaucrats by 75%.
- There were 10,398 federal employees in Alaska and 15,000 state employees. A 75% reduction would mean a loss of 19,048 Alaska jobs.

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**Begich Said He Was “So Thrilled” To Announce His Endorsement By Ramaswamy.** BEGICH: “I am so thrilled to announce this morning that we have received the endorsement of Vivek Ramaswamy.” [Must Read Alaska, YouTube, 12:06-12:16, [6/3/24](#)]

- **Begich Said He “Really Loved” How Ramaswamy Was “Extraordinarily Articulate” And “Unapologetic.”** BEGICH: “What I really love about Vivek’s message is A) he’s extraordinarily articulate b) He’s unapologetic in his delivery of his message and his message is focused on America first. In DC we’re told we need to be giving all this aid to other nations.” [Must Read Alaska, YouTube, 12:27-37, [6/3/24](#)]
- **Begich Said That He Has “Tremendous Amount Of Respect For Vivek.”** BEGICH: “That was huge. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Vivek. He is extraordinarily articulate.” [Michael Dukes Show, YouTube, 21:50-[2/19/24](#)]

### **Ramaswamy Said That Begich Signed His “American Truth Pledge”**

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@NickforAlaska

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Thank you @VivekGRamaswamy for your strong support! By putting the people of America FIRST, our great nation will be more prosperous and free. Alaska has an important role to play in our national resurgence, and I'll be proud to fight every day for Alaska in DC!



Vivek Ramaswamy @VivekGRamaswamy · 13h

You know who loves the environment more than most people? Alaskans. You know who advocates for unleashing American energy more than most people? Alaskans. @nickforalaska is America-First & Alaska-Proud. He signed the American Truth Pledge & I'm proud to endorse him....

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[Nick Begich, Twitter, [2/14/24](#)]

## Ramaswamy's American Truth Pledge Included A "Hard Commitment" To Reduce Federal And State Bureaucrats By 75%

**Vivek Ramaswamy's Pledge Included A "Hard Commitment" To Favor A 75% Reduction Of "Federal And State Bureaucrats."** "I'm honored by the influx of endorsement requests. But let's be honest, most endorsements are meaningless, so here's what we're doing: any candidate whom I endorse in this cycle will make a \*hard commitment\* to the following principles. 1. The people we elect to run government should actually run the government. a. Favor 75% headcount reduction of federal & state bureaucrats." [Vivek Ramaswamy, Twitter, [2/13/24](#)]



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1. The people we elect to run government should actually run the government.
  - a. Favor 75% headcount reduction of federal & state bureaucrats.
  - b. If it's state action in disguise, the Constitution still applies: The U.S. government cannot use private companies to do through the back door what government could not get done through the front door under the law.
  - c. Shut down irreparable government agencies.
2. The first & only moral duty of U.S. leaders is to U.S. citizens.
  - a. Homeland defense should be the top priority of all national defense spending.
  - b. End foreign aid to any country whose national debt per citizen is less than ours & defund international institutions hostile to U.S. sovereignty.
  - c. Require disclosure of dual citizenship for all public officials to expose any conflicts of interest.
3. Public service is about serving the public, not oneself.
  - a. End trading of individual stocks by members of Congress and bureaucrats.
  - b. 10-year ban on lobbying for politicians and bureaucrats. Ban corporate board memberships for entities they regulated.
  - c. 8-year term limits for elected officials and bureaucrats.
4. The absence of national pride is an existential threat to our nation's future — we must fill that void.
  - a. Every high school senior should be able to pass the same civics test that every immigrant must pass to become a voting citizen in this country.
  - b. Veterans' benefits and military compensation should be tax-free.
  - c. Shut down the Department of Education & put that money back into parents' pockets to empower educational choice.

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[Vivek Ramaswamy, Twitter, [2/13/24](#)]

**There Were 10,398 Federal Employees In Alaska And 15,000 State Employees, A 75% Reduction Would Mean A Loss Of 19,048 Alaska Jobs**

**Alaska Had 10,398 Federal Employees.** [U.S. Office of Personnel Management, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

**Alaska Had 15,000 State Employees.** [Alaska Department of Administration, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

**A 75% Reduction Of Alaska Jobs (25,398 Total Jobs), Would Mean A Loss Of 19,408 Jobs.**

# **Begich Had A History Of Acting Against Alaskans: Supporting States' Ability To Ban Abortion, Outsourcing Alaska Jobs, And Opposing Support For Broadband**

## **Significant Findings**

### **Begich Supported Overturning Roe V. Wade, Allowing States To Ban Abortions, And Stopping Medicaid From Paying For Abortion Services In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or When A Woman's Life Is Endangered By Her Pregnancy**

- Begich took a “pro-life” position on abortion and “celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court's decision” overturning Roe v. Wade, saying that the Supreme Court was “correct.”
- Begich supported allowing states to ban abortions and refused to answer a question about “how should the federal government support a person who is forced to carry their pregnancy to term against their wishes,” saying that was up to state governments.
- Begich opposed codifying abortion rights and supported stopping Medicaid from paying for “abortion services in cases of rape, incest or when a woman's life is endangered by her pregnancy.”

### **Begich's Employees At FarShore Partners Were Overwhelmingly Located In India And Croatia While He Was The Only One Based Out Of Alaska**

- May 2006-Present: Begich served as founder, CEO, and Executive Chairman of FarShore Partners.
  - Farshore “provides software and information technology services to other companies.”
- The overwhelming majority of FarShore's employees were located in India or Croatia while Begich was the only one based in Alaska.
  - As of Sept. 2022, according to LinkedIn, 144 of FarShore's employees were in India, 16 were in Croatia, and only 7 were in the U.S.
- When asked about FarShore's overseas employees, Begich said “we have to recognize we live in a global world, right? [...] I think we do well to remember that here in Alaska we're part of a global community.”

### **Begich Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Even Though It Provided Billions Of Dollars For Upgrading Alaska's Ports, Roads, Bridges, And Broadband**

- Begich opposed the bipartisan infrastructure law because it “had enormous amounts of wasteful spending” and criticized Don Young for supporting it.
- The bipartisan infrastructure law provided billions of dollars for upgrading Alaska's ports, roads, bridges, and broadband.
  - According to the president & CEO of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce, the bipartisan infrastructure law provided “more than \$5 billion of investment that will flow into Alaska.”

### **Begich Served As A Fellow For The DC-Based Group Club For Growth, Which Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher Program**

- Begich said he “recently completed a fellowship with the” DC-based group Club for Growth.
  - Begich’s LinkedIn page listed his location as “Washington, District of Columbia” when he served as a fellow at Club for Growth.
- Club for Growth supported repealing the Affordable Care Act and turning Medicare into a voucher program to purchase private insurance.
  - Converting Medicare into a “premium support” system that would provide beneficiaries with a flat payment to purchase private insurance “would likely lead to a two-tier health care system” where only the very wealthy could afford the best care.
  - Converting Medicare into a premium support system could increase out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries by over \$6,000.

**Begich Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum, Which Opposed Medicaid Expansion**

- Nov. 2018-Oct. 2021: Begich served as the President of the Board of Directors for the Alaska Policy Forum, “a self-described free-market think tank.”
- The Alaska Policy Forum opposed Medicaid expansion and called for it to be rolled back, which would cause 41,000 Alaskans to lose access to health care.
  - Dropping Medicaid expansion would cause 41,000 Alaskans to lose Medicaid coverage.

**Begich Supported Tightening Medicaid Work-Requirements, Even Though Doing So Would Disproportionately Threaten Health Care Coverage For Alaska Natives**

- Begich supported “tightening work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.”
- Medicaid work requirements would disproportionately threaten health care coverage for Alaska Natives because they “are likelier to live in areas with limited job opportunities.”
  - Lack of internet access and other forms of red tape may make it difficult for Alaska Natives “to stay covered even if they are already working or should qualify for exemptions.”

**Begich Refused To Say If He Supported The “Development Of The Pebble Mine,” Which Would Threaten Alaska’s Salmon Industry**

- When asked if he supported “development of the Pebble Mine,” Begich said “a scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.”
- Begich did not respond to Alaskans for Bristol Bay Action’s questionnaire and did “not have a public record on Pebble Mine.”
- The environmental damage from Pebble Mine would threaten Alaska’s salmon industry.

**Begich Opposed The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act, Even Though It Received Bipartisan Support And Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country**

- Begich criticized Don Young for being one of five Republicans to vote for the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which would make it easier for workers to unionize and collectively bargain.

- As of Oct. 2021, Alaska was the fourth most unionized state in the country with 17.7% of Alaska workers being union members and 19.5% covered by union contracts.

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### **Begich Took A “Pro-Life” Position On Abortion And “Celebrated The U.S. Supreme Court's Decision” Overturning Roe V. Wade**

#### **Begich Said His Position On Abortion Was “Pro-Life”**

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#### **Begich “Celebrated The U.S. Supreme Court's Decision” Overturning Roe V. Wade And Said The Supreme Court Was “Correct” In Doing So**

**Begich “Celebrated The U.S. Supreme Court's Decision” Overturning Roe V. Wade And Said The Supreme Court Was “Correct” In Doing So.** “Both Begich and Palin celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, handed down on Friday, that reversed federal protections for abortion access guaranteed in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. [...] Alaska's constitution still guarantees abortions will remain accessible in the state, and previous surveys have indicated that a majority of Alaskans support abortion access. ‘I think the court was correct in returning this issue to the states and here in the state of Alaska. ... it will now become a discussion for our state Legislature,’ Begich said.” [Alaska Dispatch News, [6/28/22](#)]

### **Begich Supported Allowing States To Ban Abortions And Refused To Answer The Question: “How Should The Federal Government Support A Person Who Is Forced To Carry Their Baby To Term Against Their Wishes”**

#### **Begich Described His Position On Abortion As “Pro-Life” And Supported Allowing States To Ban Abortions**

**Begich Described His Position On Abortion As “Pro-Life” And Supported Allowing States To Ban Abortions.** “To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we’re asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here’s how they responded, in their own words, to the following question on abortion: [...] Nick Begich (R): ‘I am pro-life. The Supreme Court appears set to return this to the individual states in accordance with the 10th Amendment’s enumerated powers clause. Related legislative action will now be predominantly determined by state legislatures and governors,

subject to judicial review within each state.” [KTOO, [5/26/22](#)]

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**When Asked, “How Should The Federal Government Support A Person Who Is Forced To Carry Their Baby To Term Against Their Wishes,” Begich Said That It Was A Question For State Governments**

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- **Begich Said He Supported Allowing Abortions In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And To Protect The Woman’s Life, But That “He Steadfastly Opposes The Use Of Federal Funds For Abortion Services.”** “In Alaska, the state government pays for other abortions that providers have determined are medically necessary. Rulings from the Alaska Supreme Court have guaranteed those payments and abortion rights in general. Begich's campaign manager, Truman Reed, said Begich supports allowing abortions in those cases but opposes federal funding for them. ‘Nick's position has been consistent from the start,’ Reed said. ‘He is pro-life with allowance for the life of the mother, incest and rape. He steadfastly opposes the use of federal funds for abortion services.’” [Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman, 8/8/22]

**Begich’s Employees At FarShore Partners Were Overwhelmingly Located In India And Croatia, While He Was The Only One Based Out Of Alaska**

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**May 2006-Present: Begich Served As Founder, CEO, And Executive Chairman Of FarShore Partners**

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## Experience

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### FarShore Partners

16 yrs 5 mos

Chicago, Anchorage, Zagreb, Osijek, Madurai, Chennai

- **Executive Chairman**

Dec 2020 - Present · 1 yr 10 mos

Responsible for long-term corporate planning, executive coaching, process definition, and situational opportunities.

- **CEO & Founder**

May 2006 - Dec 2020 · 14 yrs 8 mos

- Developed Global Software Technology Organization to over 140 full-time salaried team members.
- Delivered 3,500+ software development projects for 400+ clients.
- Teams include Design, Architecture, Project Management, Development, Testing, and Infrastructure supporting applications on Mobile, Web, and Desktop.

[Nicholas Begich III, LinkedIn, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

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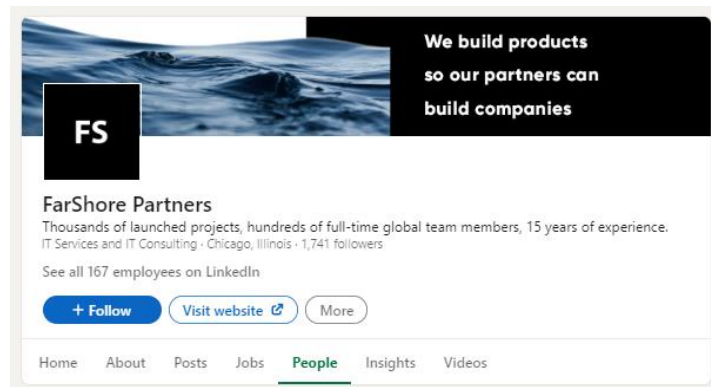
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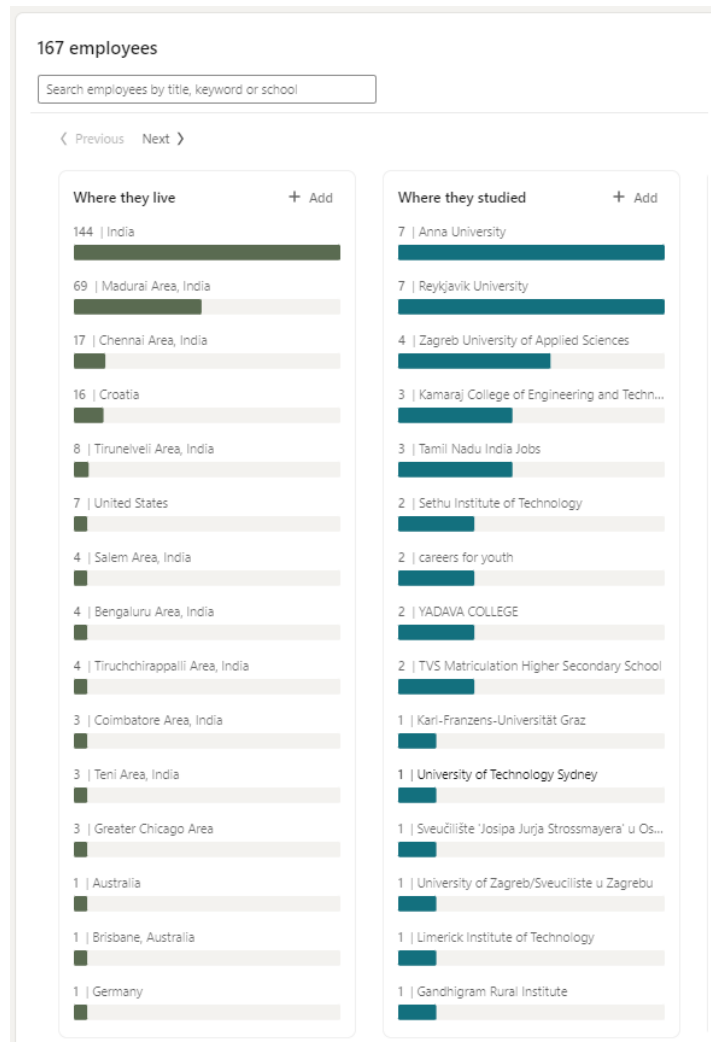
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**Sept. 14, 2022: According To LinkedIn, Out Of FarShore’s 167 Employees, 144 Of Them Were In India, 16 Were In Croatia, And Only 7 Were In The U.S.**







[FarShore Partners, People, LinkedIn, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

- **Begich Was The Only FarShore Employee Listed As Being Based Out Of Alaska.**

[FarShore Partners, People, LinkedIn, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

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- **Begich: “We Have To Recognize We Live In A Global World, Right? [...] I Think We Do Well To Remember That Here In Alaska We’re Part Of A Global Community.”** ““We have to recognize we live in a global world, right?” he said when asked if he has concerns about creating jobs in other countries, even as his payroll includes no Alaskans but himself. ‘I think we do well to remember that here in Alaska we’re part of a global community.’” [Alaska Dispatch News, 8/5/22]

**Begich Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Even Though It Provided Billions Of Dollars For Upgrading Alaska’s Ports, Roads, Bridges, And Broadband**

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### Begich Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Because He Said It Was “Packed Full Of Green New Deal (Programs)”

**Begich Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Because He Said It Was “Packed Full Of Green New Deal (Programs).”** “Only Begich said he wouldn't have voted to support the recent bipartisan infrastructure law passed by Congress. ‘I believe that this bill was packed full of Green New Deal (programs),’ Begich said. The Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the bipartisan infrastructure law, will spend over \$1 trillion nationwide, mostly in competitive grants for infrastructure projects. That bill was negotiated by a partisan group of U.S. Senators, including Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who was able to secure several provisions favorable to Alaska, such as funding for ferry service in rural areas.” [Juneau Empire, 5/17/22]

### Begich Criticized Don Young For Supporting The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law And Said It “Had Enormous Amounts Of Wasteful Spending”

**Begich Criticized Don Young For Supporting The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law And Said It “Had Enormous Amounts Of Wasteful Spending.”** “‘Don Young has rarely seen a spending program that he doesn't like,’ Begich told the Empire in a phone interview Wednesday. ‘There's just been no fiscal discipline.’ Begich cited the recent \$1.3 trillion infrastructure bill, which he said had enormous amounts of wasteful spending that would burden future generations by increasing the national debt. Alaska received benefits from the bill, Begich said, but there was a missed opportunity to make Alaska the leading edge of future energy transition. ‘Alaska got less than 1% of the bill,’ he said. ‘Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.’ Because the infrastructure bill was about building a platform for development, Begich said the state should have received a higher portion due to its size.” [Juneau Empire, 12/1/21]

### The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provided Billions Of Dollars For Upgrading Alaska’s Ports, Roads, Bridges, And Broadband

#### According To The President & CEO Of The Alaska Chamber Of Commerce, The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provided “More Than \$5 Billion Of Investment That Will Flow Into Alaska”

**Kati Capozzi, President & CEO Of Alaska Chamber: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provided “More Than \$5 Billion Of Investment That Will Flow Into Alaska.”** “‘For decades, Alaska has been in desperate need of meaningful infrastructure investment. The Alaska Chamber applauds our entire congressional delegation for voting yes on the historic bipartisan infrastructure bill. The more than \$5 billion of investment that will flow into Alaska will positively impact hundreds of thousands of Alaskans, create good-paying jobs, and catapult economic growth crucial to building Alaska’s future. Alaskans rely on roads, ports, ferries, bridges, airports, railways, and broadband to keep our communities connected. We thank Senator Murkowski for her leadership in crafting a truly bipartisan bill and ensuring Alaska’s unique infrastructure needs were not forgotten throughout the process.’ -Kati Capozzi, President & CEO of Alaska Chamber.” [Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Press Release, [11/15/21](#)]

- **The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Authorized “Roughly \$3.5 Billion In Highway Funding” And \$225 Million “In Funding For Bridge Construction, Maintenance And Repair” For Alaska.** “Alaska Highlights in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act [...] Authorizes \$273 billion in Federal-aid highway formula funding that will provide roughly \$3.5 billion in highway funding for Alaska over five years to construct, rebuild, and maintain its roads and highways. [...] Provides \$40 billion in funding for bridge construction, maintenance and repair. Of that, \$27.5 billion will be apportioned by formula to ensure every state’s bridges are provided with needed resources, and Alaska should receive \$225 million to address more than 140 bridges considered to be ‘structurally deficient.’” [Sen. Lisa Murkowski, accessed [9/7/22](#)]
- **The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Invested “Over \$1.25 Billion For Broadband Infrastructure Across” Alaska.** “Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, was a key figure in passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill. Along with fellow Republicans, Rep. Don Young and Sen. Dan Sullivan, she highlighted that the Legislature, tribes and local communities will need to apply for grants and compete against other states for billions of dollars of funding. [...] Estimating how much Alaska will receive from the bill over the next five years is difficult as it will depend on the

grants Alaska receives. Sullivan said some estimates are that Alaska could get between \$7 billion and \$8 billion. He highlighted some key areas in the bill: [...] Over \$1.25 billion for broadband infrastructure across the state.” [KTUU/KYES, [2/7/22](#)]

- **Independent U.S. House Candidate Gregg Brelsford: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Invested In “The Port Of Alaska, Through Which Flows 90% Of Goods Consumed By Alaskans.”** “The Republican candidates, and all Alaskans, should be more alarmed by Begich's condemnation of Young for voting for the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure bill that is bringing billions of urgently needed dollars to Alaska. As a recent manager of the Bristol Bay Borough and the city of Dillingham (interim), I know firsthand the immeasurable value this money brings to Alaska for broadband, sewers, roads and ports. This includes helping the Port of Alaska, through which flows 90% of goods consumed by Alaskans. And it means jobs for thousands of Alaskans.” [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Gregg Brelsford, Letter-to-the-Editor, 4/30/22]

## **Begich Served As A Fellow For The DC-Based Group, Club For Growth, Which Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher Program**

### **Begich Said He “Recently Completed A Fellowship With The” DC-Based Group Club For Growth**

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#### **MEET NICK BEGICH**

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Nick has served on the board for the Alaska Policy Forum, an organization dedicated to advancing opportunity through economic liberty and individual freedom. Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America’s leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group. He has served for 5 years as a Board Director for MTA, one of the nation’s largest telecommunications cooperatives, and recently completed his 4th year as the MTA Foundation’s Board President.

[Nick Begich for Congress, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

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Nicholas Begich III  
Executive Chairman, FarShore



Fellow

Club for Growth

Jun 2020 - Present · 2 yrs 4 mos

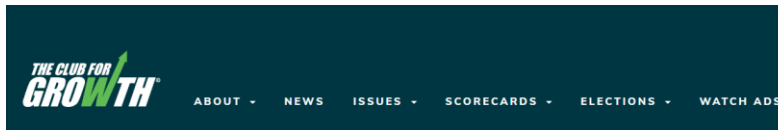
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[LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

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#### Entitlements

Entitlement programs are the single largest drivers of our nation's mounting debt and must be reformed immediately before it's too late. Not only is our current entitlement system bankrupting our nation, it is simply unsustainable in its current form.

#### Policy Recommendations:

- Repeal Obamacare.
- Enact Medicare reform that utilizes a premium-support function to replace the current system.
- Block-grant Medicaid to the states.
- Create Social Security personal retirement accounts that workers would own and could use to build nest eggs for retirement.

[Club for Growth, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

### Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System That Would Provide Beneficiaries With A Flat Payment To Purchase Private Insurance “Would Likely Lead To A Two-Tier Health Care System” Where Only The Very Wealthy Could Afford The Best Care

Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System Would “Replace Its Guarantee Of Health Coverage With A Flat Payment That Beneficiaries Could Use To Help Them Purchase Private Insurance.” “Some policymakers and analysts have proposed to convert Medicare to a ‘premium support’ system — that is, replace its guarantee of health coverage with a flat payment that beneficiaries could use to help them purchase private insurance or, in some versions, traditional Medicare. But proponents have crafted a widely diverse set of proposals that they call premium support, and some leading proposals of recent years — such as the plan from House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan that the House approved in April — differ greatly, in design and rationale, from the premium support concept that Henry Aaron and Robert Reischauer introduced in 1995.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]

- **Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System “Would Likely Lead To A Two-Tier Health Care System” Where Only The Very Wealthy Could Afford The Best Care.** “Premium support — no matter what form it takes — raises several very important and challenging issues that may seem manageable in theory but would be extremely hard to resolve satisfactorily in practice. And failure to resolve these challenges satisfactorily would likely lead to a two-tier health care system: the affluent would receive the most up-to-date medical care (since they could buy comprehensive coverage by supplementing the premium support payment with their own funds), while those of modest means who could only afford the coverage that their premium support payment buys would increasingly find medical advances out of their reach.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]

### Converting Medicare Into A Premium Support System Could Increase Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Medicare Beneficiaries By Over \$6,000

Converting Medicare Into A Premium Support System Could Increase Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Medicare Beneficiaries By Over \$6,000. “Myth: Premium support will reduce Medicare’s costs. Fact: Premium support plans don’t

reduce costs, they shift them onto the patient. The rising cost of premiums will quickly outstrip the value of the fixed federal contribution, and seniors will have to pay more in either premiums or out-of-pocket payments for care. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Ryan’s original Medicare proposal would raise out-of-pocket costs for the typical 65-year-old Medicare beneficiary in 2022 by \$6,240. They haven’t estimated the cost of the latest plan yet.” [Physicians for a National Health Program, [8/14/12](#)]

## **Begich Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum, Which Opposed Medicaid Expansion**

**Nov. 2018-Oct. 2021: Begich Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum, “A Self-Described Free-Market Think Tank”**

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[Nicholas Begich III, LinkedIn, accessed [9/15/22](#)]

- **The Alaska Policy Forum Was “A Self-Described Free-Market Think Tank.”** “A self-described free-market think tank that publishes the earnings of thousands of public employees in Alaska is not so open when it comes to disclosing its financial supporters -- including the conservative Outside group that has funneled large grants its way. One of the values of the Alaska Policy Forum is not disclosing donors, but the source of its limited money is less important than the group's focus on transparency in government, fiscal accountability and school reform, said David Boyle, executive director.” [Anchorage Daily News, [9/14/14](#)]

## **The Alaska Policy Forum Opposed Medicaid Expansion And Called For It To Be Rolled Back, Which Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Access To Health Care**

**The Alaska Policy Forum’s CEO, Bethany Marcum Said That “Medicaid Expansion Is Failing Alaskans” And Created “A Dependency Crisis”**

**Alaska Policy Forum CEO Bethany Marcum: “Medicaid Expansion Is Failing Alaskans” And Created “A Dependency Crisis.”** “It’s time for a reality check. Since Alaska expanded Medicaid to able-bodied adults in 2015, our state has experienced cost overruns, unexpected—but predictable—over-enrollment, and is facing a dependency crisis. Some—local lawmakers and local lobbyists included—would have you believe that Medicaid expansion has benefited our state. But it’s time to face the facts: Medicaid expansion is failing Alaskans.” [Alaska Policy Forum, Bethany Marcum, [2/20/19](#)]

**The Alaska Policy Forum Called For The State Government To “Spend Less On Health Care” By “Reconsidering Medicaid Expansion”**

**The Alaska Policy Forum Called For The State Government To “Spend Less On Health Care” By “Reconsidering Medicaid Expansion.”** “A recent update by Health Management Associates (HMA) shows that Alaska’s Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment remains disproportionately high, and enrollment is maintaining a high growth rate more than five years after Medicaid expansion began in Alaska. [...] The combined impact of high Medicaid enrollment rates, year after year, with far above average Medicaid reimbursement rates, is certainly contributing to Alaska’s highest-in-the-nation health care spending, and could also be significantly affecting the high price of health care services. If Alaskans want to see themselves and their government spend less on health care, reconsidering Medicaid expansion and renegotiating reimbursement rates with the federal government are the first steps.” [Alaska Policy Forum,

[9/21/20](#)]

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## **Dropping Medicaid Expansion Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Medicaid Coverage**

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**Dropping Medicaid Expansion Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Medicaid Coverage.** “If Alaska dropped the Medicaid expansion in response to the loss of enhanced federal financing, the state would forgo an additional \$2 billion over the 2020-2029 period, and by 2029, 41,000 Alaskans estimated to be covered in the expansion group would lose Medicaid coverage.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/21/17](#)]

## **Begich Supported Tightening Medicaid Work-Requirements Even Though Doing So Would Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives**

### **Begich Supported “Tightening Work Requirements For Able-Bodied Medicaid Recipients”**

**Begich Supported “Tightening Work Requirements For Able-Bodied Medicaid Recipients.”** “Alaska has some of the world’s highest healthcare costs. Reforms are needed to drive down the cost of healthcare. Political rhetoric isn’t going to do it. It’s going to require commitment, tenacity, and hard work. We need to explore price and cost innovations around direct primary care and preventative medicine while protecting patient-doctor relationships. We can find cost savings by increasing competition, negotiating prescription drug prices, and tightening work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.” [Nick Begich for Congress, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

### **Medicaid Work Requirements Would Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives Because They “Are Likelier To Live In Areas With Limited Job Opportunities”**

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### **Lack Of Internet Access And Other Forms Of Red Tape May Make It Difficult For Alaska Natives “To Stay Covered Even If They Are Already Working Or Should Qualify For Exemptions”**

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**Medicaid Work Requirements Would Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives Because They “Are Likelier To Live In Areas With Limited Job Opportunities.”** “Medicaid is an important source of coverage for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs), a population that faces high unemployment and persistent health disparities, including a high uninsured rate, barriers to care, and significant physical and mental health needs. [...] Taking away Medicaid from people not meeting work requirements will put coverage at risk for all people subject to these policies, but especially for AI/ANs, who are disproportionately likely to be unemployed. That’s because AI/ANs not only are likelier to live in areas with limited job opportunities, but also have other barriers to employment. The AI/AN unemployment rate averaged 11.3 percent from 2014 through 2018, almost 90 percent higher than the 6.0 percent rate for all other adults and higher than the unemployment rate for other adults in nearly all states. [...] AI/ANs could be at disproportionate risk of losing coverage under a Medicaid work requirement, threatening their recent coverage and health outcome gains.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

- **Lack Of Internet Access And Other Forms Of Red Tape May Make It Difficult For Alaska Natives “To Stay Covered Even If They Are Already Working Or Should Qualify For Exemptions.”** “Requiring work or work-related activities as a condition of Medicaid eligibility would also make it harder for AI/ANs to stay covered even if they are already working or should qualify for exemptions. When Medicaid eligibility depends on completing specified hours of work activities each month, enrollees have to submit documentation each month to stay covered. AI/ANs may face particular barriers to manage this additional red tape. For example, Arkansas required enrollees to report compliance with work requirements only using the Internet; AI/ANs are disproportionately likely to live in rural areas and more likely than other enrollees to lack Internet access.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

## **Begich Refused To Say If He Supported The “Development Of The Pebble Mine,” Which Would Threaten Alaska’s Salmon Industry**

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**When Asked If He Supported “Development Of The Pebble Mine,” Begich Said “A Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process Must Determine This Outcome.”** “To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we’re asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here’s how they responded, in their own words, to the following questions on natural resource development: [...] Do you want to see ... (Please answer yes or no. If needed, add an explanation of no more than 10 words.) [...] 2. Development of the Pebble Mine? [...] Nick Begich (R): [...] Pebble? ‘A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.’” [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

## **Begich Did Not Respond To Alaskans For Bristol Bay Action’s Questionnaire And Did “Not Have A Public Record On Pebble Mine”**

**Begich Did Not Respond To Alaskans For Bristol Bay Action’s Questionnaire And Did “Not Have A Public Record On Pebble Mine.”** “This year’s special election for Alaska’s only seat in the U.S. House will play an important role in the fate of Bristol Bay. For more than 20 years, the region has lived under threat from the disastrous Pebble Mine, which would poison the watershed with billions of tons of toxic waste, destroying one of the last great salmon runs on Earth, wiping out thousands of jobs, and devastating communities that have thrived in the region for generations. We asked the candidates if they would stand with Alaskans and help protect Bristol Bay. [...] The following candidates did not respond to the questionnaire and do not have a public record on Pebble Mine, so we ask ‘Whose Side Are They On?’ [...] Nick Begich III (R).” [Alaskans for Bristol Bay Action, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

## **The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska’s Salmon Industry**

**The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska’s Salmon Industry.** “A mining company plans to dig a pit, more than a mile square and a third of a mile deep, over two decades to obtain the metals, estimated to be worth at least \$300 billion. Supporters say the project, known as the Pebble Mine, would be an economic boost for a remote region that has missed out on the North Slope oil boom and other resource-extraction development in the state over the past half century. [...] But opposition has long been widespread, both in the region and statewide, with concerns about environmental damage and the potential for harming another critical resource: salmon. The fish is the main traditional subsistence food for many of the Alaska Natives in the region and the basis of both a thriving sport-fishing industry and, in nearby Bristol Bay, one of the largest commercial wild salmon fisheries in the world.” [New York Times, [7/24/20](#)]

## **Begich Opposed The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act, Even Though It Received Bipartisan Support And Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country**

### **Begich Criticized Don Young For Being One Of Five Republicans To Vote For The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act, Which Would Make It Easier For Workers To Unionize And Collectively Bargain**

**Begich Criticized Young For Being One Of Five Republicans To Vote For The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act.** “Soon after entering the race, Begich began criticizing Young for his office policies to mitigate COVID-19, his support for the confirmation of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and his vote for the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, a House bill that would change laws governing unions. Young was one of five Republicans to vote in favor of that bill. Begich also said that during the month he spent working in Young's office, he saw lobbyists exert excessive influence over the congressman.” [Alaska Dispatch News, 4/21/22]

## **The PRO Act Would Increase Penalties For Illegal Union-Busting, Expand Collective Bargaining Rights, Weaken “Right To Work” Laws, And Allow More Contractors To Be Reclassified As Employees**

**HEADLINE: House Passes Bill To Rewrite Labor Laws And Strengthen Unions.** [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

**The PRO Act Would Increase Fines For Companies That Illegally Retaliate Against Workers Seeking To Unionize, Expand Collective Bargaining Rights, And Weaken “Right To Work” Laws.** “The Protecting the Right to Organize



Act, known as the PRO Act, would amend some of the country's decades-old labor laws to give workers more power during disputes at work, add penalties for companies that retaliate against workers who organize and grant some hundreds of thousands of workers collective-bargaining rights they don't currently have. It would also weaken 'right-to-work' laws in 27 states that allow employees to forgo participating in and paying dues to unions. The House passed the bill with a vote of 224 to 194, mostly along party lines." [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

**The PRO Act Would Allow More People Classified As Contractors To Be Given Employee Status, Which Would Allow Them To Unionize.** "The bill would also allow more people currently classified as contractors to be given the status of employees for the purposes of union organizing, potentially paving the way for gig workers at companies like Lyft, Uber and DoorDash to organize with unions or among themselves." [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

**As Of Oct. 2021, Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country With 17.7% Of Alaska Workers Being Union Members And 19.5% Covered By Union Contracts**

**Oct. 2021: Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country With 17.7% Of Alaska Workers Being Union Members And 19.5% Covered By Union Contracts.** "Alaska is the #4 most unionized state [...] Alaska by the numbers [...] Employed population: 280,000 [...] Members of unions: 49,000 (17.7% of employed population) [...] Workers represented by unions: 55,000 (19.5% of employed population)." [Stacker, [10/11/21](#)]

# **Nancy Dahlstrom Was A Longtime Anti-Abortion Extremist Who Was Called The “Heroine Of The Anti-Abortion Crowd” And An “Ardent Abortion Foe,” And She Was “Enthusiastically” Supported By Groups That Would Ban Abortion With No Exceptions**

## **Significant Findings**

### **Dahlstrom Was A Longtime Anti-Abortion Extremist Who Was Called The “Heroine Of The Anti-Abortion Crowd” And An “Ardent Abortion Foe,” And She Was “Enthusiastically” Supported By Groups That Would Ban Abortion With No Exceptions.**

- Dahlstrom was “enthusiastically” supported by Alaska Right to Life, an organization that supported banning abortion with no exceptions, and Dahlstrom later served with a governor who said that he opposed abortion, including in cases of rape or incest.
- While in the Alaska State House, Dahlstrom introduced a so-called “informed consent law” about “providing information” to women seeking abortion that male Republican colleagues called “one of the most egregious attempts...to violate a woman’s constitutional right to privacy.”
  - The Alaska Attorney General, also a Republican, issued a seven-page rebuke of the bill.
  - Defending her bill, Dahlstrom called abortion a “human rights issue” and dared objectors to “throw mud.”
  - The bill would provide funds to create an abortion information website where women would be mandated to review by their medical providers for “information on adoption agencies, pregnancy assistance groups, and family planning, in addition to fetal development and possible complications from abortion.”
- Dahlstrom worked in government affairs for a hospital network that didn’t provide abortion and didn’t provide commonly used contraception methods as part of their services, actively lobbying states for exemptions to mandates to provide abortion related care.
- Multiple news articles reported that Dahlstrom was an “abortion opponent,” “heroine to the anti-abortion crowd,” and an “ardent abortion foe.”
- In an interview, Dahlstrom said she ran for office because she “absolutely disagreed” with “state-funded” abortions.
- Dahlstrom served with an extreme anti-choice governor who actively worked with anti-abortion organizations, created an anti-abortion office in his cabinet, joined a lawsuit to eliminate access to abortion medication, and sought to introduce an amendment to the Alaska Constitution that would remove the right to an abortion.
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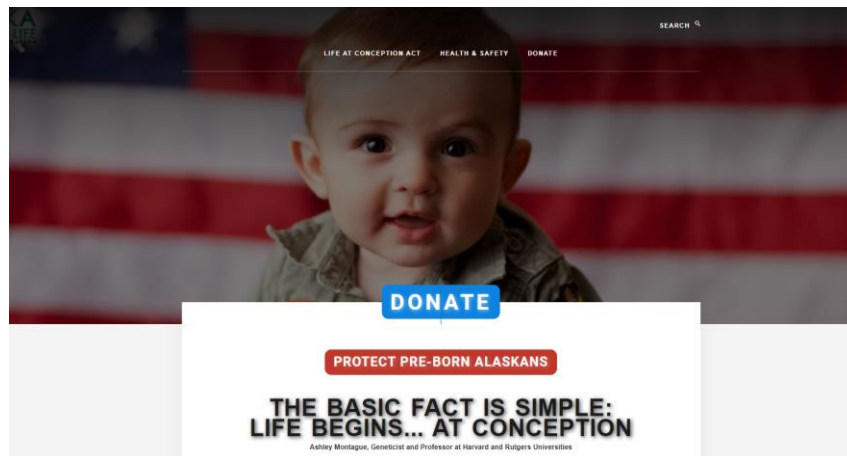
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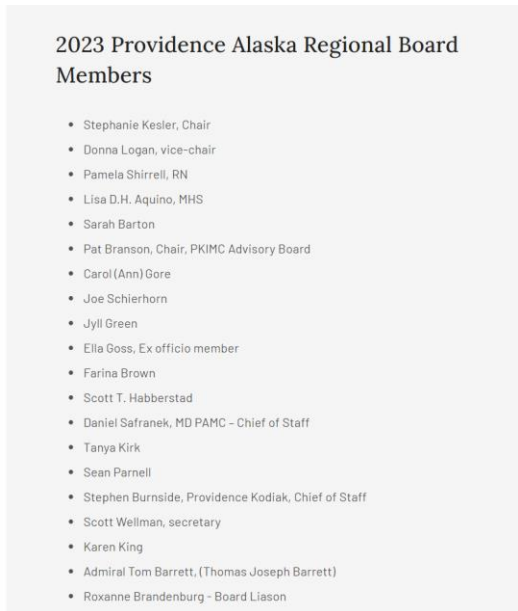
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**Campaign Finance Reports Indicated That Dahlstrom Worked For Providence Health & Services, Alaska In Government Affairs.** [Alaska Secretary of State, 12/20/23]

- **Providence Health & Services Was A Hospital In Alaska.** [Providence, About Providence In Alaska, accessed [12/20/23](#)]
- **Former Governor Sean Parnell Served On The Board.** [Providence, About Providence In Alaska, accessed [12/20/23](#)]



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- **The Washington State Providence Hospital Did Not Provide Abortions Or Certain Forms Of Contraception As Part Of Their Reproductive Healthcare.** [Providence Hospital, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

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Hospital name: Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital		
Physical address: 101 West 8th Avenue		
City: Spokane	State: WA	ZIP Code: 99204
Hospital contact: Susan Stacey	Contact phone #: 509-474-3131	
<b>An acute care hospital may not be the appropriate setting for all reproductive health services listed below.</b> Some reproductive services are most appropriately available in outpatient settings such as a physician office or clinic, depending on the specific patient circumstances.		
The following reproductive health services are generally available at the above listed hospital:		
<b>Abortion services</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Medication abortion <input type="checkbox"/> Referrals for abortion <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical abortion	<b>Other related services</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) treatment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), prescriptions, and related counseling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treatment of miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies	
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[Providence Hospital, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

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- **Providence Was Able To Lobby Oregon For An Exemption To An Insurance Mandate That Required They Cover Abortions.** “In 2017, Oregon lawmakers required all insurers to provide abortion coverage. But Providence successfully lobbied for an exemption. Its private insurance plan is the only one in Oregon not required to cover abortions and other reproductive health services, such as birth control and treatment for various sexual dysfunctions.” [Willamette Week, [8/13/22](#)]
- **Providence Health & Services Spent \$689,836 Lobbying The Alaska Government From 2010-2023.** [Alaska Lobbyist Disclosures, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

Report Year	Lobbyist Name	Employer Name	Start Date	Termination Date	Compensation	Amount
2023	Herrick, Sonia	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/31/2023		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$50,000.00
2022	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/04/2022		Contract Lobbyist: Monthly Fee	\$6,459.00
2021	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/15/2021		Contract Lobbyist: Monthly Fee	\$6,459.00
2020	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/01/2020		Contract Lobbyist: Monthly Fee	\$6,459.00
2019	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/01/2019		Contract Lobbyist: Monthly Fee	\$6,459.00
2018	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/03/2018		Contract Lobbyist: Monthly Fee	\$6,250.00
2017	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/01/2017		Contract Lobbyist: Monthly Fee	\$6,250.00
2016	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/11/2016		Contract Lobbyist: Monthly Fee	\$6,250.00
2015	HERMAN, LAURA	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/20/2015		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$81,250.00
2014	Reed, Ashley	Providence Health & Services Alaska	09/22/2014		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$10,000.00
2013	Reed, Ashley	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/15/2013		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$65,000.00
2012	chamberlain, wendy	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/16/2012	02/29/2012	Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$73,000.00
2012	Reed, Ashley	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/13/2012		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$48,000.00
2011	chamberlain, wendy	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/01/2011		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$73,000.00
2011	Mulder, Eldon	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/18/2011		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$45,000.00
2011	Reed, Ashley	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/07/2011		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$48,000.00
2010	chamberlain, wendy	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/07/2010		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$72,000.00
2010	Mulder, Eldon	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/19/2010		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$45,000.00
2010	Reed, Ashley	Providence Health & Services Alaska	01/19/2010		Contract Lobbyist: Annual Fee	\$15,000.00

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**Dahlstrom Was Called “A Heroine Of The Anti-Abortion Crowd.”** “Rep. Dahlstrom and I probably wouldn't agree on one issue in 10. A heroine of the anti-abortion crowd, she was the right wing's choice to try to knock Lisa Murkowski out of the state House in 2002 after then-Rep. Murkowski showed too much independence on abortion and fiscal issues.” [Anchorage Daily News, 1/26/06]

**Dahlstrom Was Called “An Ardent Abortion Foe.”** “Maybe that's why candidate Dan Kendall is trying to portray incumbent Republican Nancy Dahlstrom as a closet Democrat. It is perhaps a difficult sell, considering that Dahlstrom, an ardent abortion foe, rose to prominence four years ago by corralling a conservative base that nearly propelled her to an upset of moderate Lisa Murkowski.” [Anchorage Daily News, 8/18/06]

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DAHLSTROM: “My husband and I have four children, and the youngest one was just getting ready to complete high school and there were some things happening politically, you know, right around me that I became aware of that I really really didn't like. One of those was there was some big support for state-funded abortions, and I absolutely disagreed with that. I don't think the state should be in the business of funding that.” [Must Read Alaska, Facebook, 4:49-5:23, [8/5/22](#)]  
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**Dahlstrom Was Dunleavy's Lieutenant Governor.** “Today, Governor Mike Dunleavy and Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom took the oath of office alongside their families.” [Office of Governor Dunleavy, Press Release, [12/5/22](#)]

#### **The Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Administration Worked With Anti-Abortion Organizations**

**June 2023: Dunleavy Recorded A Video For The Alaska Family Council Fundraiser.** “Dunleavy recorded a comparatively unremarkable video for the Alaska Family Council fundraiser. In it, he touted the newly formed Office of Family & Life, which Cubas led. The office, Dunleavy said, would ‘research the best practices, programs and approaches to support families — especially young families — and children in all ‘stages of life.’” [Alaska Public Media, [6/16/23](#)]

- **Alaska Family Council Believed In “Life At Conception.”** “Alaska Family Council acknowledges and respects the inherent and irrevocable dignity of every human life, from conception to the natural end of life. AFC works every day to help rebuild a culture of life in Alaska, holding that every human life is a sacred gift to be treasured. The life of every human being is an intrinsic good, not something whose value is determined by its usefulness to others or to the state.” [Alaska Family Council, accessed [12/19/23](#)]
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**February 2023: Alaska Joined A "Lawsuit To Eliminate Americans' Access To A Pill Used For Abortions, Even In States Where Abortion Is Legal."** "Alaska has joined nearly two dozen states in a lawsuit that would eliminate Americans' access to a pill used for abortions, even in states where abortion is legal. The pill would be taken off the market if the judge sides with the plaintiffs. On Friday, Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor joined a coalition of states and anti-abortion groups in a lawsuit that aims to revoke the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of the abortion pill, called mifepristone." [KTOO, [2/14/23](#)]

- **More Than Half Of All U.S. Abortions Were By Medication.** "Preliminary data, originally published on February 24, 2022, indicated that medication abortion accounted for 54% of all abortions." [Guttmacher, [12/1/22](#)]
- **2017: Eighty-Six Percent Of Alaska's Counties Had No Clinics To Perform Abortions.** "In 2017, some 86% of Alaska counties had no clinics that provided abortions, and 32% of Alaska women lived in those counties." [Guttmacher, [June 2022](#)]
- **Mifepristone Was The Second-Most-Common Method Of Abortion In Alaska.** "Mifepristone is the second-most-common method of abortion in Alaska, accounting for 442 of 1,226 recorded abortions in 2021 here." [Alaska Beacon, [3/6/23](#)]

### **The Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Administration Sought To Introduce An Amendment To The Alaska Constitution That Would Remove Protections For A Right To Abortion**

**June 2022: Dunleavy Said He Would Ask The Legislature To Consider A Constitutional Amendment On Whether Or Not Abortion Was A "Constitutionally Protected Right."** "Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy said he would ask the state legislature to consider a constitutional amendment on abortion. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade on Friday by a vote of 6-3. Alaska does not have a trigger law that makes abortion illegal. 'I like many Alaskans, am pro life,' Dunleavy said in a news release. 'I also recognize that many Alaskans are pro choice. I will therefore be introducing a resolution for a proposed constitutional amendment to the Legislature in the next session to answer the question whether abortion shall, or not be a constitutionally protected right.'" [Center Square, [6/25/22](#)]

**February 2023: Dunleavy Sought To Introduce An Amendment To Alaska's Constitution That Would "Severely Restrict Abortion."** "Dunleavy was elected in 2018 after saying he opposed abortion, including in cases of rape or incest. More recently, he's emphasized that being a 'pro-life state' means changing policy and taking action to increase Alaska's population... He said he would propose a constitutional amendment on whether abortion should be a protected right. Back then though, it wasn't known if Dunleavy would remain governor. It was the middle of the summer and the election was still months away." [Alaska Beacon, [2/15/23](#)]



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- **Dunleavy Hired Cubas First As A Photographer In 2022 And Later Promoted Him To The Pro-Family Adviser Role.** “Dunleavy hired Cubas in 2022 as a photographer and later promoted him to pro-family adviser. Cubas’s podcast, Contra Gentiles, was available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube and other platforms at the time, and was among the top Google results for his name.” [Alaska Public Media, [6/16/23](#)]

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**Cubas Also Said That It Was Not Possible For Men To Rape Their Wives, Because “When You’ve Signed The Contract, You Have Already Consented.”** “‘He also said it’s not possible for a man to rape his wife. ‘When you signed the contract, you have already consented,’ Cubas said recently.” [Alaska Public Media, [5/30/23](#)]

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**Cubas Said That “Women Want To Be Taken By A Man” And That “Sometimes A Woman Needs To Be Slapped.”** “In the interview, Cubas defended his statements on rape. ‘This has been the view of the Western world for the majority of its history,’ he said. ‘It’s only been in the last 80 to 100 years in which that has changed at all.’ In the discussion on rape and marriage on the podcast, Cubas also says that ‘sometimes a woman needs to be slapped,’ and added ‘I don’t think there’s any sin there.’” [Alaska Public Media, [5/30/23](#)]

**Cubas Called Dunleavy A “Good Friend.”** “On his podcast, Cubas called Dunleavy a ‘good friend,’ described traveling with the governor and told his listeners that he recently made speeches to a conservative Christian group about his new ‘office.’” [Alaska Public Media, [5/30/23](#)]

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**Mail Was Sent During Dahlstrom’s Campaign From Rep. Fred Dyson Saying That She Was A “Friend Of The Unborn Child.”** “Abortion was another issue. Halcro kept a letter mailed to the district by then-Rep. Fred Dyson, R-Eagle River, addressed to ‘Friend of the Unborn Child.’ Dyson said Murkowski was a ‘wonderful woman and a good friend, but she is not pro-life.’ Murkowski had voted against a bill that would have narrowed the definition of ‘medically necessary’ abortions, a measure designed to make it harder for the poor to obtain a state-funded abortion under Medicaid. Dyson said Dahlstrom, a ‘bright, strong, pro-life Republican,’ wouldn’t have done that.” [Anchorage Daily News, 4/4/04]

# Dahlstrom Received Hundreds Of Thousands From DC Insiders

## Significant Findings

### **Dahlstrom Received Hundreds Of Thousands From DC Insiders And Thousands In Spending From Outside Groups.**

- Dahlstrom received thousands of dollars from members of Congress who supported measures against Alaskans' interests.
  - Dahlstrom received more than \$100,000 from Members of Congress who voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act.
  - Dahlstrom received more than \$140,000 from Members of Congress who supported measures that would implement a national abortion ban with no exceptions.
  - Dahlstrom received more than \$70,000 from Members of Congress who voted against veterans.
- Congressional Leadership Fund (CLF), a Washington DC interest group, spent \$95,000 in support of Dahlstrom's candidacy.
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**Dahlstrom Received \$110,491.35 From Members Of Congress Who Voted To Repeal The Affordable Care Act.** [FEC.gov, accessed [6/4/24](#)]

- **There Were 119,000 People With Pre-Existing Conditions In Alaska That Would Have Likely Been Declinable If They Were To Seek Coverage Under Pre-ACA Underwriting Practices.** [KFF.org, accessed [6/5/24](#)]

#### **Dahlstrom Received More Than \$140,000 From Members Of Congress Who Supported Measures That Would Implement A National Abortion Ban With No Exceptions**

**Dahlstrom Received \$143,344.87 From Members Of Congress Who Supported A Full Abortion Ban With No Exceptions.** [FEC.gov, accessed [6/4/24](#)]

- **More Than Half Of Adults In Alaska Said Abortion Should Be Legal In All Most Cases.** [Pew Research, accessed [6/5/24](#)]

#### **Dahlstrom Received More Than \$70,000 From Members Of Congress Who Voted Against Veterans**

**Dahlstrom Received \$72,378.85 From Members Of Congress Who Voted Against The PACT Act.** [FEC.gov, accessed [6/4/24](#)]

- **The PACT Act Would Expand VA Health Care And Benefits For Veterans Exposed To Burn Pits, Agent Orange And Other Toxic Substances.** “The PACT Act is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.” [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, accessed [6/5/24](#)]
- **Alaska Had 24, 408 People Actively Serving In The Armed Forces.** [U.S. Census Bureau, My Congressional District, accessed [6/5/24](#)]
- **Alaska Had 533,430 Veterans.** [U.S. Census Bureau, My Congressional District, accessed [6/5/24](#)]

**Congressional Leadership Fund, A Washington DC Interest Group, Spent Nearly \$100,000 In Support Of Dahlstrom’s Candidacy**

**The Congressional Leadership Fund Was An Outside Group Affiliated With Speaker Mike Johnson.**

“Congressional Leadership Fund, the outside group affiliated with Speaker Mike Johnson, announced on Wednesday its first round of ad reservations for the fall, booking more time in California than any other state.” [Politico, [5/22/24](#)]

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Spender	Support/Oppose	Candidate	Description	Payee	Expenditure date	Amount
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND	Support	DAHLSTROM, NANCY	DIGITAL PLACEMENT	TARGETED VICTORY	03/01/2024	\$25,000.00
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND	Support	DAHLSTROM, NANCY	DIGITAL PLACEMENT	TARGETED VICTORY	02/12/2024	\$25,000.00
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND	Oppose	PELTOLA, MARY	MEDIA PLACEMENT	TARGETED VICTORY LLC	01/23/2024	\$10,000.00
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND	Support	DAHLSTROM, NANCY	MEDIA PLACEMENT	TARGETED VICTORY LLC	01/12/2024	\$25,000.00

[FEC.gov, accessed [6/5/24](#)]

**CLF Has Also Made \$5 Million In Television Reservations**

**May 2024: Congressional Leadership Fund “Announced ... That It Has Reserved More Than \$5 Million Worth Of Air Time For Ads This Fall In Alaska’s Three Largest Cities.”** “The Congressional Leadership Fund announced last month that it has reserved more than \$5 million worth of air time for ads this fall in Alaska’s three largest cities. The super PAC is affiliated with House Speaker Mike Johnson and has endorsed Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom.” [APM, [6/3/24](#)]

# Dahlstrom Was Embroiled In Various Controversies While Serving In Key Cabinet Positions

## Significant Findings

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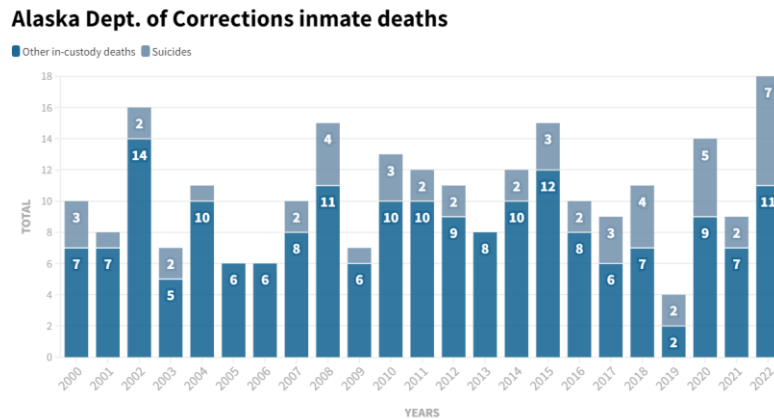
- 2018-2022: Dahlstrom served as the director for the Alaska Department of Corrections (DOC). While in this role, the DOC saw the highest number of inmate deaths in a year, numbering 18 during 2022, the year in which she departed the role in May.
  - Dahlstrom had previously removed the oversight mechanism that would have investigated these deaths.
    - Alaska Natives, while only 22% of the state population, comprised 44.2% of Alaska’s incarcerated population.
- 2009: Dahlstrom, while overseeing Anchorage and Eagle River military bases, called a retired National Guard whistleblower “reckless” and said that she took “great offense” to allegations made about “[her] National Guard.” The whistleblower alleged that there was “corrupt leadership” and rampant sexism because of this leadership. Dahlstrom has never served in uniform.
  - The Alaska National Guard Adjutant General later resigned after a Pentagon investigation found that there was an environment of “low morale and problems with sexual misconduct, fraud and misappropriation” under the leadership of the Adjutant General.
  - Dahlstrom retrospectively admitted that she “came to distrust” sharing of complaints with the National Guard official subject to the whistleblower report.
- 2010: Dahlstrom may have illegally taken a job, which eventually led to her resignation from Governor Sean Parnell’s cabinet as senior military advisor.
  - Reports alleged that Parnell created a high-paying job for Dahlstrom while she was actively serving in the state legislature, which was a violation of Alaska State Law.
- 2023: Dahlstrom acted in defiance of state law and appointed a partisan administrator to oversee Alaska Elections, a move fellow Republican lawmaker said “jeopardize[ed]...judgment” in overseeing elections.
  - The partisan administrator, Carol Beecher, was a donor to the Dunleavy/Dahlstrom campaign and Trump’s 2016 campaign.
  - Alaska state law stipulated that the role was nonpartisan and that “the director of elections and others in key positions in the office ‘may not join, support or otherwise participate in a partisan political organization, faction, or activity, including but not limited to the making of political contributions.’”
  - Carol Beecher would not comment if she agreed with Trump’s false claims that the 2020 election was fraudulent, and sought to remove Alaska from ERIC, a platform Trump said would “pump the rolls for Democrats.”

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**Dahlstrom Served As The Director For The Alaska Department Of Corrections (DOC); While In This Role, The DOC Saw The Highest Number Of Inmate Deaths, Numbering 18 During The Year In Which She Departed**

**January 2023: Eighteen Inmates Died In 2022 In Alaska While In Alaska Department Of Corrections Custody, A Decade-High.** “The department is going through a markedly turbulent period for reasons such as a decade-high 18 inmate deaths last year, all but one while Winkelman was deputy commissioner, but Kiehl is among the legislators supporting her as a longtime Juneau resident who's worked for the department since 2001...Dunleavy's first corrections commissioner, Nancy Dahlstrom, resigned last year to run as his lieutenant governor nominee.” [Juneau Empire, 1/31/23]

- **Dahlstrom Was The Commissioner For The Alaska Department Of Corrections From December 2018 To May 2022.** “Alaska Department of Corrections Commissioner Nancy Dahlstrom submitted her resignation to Governor Mike Dunleavy yesterday. Dahlstrom served as corrections commissioner since the beginning of the Dunleavy Administration in December 2018.” [Office of Governor Mike Dunleavy, Press Release, [5/23/22](#)]
- **There Were 56 Alaska Department Of Correction Inmates Who Died Between 2018 And 2022.** [Anchorage Daily News, [2/18/23](#)]



[Anchorage Daily News, [2/18/23](#)]

- **Dahlstrom Eliminated The Oversight Body That Would Have Investigated These Deaths Shortly After Assuming The Position Of Commissioner Of The Department Of Corrections.** “The Department of Corrections had an independent investigative unit that made inquiries into deaths, including suicides, from 2016 to 2018. The newly appointed commissioner, Nancy Dahlstrom, eliminated the unit early in her tenure after the election of Gov. Mike Dunleavy, citing cost savings.” [Anchorage Daily News, 2/14/23]
- **Seven Of Those Deaths Were By Suicide.** “The nominee offered an overview of the department's recent struggles during her opening statement, noting that of the deaths last year 11 were of natural causes and seven were deaths by suicide. She said there has been a significant increase in suicides in the state, with the rate in communities and correctional facilities essentially the same, and ‘while we have an unhealthy and quite vulnerable population, we look every day to do things better than we did before’” [Juneau Empire, 2/10/23]
- **Most Of The In-Custody Deaths Were People Who Had Been Incarcerated For A Relatively Short Amount Of Time Awaiting Trial.** “Most of Alaska’s in-custody suicide deaths of 2022 were people who had only been incarcerated a relatively short time while awaiting trials. Some were detoxing from drugs or had a history of addiction, according to Megan Edge of the ACLU of Alaska, who has talked with families of some of those who died.

And about 65% of all of Alaska's inmate population has a diagnosable mental illness, according to corrections officials." [Anchorage Daily News, 2/14/23]

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**2018: Dahlstrom, As Commissioner Of The Alaska Department Of Corrections, Dissolved Special Internal Investigative Unit Formed By A Spate Of Deaths In Alaska Prisons.** "The Alaska Department of Corrections is dissolving a special internal investigative unit formed following a spate of deaths in Alaska's prisons. The employees assigned to the Professional Conduct Unit have been reassigned or let go from the department after a decision by new commissioner Nancy Dahlstrom, Department of Corrections spokeswoman Megan Edge confirmed Monday." [Alaska Dispatch, 12/12/18]

- **The Commission Was Started In 2016 Following A Series Of Inmate Deaths And Other Issues Involving Both Prisoners And Corrections Officers.** "The Professional Conduct Unit was created in 2016 by then-commissioner Dean Williams following a series of inmate deaths and other issues involving both prisoners and corrections officers. found widespread failures and dysfunction within the state's prison system contributed to at least six deaths. That report led to the resignation of Ron Taylor as corrections commissioner and his eventual replacement with Williams." [Alaska Dispatch News, 12/10/18]

### ***Alaska Natives, While Only 22% Of The State Population, Comprised 44.2% Of Alaska's Incarcerated Population***

**Alaska Natives Comprised 44.22% Of Alaska's Incarcerated Population Despite Comprising 22% Of The State Population.** [ACLU Alaska, [8/11/23](#)]



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**Dahlstrom Emailed A Whistleblower That Her Complaint About National Guard Leadership Was "Reckless" And Said That She Took "Great Offense" To Allegations Made About "[Her] National Guard;" A Pentagon Report Later Led To The Resignation Of Alaska National Guard's Adjutant General For Creating An Environment With Low Morale And Problems With Sexual Misconduct, Fraud And Misappropriation Under His Leadership**

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**Dahlstrom Sent A Pointed Email To A Whistleblower, Who Was A Retired Lieutenant Colonel In The Alaska National Guard, Who Outlined Concerns For "Corrupt Leadership" Within Alaska National Guard Ranks.** "But in 2009, when [Dahlstrom] was a conservative Republican House member representing Eagle River and Anchorage's military bases, she was a staunch defender of the status quo, sending a pointed email to a whistleblower complaining about several top officers, including Thomas Katkus, the general Parnell was about to name as guard commander. 'Your statements are reckless and have the potential to cause irreparable damage to these fine officers,' Dahlstrom said in an email dated Aug. 25, 2009, to Debra Blaylock, a just-retired lieutenant colonel in the guard. 'I take great offense to your statement that it is a 'good old boy' network with corrupt leadership. I believe the current leaders are outstanding and have made tremendous advancements in improving the overall morale, day-to-day operations, direction, and relevancy of the organization. I have never seen it function better. As a citizen of Alaska, I am truly proud to call them my National Guard.'" [Alaska Dispatch, 11/3/14]

- **Dahlstrom Called The Complaints “Reckless,” Said She Took “Great Offense” And That She Was “Truly Proud To Call Them My National Guard.”** “But in 2009, when [Dahlstrom] was a conservative Republican House member representing Eagle River and Anchorage's military bases, she was a staunch defender of the status quo, sending a pointed email to a whistleblower complaining about several top officers, including Thomas Katkus, the general Parnell was about to name as guard commander. 'Your statements are reckless and have the potential to cause irreparable damage to these fine officers,' Dahlstrom said in an email dated Aug. 25, 2009, to Debra Blaylock, a just-retired lieutenant colonel in the guard. 'I take great offense to your statement that it is a 'good old boy' network with corrupt leadership. I believe the current leaders are outstanding and have made tremendous advancements in improving the overall morale, day-to-day operations, direction, and relevancy of the organization. I have never seen it function better. As a citizen of Alaska, I am truly proud to call them my National Guard.’” [Alaska Dispatch, 11/3/14]
- **The Whistleblower Said She Was “Shocked” Called Dahlstrom’s Email A “Slap In The Face.”** “In an interview Sunday, Blaylock said she was 'shocked' when she received Dahlstrom's email. 'Being a retired lieutenant colonel, I worked for the generals – I wasn’t like a nobody. When she did that, it was a like a slap in the face, like who are you, and shame on you,' Blaylock said. 'I kind of backed off everything then, and Ken started taking over.’” [Alaska Dispatch, 11/3/14]

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**The National Guard Leadership At The Center Of Whistleblower Allegations For Fostering An Environment That Enabled “Low Morale And Problems With Sexual Misconduct, Fraud And Misappropriation” Was Forced To Resign Following A Pentagon Report**

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**The Pentagon Found That Under The Leadership Of The National Guard Official Subject To The Whistleblower Complaint “The Alaska National Guard...Suffer[ed] Low Morale And Problems With Sexual Misconduct, Fraud And Misappropriation.”** “Parnell fired Katkus in September after a Pentagon report said that under Katkus' leadership, the Alaska National Guard was suffering low morale and problems with sexual misconduct, fraud and misappropriation.” [Alaska Dispatch, 11/3/14]

- **Major General Katkus Was The Adjutant General For The National Guard And Was Forced To Resign Over A Misconduct Investigation.** “Dressed in a blue suit and a blue and white checkered collared shirt, Maj. Gen. Thomas Katkus, former adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, climbed into the witness box in a federal courtroom in Anchorage. It’s a rare moment in the wake of a misconduct investigation and rumors of illegal drug dealing and sexual assault that, in 2014, culminated with Katkus’ forced resignation and may have cost then-Gov. Sean Parnell re-election.” [Alaska News Source, [10/19/18](#)]

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**Dahlstrom Retrospectively Admitted That She “Came To Distrust” Sharing Complaints With The National Guard Official Subject To The Whistleblower Allegations**

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**Dahlstrom Later Admitted That She “Came To Distrust” The Practice Of Sharing Complaints About The Alaska National Guard With The Chief Official Often The Subject Of Those Complaints.** “As an appointed official in Gov. Sean Parnell's office in 2012 and 2013, Nancy Dahlstrom came to distrust the practice there of sharing complaints about the Alaska National Guard with the guard's chief official, an appointee of Parnell. But in 2009, when she was a conservative Republican House member representing Eagle River and Anchorage's military bases, she was a staunch defender of the status quo, sending a pointed email to a whistleblower complaining about several top officers, including Thomas Katkus, the general Parnell was about to name as guard commander.” [Alaska Dispatch, 11/3/14]

- **The Governor’s Office Was Found To Not Have Properly Responded.** “The Law Department released the documents under court order in a public records lawsuit brought by Alaska Dispatch News and Alaska Public Media. The news organizations said the governor's office had not properly responded to requests for information in the guard scandal dating back to May.” [Alaska Dispatch, 11/3/14]

**Dahlstrom May Have Illegally Taken A Job, Which Eventually Led To Her Resignation From Governor Parnell’s Cabinet As Senior Military Advisor**

**Dahlstrom Resigned After A State Attorney General Said A Court May Find It Illegal For Dahlstrom To Have**



**Taken The Job.** “Former state Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom resigned Friday as Gov. Sean Parnell's senior military adviser after the state attorney general said a court might find it illegal for Parnell to have given her the job. Attorney General Dan Sullivan said Parnell hired Dahlstrom after the Department of Law told him it was legal. But Sullivan said a new, more thorough analysis, prompted by criticism of the hire, showed that initial advice was questionable.” [Anchorage Daily News, [9/27/16](#)]

- **The Job Was A Senior Military Adviser Position Within The Parnell Administration.** “Dahlstrom announced in May that she would be resigning from the state House to take a new position as Parnell's senior military adviser.” [Anchorage Daily News, [9/27/16](#)]

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**Reports Alleged That Parnell Created A High Paying Job For Dahlstrom While She Was Actively Serving In The State Legislature, \A Violation Of Alaska State Law, Which Had Led Dahlstrom To Resign From The Legislature**

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**Parnell Created A High Paying Job For Dahlstrom While She Was A Sitting Legislator.** “Though ethics complaint after ethics complaint was filed against Palin, Parnell has been largely above accusation, although eyebrows have been raised about his efforts this year to create a high-paying state job for a sitting legislator. Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom eventually resigned the Legislature to take the job. The state attorney general, who works for Parnell, is reviewing the case to see if everything was on the up-and-up.” [Alaska Dispatch News, 8/29/15]

**The Alaska Constitution Does Not Allow State Legislators To Take Jobs Created For Them While They Are Serving In Elected Office.** “The Alaska Constitution doesn't allow legislators to accept jobs created while they were in office.” [Anchorage Daily News, [9/27/16](#)]

**Dahlstrom Acted In Defiance Of State Law And Appointed A Partisan Administrator To Oversee Alaska Elections, A Move One Fellow Republican Lawmaker Said, “Jeopardiz[ed]...Judgment” In Overseeing Elections**

**Dahlstrom Appointed Carol Beecher, A Registered Republican And Republican Donor, Including Donations To Dahlstrom And Dunleavy To Oversee Alaska Elections.** “Carol Beecher, who was named to [oversee Alaska elections] by Dahlstrom a day earlier, told reporters her ‘political leanings and philosophies don't play into the decisions that I make.’... Dahlstrom said she was unaware that Beecher had donated to the campaign when she made the appointment. She said she ‘strongly assumed’ Beecher was a Republican but did not look up Beecher's registration.” [Peninsula Clarion, 2/16/23]

- **Senate Majority Leader Cathy Giessel, Who Knew Carol Beecher From Their Days Together In The Anchorage Republican Women's Club, Said That Beecher Was A “Solid Republican” And That “Jeopardizes One's Judgment.”** “[Senate Majority Leader Cathy] Giessel, who served as president of the Anchorage Republican Women's Club more than a decade ago when Beecher was a member of the club, described Beecher as ‘a solid Republican.’ ‘I think that jeopardizes one's judgment, which is why I think it's important it's a nonpartisan person who is willing to say, ‘I am nonpartisan,’ Giessel said.” [KTOO, [3/10/23](#)]

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## **The Partisan Administrator Was A Donor To The Dunleavy/Dahlstrom Campaign And Trump's 2016 Candidacy**

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**Beecher Was Also A Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Donor.** “Since Dahlstrom has been in office for under a year, she has yet to oversee any statewide election. Her first action as lieutenant governor was to appoint Carol Beecher, a registered Republican who had contributed to Dahlstrom and Dunleavy's campaign, to oversee the state's division of elections. The position had previously been held by individuals who were not registered with a particular political party.” [Alaska Dispatch News, 11/14/23]

- **Beecher Was Also A Longtime Trump Donor.** “When asked whether she agreed with Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was fraudulent, Beecher said she would not 'state an opinion on any of that.' 'It really is not germane to my position as the director because my position requires that I'm impartial; that I fulfill the laws that are put on the books for us to follow for the election process,' Beecher said. She emphasized that her role was not in policymaking, but administering the state's election laws” [Alaska Dispatch, 2/17/23]

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**Beecher Sought To Remove Alaska From The Voter Rolls Nonprofit, The Electronic Registration Information Center, ERIC, Following Conservative States Announcing Plans To Leave.** “Newly appointed Alaska Division of Elections Director Carol Beecher said Thursday that she was considering severing ties with a nonprofit that helps maintain voter rolls, after several Republican-led states announced earlier this month their intention to pull out of the effort. Beecher told state lawmakers she was evaluating Alaska's membership in the organization during a presentation to the Senate State Affairs committee. She cited the cost of the program as a reason for leaving despite the benefits it provides. Her comments came after Florida, Missouri and West Virginia announced plans to no longer work with the Electronic Registration Information Center, a voluntary system known as ERIC that aims to help member states maintain accurate voter lists. Other states, including Texas, are considering pulling out.” [KTOO, [3/10/23](#)]

- **ERIC Was Subject To False Claims From Trump That The System Would “Pump The Rolls’ For Democrats.”** “ERIC has been the target of false claims from Republican former President Donald Trump and his allies, who have pointed to funding the program received from George Soros, a liberal billionaire and investor, as cause for concern. Trump wrote earlier this week on his social media platform that Republican-led states should pull out of the system, saying it ‘pumps the rolls’ for Democrats.” [KTOO, [3/10/23](#)]
- **Republican Majority Leader Expressed Concern That Beecher Had Refused To Change Her Voter Registration From Republican.** “But Senate Majority Leader Cathy Giessel, R-Anchorage, has expressed concern about Beecher's appointment to the role, given Beecher's refusal to change her registration as a member of the Republican Party.” [KTOO, [3/10/23](#)]

# **The Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Administration Fostered Food Insecurity And Curtailed Subsistence Rights For Rural Residents**

## **Significant Findings**

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- Dahlstrom was part of a gubernatorial administration that consistently curtailed subsistence rights for rural residents.
  - The Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Administration sued the federal government for land rights to the Kuskokwim River, a move that was opposed by multiple Alaska Native organizations. The administration concurrently sought to expand access to rivers with already low salmon returns to all Alaskans, threatening subsistence for rural residents who depended on salmon.
  - While Dahlstrom served in Dunleavy’s cabinet, the administration did not appoint a Tribal leader to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, a move contrary to Rep. Peltola’s federal legislation that sought to add two Tribal seats to the council.
  - While Dahlstrom served in Dunleavy’s cabinet, the administration sold off council owned Nenana Tribal Lands used as a subsistence food source for statewide “agricultural development” without the consent of tribal leaders.
  - The governor’s office also sought to challenge a special rural subsistence hunt for the Southeast Community of Kake during times of dire food insecurity during COVID-19.
- The Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Administration cut 100 jobs in the Division of Public Assistance, which handled SNAP eligibility applications. These “manufactured budget cuts” led to 12,000 Alaskans not receiving access to critical nutrition services.
- The Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Administration remained silent on the Kroger-Albertson grocery store merger, which could drive up already high food prices for Alaskans.
  - Republican Senators Murkowski and Sullivan spoke out against the merger and called on the Federal Trade Commission to act.

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**Dunleavy Filled A Cross Motion Against The Federal Government's Right To Manage Fisheries Across The State.** "On Friday, Gov. Mike Dunleavy's Administration filed a cross motion for summary judgment in federal district court to establish Alaska's primacy in managing the river fisheries across the state. 'We didn't choose this fight. The Feds foisted it on us,' Dunleavy said in a press conference on Friday. The 702-mile Kuskokwim River subsistence salmon fishery is one of the biggest subsistence fisheries in the state, with more than 1,500 households currently fishing it." [Must Read Alaska, [9/1/23](#)]

- **Fishing On The Kuskokwim And Other Rivers Was Restricted To Solely Subsistence Farming Due To Low Salmon Returns.** "It began after federal regulators limited access on the Kuskokwim to subsistence fishing. Language differed between the federal and state efforts, with the result of the river being opened to all Alaskans...Fishing on the Kuskokwim and other rivers has been restricted because of low salmon returns. The reason for restrictions is to enable more salmon to return to where they can spawn, increasing the population over the long term." [Juneau Empire, [9/1/23](#)]
- **Alaska's Largest Native Organization Sided With The Federal Government And Said That The State's Position Would Attack Its Interests And Those Of Its Members, As Salmon Scarcities Had Produced Hardships.** "Alaska's largest Native organization has sided with the federal government in its dispute with the state over salmon management in the Kuskokwim River, saying that the state's position is attacking its interests and those of its members. The Alaska Federation of Natives on Tuesday filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit filed by the federal government over management of fishing in the Kuskokwim River, a place where salmon scarcities have produced hardships." [Alaska Beacon, [9/27/23](#)]
- **The State Sought To Open Subsistence Fishing To All Alaska Residents, Not Just Rural Residents.** "Federal officials had allowed only rural residents to engage in subsistence fishing there, in accordance with the rural preference rule embedded in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. But the state opened subsistence fishing there to all Alaska residents." [Alaska Beacon, [9/27/23](#)]

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**Dunleavy Did Not Appoint A Tribal Leader To The North Pacific Fishery Management Council.** "Some tribal and subsistence advocates are criticizing Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy's nomination of a rural fisheries executive for an influential federal management post — another sign of the rising polarization and stakes in Alaska fish politics amid historic crashes in salmon stocks. Dunleavy last week announced Rudy Tsukada as his preferred nominee for an open seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council...Other critics of Tsukada's nomination said that it underscores the urgency of federal legislation, supported by Democratic U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola, that would add two tribal seats to the council. 'There's still no equitable representation,' Johnson said in a phone interview." [Alaska Beacon, [3/21/23](#)]

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**While Dahlstrom Served In Dunleavy's Cabinet, The Administration Sold Off Council-Owned Nenana Tribal Lands Used As A Subsistence Food Source For Statewide 'Agricultural Development' Without The Consent Of Tribal Leaders**

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**Dunleavy Sold Off Council Owned Nenana Tribal Lands Used As A Subsistence Food Source For Statewide 'Agricultural Development,' Without The Consent Of Nenana Tribal Leaders.** "The State of Alaska is currently auctioning off subsistence lands for industrial agriculture under the inaccurate guise of 'food security.' 'A road construction project has been under way to access the land that did not involve consultation with the Nenana Tribal Council. Public Comment for the road construction is open until Sept. 30...' Just in time for his reelection campaign, Gov. Mike Dunleavy has thrown together an agricultural 'plan' for Nenana that would be more accurately described as an invitation for bankruptcy for those who buy undeveloped state land at 5 percent down and dream of an agrarian future... If you want the cartoon version of agricultural development in Alaska, Dunleavy's trying to sell it." [Fairbanks Climate

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## **The Governor's Office Sought To Challenge A Special Rural Subsistence Hunt For The Southeast Community Of Kake During Times Of Dire Food Insecurity During COVID-19**

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**2021: Dunleavy Sought To Challenge A Special Rural Subsistence Hunt For The Southeast Community Of Kake During Times Of Dire Food Insecurity.** “A federal judge has rejected the Dunleavy administration’s legal challenge to a special rural subsistence hunt for the Southeast community of Kake during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. The tribal government in Kake’s deer and moose harvest stemmed from concerns about food security. At the time, fresh groceries in Kake were in short supply. Meat, dairy and other perishables weren’t showing up on the barge as nationwide hoarding caused shortages of basics like toilet paper, flour and other staples. Workers key to the nation’s food web were getting sick.” [Alaska Public Media, [12/7/21](#)]

- **The Kake People Were Unable To Access Fresh Groceries And Workers Were Getting Sick.** “The tribal government in Kake’s deer and moose harvest stemmed from concerns about food security. At the time, fresh groceries in Kake were in short supply. Meat, dairy and other perishables weren’t showing up on the barge as nationwide hoarding caused shortages of basics like toilet paper, flour and other staples. Workers key to the nation’s food web were getting sick.” [Alaska Public Media, [12/7/21](#)]
- **Normal Hunting Season Began In The Fall And It Was Too Early To Fish For Salmon So The Kake People Sought A Special Hunt Permit From The Federal Subsistence Board, Which Was Authorized.** “The normal hunting season doesn’t begin until the fall, and it was too early for the salmon run in the Kupreanof Island community of a few hundred people. But there are plenty of deer and moose in the dense forests, so Jackson went looking for permission to organize a community hunt — first to the state agency that oversees wildlife... In the end, the Federal Subsistence Board authorized the special hunt for the community of Kake in June. Two bull moose and five bucks were reportedly harvested, with the meat distributed to the community.” [Alaska Public Media, [12/7/21](#)]
- **Dunleavy’s Administration Filed A Lawsuit, Challenging The Special Hunt, And Claimed There Was No Food Security Risk, Emblematic Of Longstanding Tension Between State And Federal Authorities Over Subsistence Rights.** “But then Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s administration filed a lawsuit claiming there was no food security risk. It raised a number of procedural objections to allowing the special hunt. There’s long been tension between state and federal authorities over subsistence rights. And the state’s position was that the special hunt was exclusionary and an example of federal overreach.” [Alaska Public Media, [12/7/21](#)]

### **The Dunleavy-Dahlstrom Administration Cut 100 Jobs In The Division Of Public Assistance, Which Handled SNAP Eligibility Applications. These ‘Manufactured’ Budget Cuts Led To 12,000 Alaskans Not Receiving Access To Critical Nutrition Services**

**There Was A Backlog Of SNAP Applications For More Than 12,000 Alaskans Who Were Waiting For More Than A Month For Food Stamp Benefits.** “The crisis in the state’s management of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Aid Program prompted a response in Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s proposed budget, which was released on Thursday. Alaska’s backlog of SNAP applications doubled between August and November; more than 12,000 Alaskans have been waiting more than a month for food stamp benefits.” [Alaska Beacon, [12/15/23](#)]

- **The Problem With The Division Of Public Assistance Started After The Dunleavy Administration Cut 100 Jobs Of Eligibility Employees, Leaving Offices Short-Staffed Despite Warnings From State Watchdog Agencies.** “Last year, eligibility employees said workloads got too high after the Dunleavy administration cut more than 100 jobs from the Division of Public Assistance in 2021, leaving offices short-staffed, despite warnings from a state watchdog agency and the Food Bank of Alaska that it could result in a backlog. Drygas said the backlog was the result of a ‘manufactured’ budget crisis.” [KTOO, [12/11/23](#)]
- **The National Center For Law And Economic Justice Filed A Lawsuit Against Alaska For Failing To Provide SNAP Benefits.** “he National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NCLEJ) and the Northern Justice Project filed a lawsuit today against the Alaska Department of Health Commissioner Heidi Hedberg over the Department’s failure to

provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, also known as food stamps, to vulnerable communities.” [National Center For Law and Economic Justice, Press Release, [1/25/23](#)]

- **Union Leader For The Department Of Public Assistance Called The Cuts A “‘Manufactured’ Budget Crisis.”** “Heidi Drygas, director of the union that represents DPA employees, said Gov. Dunleavy’s administration could largely solve the problem and get needy Alaskans food aid if it hired and retained more DPA workers...Drygas said the backlog was the result of a ‘manufactured’ budget crisis.” [KTOO, [12/11/23](#)]

**Dunleavy Previously Sought To Tighten Work Requirements For Low-Income Adults Receiving Food Assistance.** “Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s administration is seeking to tighten rules about how much some low-income adults who receive federal food assistance in Alaska must work in order to receive such benefits, a spokesman for the governor said. The change would implement a set of federal work requirements for recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, also called food stamps, in a state that has long had a waiver from those rules.” [Anchorage Daily News, [8/12/19](#)]

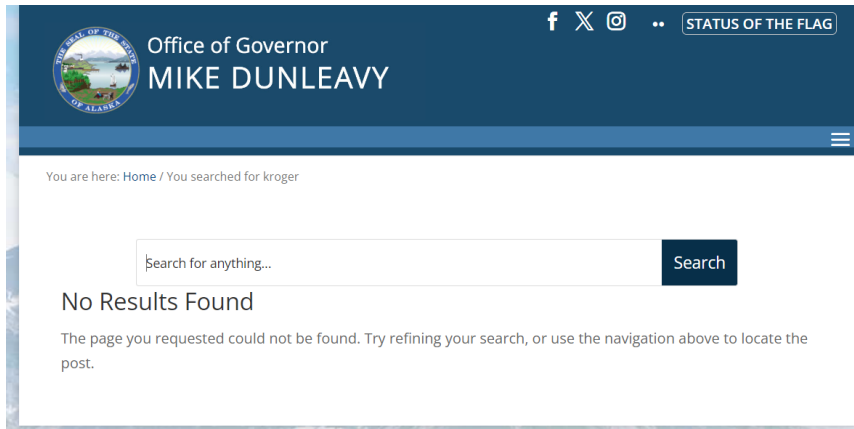
### **The Dunleavy Dahlstrom Administration Remained Silent On A Merger Between Kroger And Albertson Food Distributors, Which Could Drive Up Consumer Prices In Alaska**

**Kroger Planned A \$26.4 Billion Takeover Of Albertsons.** “Federal regulators have more time to decide on Kroger’s pending \$26.4 billion takeover of Albertsons.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/19/23](#)]

- **Senator Murkowski And Sullivan Authored A Letter Expressing Concern To The Federal Trade Commission For The Affect On “Consumer Prices, The State’s Food Security And Alaskan Employees And Their Union Contracts.”** “U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan (both R-Alaska) expressed concerns to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) about the Albertsons-Kroger merger. The FTC is overseeing the potential deal. In a letter addressed to FTC Chair Lina Khan, the Senators identified their concerns with the possible compact, including how it would affect consumer prices, the state’s food security, and Alaskan employees and their union contracts.” [Senator Murkowski, Press Release, [9/25/23](#)]
- **The Merger Was Anticipated To “Monopolize Markets, Drive Up Prices And Line Executives’ Pockets At “Expense Of Consumers” By Former USDA Alaska Farm Service Leadership.** “I’ve been working on food security for most of my career, and believe it is central to the economic security, health and opportunity for Alaskans. Unfortunately, monopolizing the grocery market would reverse much of the good work so many Alaskans have done to boost local production and strengthen food supplies. While we work locally on food security, we also need our federal delegation and the Federal Trade Commission to fight for us...Danny Consenstein is the former executive director of the USDA Alaska Farm Service Agency and a founding board member of the Alaska Food Policy Council.” [Anchorage Daily News, Danny Consentien, Op-Ed, [11/4/23](#)]

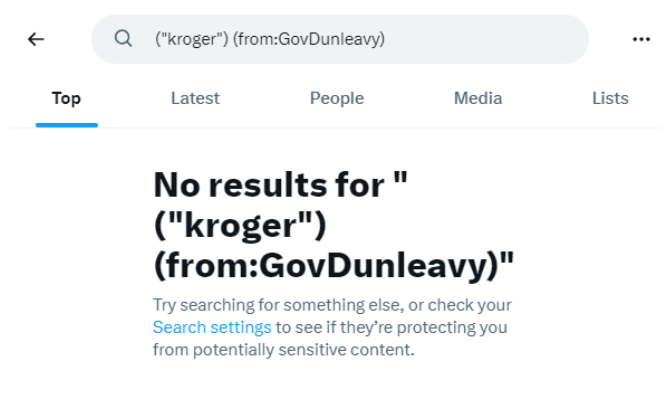
**Dunleavy Continued To Stay Silent On The Kroger-Albertson Merger.** “To win regulatory approval of the Kroger/Albertsons merger, the company will probably need to find someone to buy some of the stores in Alaska, where Safeway is the major competitor to Fred Meyer...Meanwhile, Gov Mike Dunleavy and Attorney General Tregarrick Taylor continue to stay silent about the proposed merger, the economic impact on hundreds of thousands of Alaskans and what this means for food security across the state.” [Reporting From Alaska, [12/2/22](#)]

**Dunleavy Did Not Appear To Comment On His Official Website About The Kroger Merger.** [Great State of Alaska, Office Of Governor Dunleavy, accessed [12/19/23](#)]



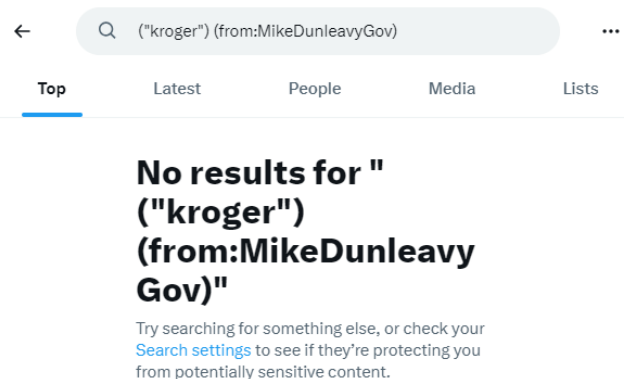
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**Dunleavy Did Not Appear To Comment On His Campaign Twitter About The Kroger Merger.** [Mike Dunleavy, Twitter, accessed [12/19/23](#)]



[Mike Dunleavy, Twitter, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

**Dahlstrom Did Not Appear To Comment On The Kroger-Albertson Merger On Her Official Website.** [Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom, Newsroom, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

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**Lt. Governor Dahlstrom to Deliver Welcome Remarks at UA Drone Conference**

August 8, 2023 (Anchorage, AK) – Tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom will deliver welcoming remarks at the 2023 Global Autonomous Systems Conference. The event is bringing together autonomous systems experts from across the country for the next three days. WHO: Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom WHAT: 2023 Global Autonomous Systems Conference WHEN: Wednesday, [...]

**Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom Announces New Chief of Staff**

May 17, 2023 (Anchorage, AK) – Alaska Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom is pleased to announce Kelly Howell as her new Chief of Staff, preceded by Josh Applebee, who had been the Chief of Staff to former Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer. Ms. Howell previously served as Lt. Governor Dahlstrom's Special Assistant since January 2023. "[...]

**Lt. Governor Dahlstrom Appoints New Elections Division Director**

February 15, 2023 (Juneau, AK) – Today, Alaska Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom appointed Carol Beecher as the new Director of the Division of Elections. Ms. Beecher's first day is today, Wednesday, February 15, 2023. "After considering several candidates from across the state, I am pleased Carol has agreed to accept the position of Director for [...]

**Lt. Governor Dahlstrom Thanks Kenai Peninsula Law Enforcement Agencies on Alaska Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**

January 9, 2023 (Kenai Peninsula, AK) – In recognition of Alaska Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom today visited law enforcement agencies on the Kenai Peninsula. To show her and Governor Dunleavy's appreciation for the dedication and sacrifice of Alaska's law enforcement officers and agencies, Lt. Governor Dahlstrom personally delivered pizzas and a [...]

**Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom Announces Key Staff Members**

January 5, 2023 (Anchorage, AK) – Alaska Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom is pleased to announce the key members of her Anchorage-based staff, including Josh [...]

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# **Perennial Candidate Gerald “Jer” Heikes Will Always Vote Against Alaskan Interests, Repealing Health Care, Removing Abortion Protections, And Taking Away Our Access To Food**

## **Significant Findings**

### **If There Is An Election In Alaska, Gerald “Jer” Heikes Will Run For It.**

- Gerald Heikes has run for office seven times, running for Alaska Governor four times, U.S. Senator one time and U.S. Alaska At-Large three times.
- Heikes pulled in nearly 6% of the Republican vote in 2020.

### **Heikes Said He Would Support Taking Away The Health Care Of Nearly 120,000 Alaskans. Heikes Even Called For The Governor To File A Lawsuit Against The Affordable Care Act.**

- Heikes said that he supported repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- 2010: Heikes called on the Alaska governor at the time to file a lawsuit against **the ACA**.
- There were 119,000 Alaskans with pre-existing conditions that would not have been covered before the Affordable Care Act who could lose insurance if the ACA was repealed.

### **Heikes, When Speaking To Food Access, Said “No More Free Rides.” Food Security Is A Major Issue In Alaska And Nearly 300,000 Alaskans Received Nutritional Support In 2022.**

- In a self-created questionnaire posted to Heikes gubernatorial campaign website, Heikes said, “no more free rides” when asked about “food stamps.”
  - “Food stamps” are a colloquial term for SNAP benefits.
- Alaska had experienced a hunger crisis when government assistance was delayed
- Nearly 300,000 Alaskans received nutritional support through SNAP benefits.

### **Heikes Said That He “Would Never Vote For Anyone That Seeks To Slay In The Womb” And Said That He Has “Always Been Pro-Life.”**

- In a questionnaire completed through Project Vote Smart, Heikes said, on abortion, that he “would never vote for any one that seeks to slay in the womb.”
- Heikes continued that he had always been “pro-life” and supported “pro-life legislation.”
- Heikes wrote a letter to the Anchorage Republican Women’s Club that said we could not be a “prosperous” nation “without protecting the unborn.”

## **If There Is An Election In Alaska, Gerald “Jer” Heikes Will Run For It**

**Gerald Heikes Has Run For Office Seven Times, Running For Governor Four Times, Senator One Times And Alaska At Large Set Three Times**

**2006: Heikes Ran For Governor.** [The Frontrunner, 7/11/06]

**2008: Heikes Ran For U.S. Senate.** [The Associated Press, 1/25/08]

**2010: Heikes Ran For Alaska's Governor.** [The Associated Press, 9/3/09]

**2014: Heikes Ran For Alaska's Governor.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

**2016: Heikes Ran For Alaska's At-Large Congressional Seat.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

**2018: Heikes Ran For Alaska's Governor.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

**2020: Heikes Ran For Alaska's At-Large Congressional Seat.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

**2024: Heikes Filed To Run For The Alaska At-Large Congressional Seat.** [Alaska Board of Elections, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

<b>Candidate Name on Ballot</b>	<b>Heikes, Gerald L. "Jer"</b> (Registered Republican) (Certified)
<b>Campaign Address</b>	16170 E. Smith Rd. Palmer, AK 99645
<b>Contact</b>	(907) 390-0422 Email: <a href="mailto:heikes@mtaonline.net">heikes@mtaonline.net</a>

[Alaska Board of Elections, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

### **Heikes Pulled In Nearly 6% Of The Republican Primary Vote In 2020**

**Heikes Received 5.8% Of The Republican Primary Vote In 2020.** [Alaska Board of Elections, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

### **Heikes Said He Would Support Taking Away The Health Care Of Nearly 120,000 Alaskans, Even Calling For The Governor To File A Lawsuit Against The ACA**

### **Heikes Said That He Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act**

**Heikes Said That He Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act.** [Gerald Heikes 2020 Questionnaire, Project VoteSmart, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

### **2010: Heikes Called On The Alaska Governor At The Time To File A Lawsuit Against Congress' Health Care Reform**

**2010: Heikes Called For Alaska To File A Lawsuit Against Congress' Healthcare Reform.** "Samuels, Walker and Heikes all said Alaska should have already filed a lawsuit against Congress' health care reform, putting Parnell on the defensive." [TendersInfo, 4/19/10]

### **There Were 119,000 Alaskans With Pre-Existing Conditions Who Would Not Have Been Protected Before The Affordable Care Act And Who Could Lose Insurance If The ACA Was Repealed**

**There Were 119,000 Alaskans With Pre-Existing Conditions That Would Not Have Been Protected Under Pre-ACA Law.** [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

## **Heikes, When Speaking To Food Access, Said “No More Free Rides,” But Food Security Is A Major Issue In Alaska And Nearly 300,000 Alaskans Received Nutritional Support In 2022**

### **In A Self-Created Questionnaire Posted To Heikes Gubernatorial Campaign Website, Heikes Said, “No More Free Rides” When Asked About “Food Stamps”**

Heikes Said “No More Free Rides” When Responding To His Own Questionnaire About Food Stamps. [Heikes on the Rock via Wayback Machine, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

10. Shall all welfare cease?  
Shall all food stamp programs?

10. (a) Yes (b) Yes No more free rides.

[Heikes on the Rock via Wayback Machine, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

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### **“Food Stamps” Are A Colloquial Term For SNAP Benefits**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Was Previously Known As Food Stamps. “The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, helps low-income people buy nutritious food.” [Social Security Administration, accessed [6/8/24](#)]

### **Alaska Experienced A Hunger Crisis When Government Assistance Was Delayed**

Alaska Experienced A Hunger-Crisis When Nutritional Benefits Were Delayed. “Thousands of Alaskans who depend on government assistance have waited months for food stamp benefits, exacerbating a long-standing hunger crisis worsened by the pandemic, inflation and the remnants of a typhoon that wiped out stockpiles of fish and fishing equipment.” [The Associated Press, [4/23/23](#)]

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### **Nearly 300,000 Alaskans Received Nutritional Support Through SNAP Benefit**

There Were 287,884 Alaska Households Who Participated In SNAP Nutritional Assistance. [USDA, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

## **Heikes Said That He “Would Never Vote For Any One [Sic] That Seeks To Slay In The Womb” And Said That He Has “Always Been Pro-Life,” More Than Half Of Alaskans Support Protecting Abortion Access**

### **In A Questionnaire Completed Through Project Vote Smart, Heikes Said, On Abortion, That He “Would Never Vote For Any One [Sic] That Seeks To Slay In The Womb”**

According To Project Vote Smart, Heikes Responded That He “Would Never Vote For Any One [Sic] That Seeks To Slay In The Womb.” [Gerald Heikes 2020 Questionnaire, Project VoteSmart, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

### **Heikes Continued That He Had Always Been “Pro-Life” And Supported “Pro-Life Legislation” Over Pro-Choice Legislation**

Heikes Said In A Questionnaire, “I’ve Always Been Pro-Life.” [Gerald Heikes 2020 Questionnaire, Project VoteSmart, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Heikes Said In A Questionnaire That He Generally Supported Pro-Life Legislation Over Pro-Choice Legislation. [Gerald Heikes 2020 Questionnaire, Project VoteSmart, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

**Heikes Wrote A Letter To The Anchorage Republican Women's Club That Said We Could Not Be A "Prosperous" Nation "Without Protecting The Unborn"**

**In A Letter To The Anchorage Republican Women's Club, Heikes Said, We Could Not Be Prosperous Without Protecting The Unborn.** "Yet, to be prosperous, without protecting the unborn and our children from child molesters is in itself an empty thing. No gold or silver can bring back a life or heal the scars in a molested child." [Heikes on the Rock via Wayback Machine, accessed [6/7/24](#)]