

## (AK-AL) Message #1 Backup

*Nick Begich supports a nationwide abortion ban and would join extremists in Washington to ban abortion in all cases without exceptions for victims of rape, incest, or to save a woman's life - and could even put doctors in jail. Begich's radical agenda would take away our freedom to control our bodies and reproductive health.*

### **Nick Begich Supports A Nationwide Abortion Ban And Would Join Extremists In Washington To Ban Abortion In All Cases Without Exceptions For Victims Of Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman's Life - And Could Even Put Doctors In Jail**

**Begich Said That He Supported A Federal Abortion Ban.** “In a candidate questionnaire from an anti-abortion group, Begich said he would support a federal ban on abortion after about the 12th week of pregnancy.” [Alaska Beacon, [9/11/24](#)]

**Begich Said His Position On Abortion Was “Pro-Life.”** “ANCHOARGE DAILY NEWS: ‘What is your position on abortion?’ BEGICH: ‘Pro-life.’” [Anchorage Daily News, [5/2/22](#)]

**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](#)]

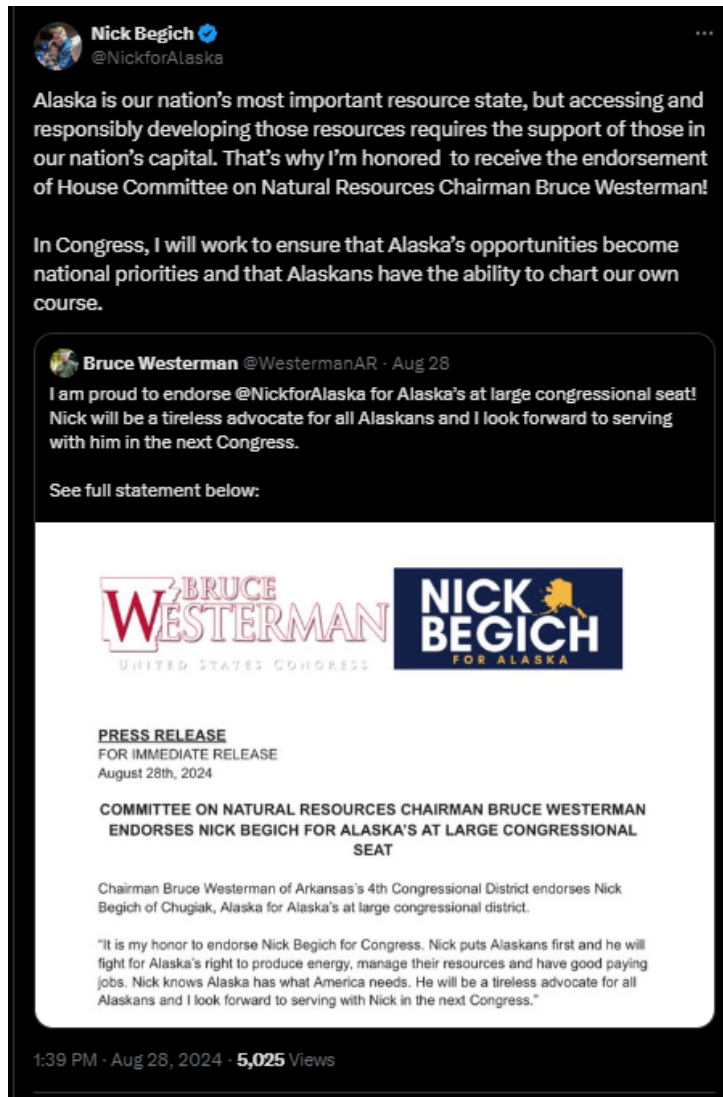
**Begich Described His Position On Abortion As “Pro-Life” And Supported Allowing States To Ban Abortions.** “To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we’re asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here’s how they responded, in their own words, to the following question on abortion: [...] 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](#)]

**Begich Was Endorsed By Jim Jordan.** “The Left’s agenda of higher taxes, diminished personal freedom, and centralized control originating in Washington couldn’t be more different from the Republican vision for the people of our nation: low taxes, small government, control returned to the states. Alaska is at the center of this tug-of-war. The fight for Alaska’s future will require others in the U.S. House to join our cause. Rep. Jim Jordan is one of those fighters, and I’m honored to have his support.” [Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/29/24](#)]



[Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/29/24](#)]

**Begich Was Endorsed By Bruce Westerman.** “Alaska is our nation’s most important resource state, but accessing and responsibly developing those resources requires the support of those in our nation’s capital. That’s why I’m honored to receive the endorsement of House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman! In Congress, I will work to ensure that Alaska’s opportunities become national priorities and that Alaskans have the ability to chart our own course.” [Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/28/24](#)]



[Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/28/24](#)]

**Begich Was Endorsed By Elise Stefanik.** "Alaska's congressional race has drawn national attention and with that attention comes the opportunity to discuss Alaska's incredible potential. I'm grateful for our House GOP Conference Chair's strong support as we work toward advancing Alaska's interests in the U.S. House. Thank you @EliseStefanik!" [Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/25/24](#)]



[Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/25/24](#)]

**Begich Was Endorsed By Steve Scalise.** “The radical left has hijacked today’s Democrat party. Socialism, wokeism, deprioritization of merit, and disdain for the family threaten to derail our great nation. House Majority Leader @SteveScaliseGOP knows that we must push back against these policies and Alaska’s House seat is critical to that effort. I’m honored to have his support as we work to restore common sense in our nation’s capital.” [Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/24/24](#)]



[Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/24/24](#)]

**Begich Was Endorsed By Tom Emmer.** “Thank you @tomemmer for your endorsement! Alaska’s only congressional seat is critical for our nation, and I look forward to the opportunity to share our story with the nation.” [Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/23/24](#)]





[Nick Begich, Twitter, [8/23/24](#)]

**Begich Was Endorsed By Mike Johnson.** “Nick Begich is a successful businessman, a proven champion for Alaska, and a commonsense conservative who puts Alaskans first. I am proud to fully endorse @NickforAlaska as we work to return Alaska's sole Congressional seat back to Republican hands. This race is key to growing our House majority, and Nick has my complete support.” [Mike Johnson, Twitter, [8/23/24](#)]



[Mike Johnson, Twitter, [8/23/24](#)]

- **Johnson, Scalise, Jordan, Stefanik, Westerman And Emmer Were All Members Of The Republican Study Committee.** [RSC, Members, accessed [9/19/24](#)]
- **The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Endorsed The Life At Conception Act.** “Rep. Alex Mooney’s (R-WV) Life at Conception Act, which would provide 14th amendment protections at all stages of life.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

### **...And Could Even Put Doctors In Jail**

**219 Republicans Voted For HR 26.** In January 2023, 219 Republicans voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care practitioners to provide the same care to a child that is ‘born alive’ after an abortion or attempted abortion as they would for a child born at the same gestational age and to ensure the child is immediately transported and admitted to a hospital; require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care; and impose criminal fines and penalties for failures to meet these requirements. It would state that a child born alive under these conditions is a legal person under U.S. law, entitled to the protections of U.S. law, and it would specifically make any act that kills or attempts to kill such a child punishable as murder or attempted murder. The bill would also prohibit the prosecution of the mother of a child born alive after an abortion or attempted abortion and permit such mothers to seek relief through civil action against any person who violates the bill’s requirements, including monetary and punitive damages.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-210. [H.R. 26, [Vote #29](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

- **Under This Bill, Health Care Practitioners Who Fail To Provide The “Required Degree Of Care” Would Be “Subject To Criminal Penalties” Including “Up To Five Years In Prison.”** “A health care practitioner who fails to provide the required degree of care, or a health care practitioner or other employee who fails to report such failure, is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, up to five years in prison, or both.” [H.R. 26, [1/11/23](#)]

## (AK-AL) Message #2 Backup

*Nick Begich's company promoted outsourcing as a "Great Solution" for small and medium-sized businesses to "eliminate salaries" for American employees. He's personally made millions by offshoring jobs to India. But even Nick's employees in India disagree. One employee says they're treated like "slaves." The jobs he offshored to India cost a would-be Alaskan employee, on average, more than \$130,000. Alaskans need their representatives to bring jobs to Alaska, not send them away.*

### Nick Begich's Company Promoted Outsourcing As A "Great Solution" For Small And Medium-Sized Businesses To "Eliminate Salaries" For American Employees

**May 2006-Present: Begich Served As Founder, CEO, And Executive Chairman Of FarShore Partners.**  
[LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

**FS** FarShore Partners  
18 yrs 5 mos  
Chicago, Anchorage, Zagreb, Osijek, Madurai, Chennai

- Executive Chairman**  
Dec 2020 - Present · 3 yrs 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.

[LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

**FarShore Partners Published A Blog Post That Said "Outsourcing Is A Great Solution For Startups" And Called The Practice "Very Beneficial."** "Outsourcing is a great solution for startups who don't have the time or resources to do everything themselves. This could be in areas such as web/app development, accounting, human resources and more. Outsourcing can be intimidating to some startups, however it is also very beneficial."

[FarShore, [8/3/17](#)]

- **The Blog Continued That, "By Outsourcing, You Eliminate Overhead Costs Such As Salaries."** "By outsourcing, you eliminate overhead costs such as salaries and you're able to draw back during slow seasons. For example, if you're outsourcing web/app development you can stop development during slow seasons to save money or use those funds elsewhere." [FarShore, [8/3/17](#)]

### He's Personally Made Millions...

**Begich Was Worth Up To \$72.31 Million.** [Office Of The House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing No. 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

**Filing Year 2021: Begich Made Up To \$5,000,000 From FarShore Partners LLC And Had Investments Worth Up To \$25,000,000.** [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing No. 10044051, [2/17/22](#)]



## FILING INFORMATION

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2021  
**Filing Date:** 02/17/2022

|  |                               |            |                              |                         |
|--|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| FarShore Partners LLC, 69% Interest [OL]                           | \$5,000,001 -<br>\$25,000,000 | LLC Income | \$1,000,001 -<br>\$5,000,000 | \$50,001 -<br>\$100,000 |
| LOCATION: Carson City, NV, US<br>DESCRIPTION: Software Development |                               |            |                              |                         |

[Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing No. 10044051, [2/17/22](#)]

**Filing Year 2022: Begich Made Up To \$100,000 From FarShore Partners LLC And Had Investments Worth Up To \$25,000,000.** [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing No. 10047053, [5/14/22](#)]

## FILING INFORMATION

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2022  
**Filing Date:** 05/14/2022  
**Period Covered:** 01/01/2021– 06/11/2022

|  |                               |            |                         |                              |
|--|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| FarShore Partners LLC, 69% Interest [OL]                           | \$5,000,001 -<br>\$25,000,000 | LLC Income | \$50,001 -<br>\$100,000 | \$1,000,001 -<br>\$5,000,000 |
| LOCATION: Carson City, NV, US<br>DESCRIPTION: Software Development |                               |            |                         |                              |

[Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing No. 10047053, [5/14/22](#)]

**2016: Begich Reported Making Over \$1,000,000 From FarShore.** [Anchorage City, Personal Financial Disclosure, [2/11/16](#)]

### PURPOSE OF FILING

Report Year: **2016**

Report Dates: From **01/01/2015** Through **12/31/2015**

Filing As: **Municipal Candidate**

Municipality: **Anchorage, City and Borough**

Office: **Assembly**

Report Type: **Candidate**

### INCOME

| Owner | Type                 | Detail  | Description                    | Amount                  |
|-------|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Filer | Salaried             | FarShore Partners LLC<br>Full-time<br>From: 01/01/2015 Through 12/31/2015<br>Time Worked: | CEO, Guaranteed Member Payment | \$50,000 -<br>\$100,000 |
| Filer | Dividend or Interest | FarShore Ventures II LLC  |                                | \$5,000 - \$10,000      |
| Filer | Dividend or Interest | FarShore Ventures III LLC   |                                | \$5,000 - \$10,000      |
| Filer | Dividend or Interest | FarShore Partners LLC   |                                | \$50,000 -<br>\$100,000 |

|       |                 |   |  |                     |
|-------|-----------------|---|--|---------------------|
| Filer | Self Employment | FarShore Partners LLC<br>Full-time<br>From: 01/01/2015 Through 12/31/2015<br>Time Worked: | Software Development and Consulting Services | \$1,000,000 or more |
|-------|-----------------|---|--|---------------------|

[Anchorage City, Personal Financial Disclosure, [2/11/16](#)]

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**2023: Begich Held Between \$5.8 Million And \$24.7 Million In Ownership Interests**

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| Investments/ Income                                    | Entity Name/Description   | 2023 Value Of Asset (Low) | 2023 Value Of Asset (High) |
|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | FarShore Partners LLC,<br>69% Interest [OL]                       | \$1,000,001.00            | \$5,000,000.00             |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | FareShore Ventures II LLC,<br>47% Interest [OL]                   | \$1,000,001.00            | \$5,000,000.00             |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | Earthpulse Press Inc., 17%<br>Interest [OL]                       | \$1,000,000.00            | \$5,000,000.00             |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | Listen Ventures III LLP, 1%<br>Interest [OL]                      | \$1,000,001.00            | \$5,000,000.00             |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | Dashfire Management, 42%<br>Interest [OL]                         | \$500,001.00              | \$1,000,000.00             |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | Wrangell-St. Elias at Elliott<br>Creek Inc., 21% Interest<br>[OL] | \$500,001.00              | \$1,000,000.00             |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | MSB Holdings Inc, 1%<br>Interest [OL]                             | \$50,001.00               | \$1,000,000.00             |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | Mitra San Antonio LLC,<br>1% Interest [OL]                        | \$100,001.00              | \$250,000.00               |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | Listen Ventures II LLP, 1%<br>Interest [OL]                       | \$100,001.00              | \$250,000.00               |

| <b>Investments/ Income</b>                                     | <b>Entity Name/Description</b>                                    | <b>2023 Value Of Asset (Low)</b> | <b>2023 Value Of Asset (High)</b> |
|--|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Ownership Interest<br/>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)</b> | <b>FarsShore Ventures LLC,<br/>50% Interest [OL]</b>              | <b>\$100,001.00</b>              | <b>\$250,000.00</b>               |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Serra Ventures Ag Tech Fund [OL]                                  | \$100,001.00                     | \$250,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Aurora Stores, Inc., 12% Interest [OL]                            | \$50,001.00                      | \$100,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | CC 142 Holdings LLC, 2% Interest [OL]                             | \$50,001.00                      | \$100,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Emerald Horeseshoe LLC, 18% Interest [OL]                         | \$50,001.00                      | \$100,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Eagle Street Properties LLP, 11% Interest [OL]                    | \$50,001.00                      | \$100,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade or Business)         | Self-Storage Qualified Opportunity Fund II, LLC, 1% Interest [OL] | \$50,001.00                      | \$100,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Stuaqpak Inc., 15% Interest [OL]                                  | \$50,001.00                      | \$100,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Zo Financial, Inc., 1% Interest [OL]                              | \$50,001.00                      | \$100,000.00                      |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Emerald Horeseshoe LLC, 4% Interest [OL]                          | \$1,001.00                       | \$15,000.00                       |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business)         | Begich Capital Partners Inc., 33% Interest [OL]                   | \$1,001.00                       | \$15,000.00                       |

| Investments/ Income                                    | Entity Name/Description                      | 2023 Value Of Asset (Low) | 2023 Value Of Asset (High) |
|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | SmartSapling Inc., 4% Interest [OL]          | \$1,001.00                | \$15,000.00                |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | FareShore Ventures II LLC, 49% Interest [OL] | \$1,001.00                | \$15,000.00                |
| Ownership Interest<br>(Engaged in a Trade of Business) | SmartSapling Inc., 1% Interest [OL]          | \$1,001.00                | \$15,000.00                |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                     |  | <b>\$5,805,022.00</b>     | <b>\$24,775,000.00</b>     |

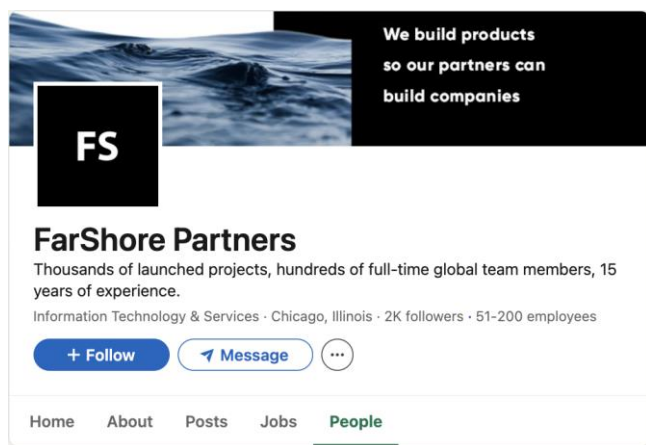
[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [11/10/23](#)]

## ...By Offshoring Jobs To India

**Alaska Dispatch News: Most Of Farshore’s Employees “Are In India And Croatia, And None Of Them Are In Alaska.”** “At age 27, Begich returned to Alaska and founded FarShore, which provides software and information technology services to other companies. The company grew to be worth millions, with around 150 employees. Most of them are in India and Croatia, and none of them are in Alaska.” [Alaska Dispatch News, [8/8/22](#)]

**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?” [Begich] 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, [8/8/22](#)]

**September 2024: Out Of FarShore’s 121 Employees, 115 Of Them Were In India And Only Four Were In The U.S., According To LinkedIn.** [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



121 associated members

Search employees by title, keyword or school

Where they live + Add

- 115 | India
- 105 | Tamil Nadu, India
- 66 | Greater Madurai Area
- 52 | Madurai
- 9 | Greater Chennai Area
- 8 | Tiruchirappalli
- 8 | Madurai
- 7 | United Kingdom
- 7 | England, United Kingdom
- 7 | Chennai
- 7 | London Area, United Kingdom
- 6 | Greater London
- 4 | United States
- 3 | Karnataka, India
- 3 | Bengaluru

Where they studied + Add

- 4 | Anna University Chennai
- 1 | University of York
- 1 | Falmouth University
- 1 | Kingston University
- 1 | Karunya Institute of Technology and Scien...
- 1 | University of Hertfordshire
- 1 | Sheffield Hallam University
- 1 | The Manchester Metropolitan University
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- 1 | Ranganathan Engineering College
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- 1 | St.John's College, Palayamkottai - 627 002



[LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

**Begich Was The Only FarShore Employee Listed As Being Based Out Of Alaska.** [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#); Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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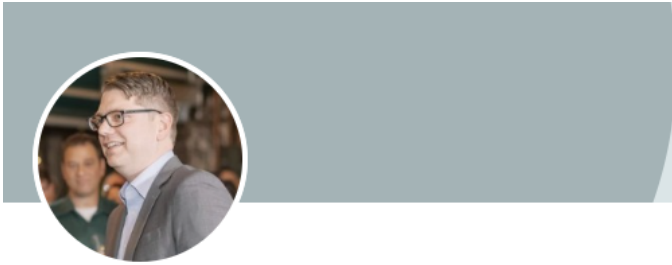


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### Nicholas Begich III

Investor / Advisor / Founder / Executive / Board Director for Early Stage, High Growth Companies

[LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#); Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

## But Even Nick's Employees In India Disagree, One Employee Says They're Treated Like "Slaves"

Researcher's Note: Users must log in to Glassdoor to see company reviews.

May 2018: A FarShore Employee In Madurai, India Said, "You Will [Be] Treated As Slaves." [FarShore, Glassdoor, [5/30/18](#)]

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**Very worst management i have ever seen**

Anonymous employee  
Current employee, more than 3 years Madurai

Recommend  CEO approval  Business outlook

**Pros**  
Nothing positive to share regarding this company. If you work more than 2 years there you will become dumb

**Cons**

- Working hours is 10:30 hours inclusive of 1:20 hrs break
- Very worst management. They will not do anything favour to employee.
- Managers have no skill set. They dont even have the project knowledge.
- Managers wont allow you to learn new technologies because they are unaware of the basic knowledge of their domain.
- Getting permission and leave from the management is nightmare. If you ask leave as sick they will not approve, they will tell us to come and work.
- Very worst notice period system. HR will not reply properly. They have their new set of policy.
- If management is taking any decision in regarding employee policy they wont even consider your thoughts. You have no right to speak. You will treated as slaves.

**Advice to Management**  
Please change your management system. Unless you change the company will not grow.All the good employees will leave your company that is what happening now.

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[FarShore, Glassdoor, [5/30/18](#)]

March 2022: A Former FarShore Employee In Madurai, India, Called For The Management At FarShore To "Treat Employee Like Employees, Not SLAVES." [FarShore, Glassdoor, [3/29/22](#)]



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Mar 29, 2022

### No Job Guaranteee

**Web developer**  
Former employee, more than 8 years | Madurai

✗ Recommend ✗ CEO approval ✗ Business outlook

**Pros**  
Nothing to say in Farshore Madurai

**Cons**  
They are not running a company. Its school. you are a student. your Lead, Managers and SM's are HOD. HR's and MD are your principals. You should call them SIR / Madam otherwise they will throw you out.

For sick leaves and your emergency works, There are no portal to apply leaves directly. every time you should reach Team Lead. Lead will call SM and then SM will HR's to get your leave approval or rejection.

ZERO Job Guarantee. Any time they will throw you out without any notice. It happened multiple times in recent years.

**Advice to Management**  
Treat employee like employees, not SLAVES.

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Helpful Share

[FarShore, Glassdoor, [3/29/22](#)]

**The Jobs He Offshored To India Cost A Would-Be Alaskan Employee, On Average, More Than \$130,000**

**FarShore Hired Android App Developers In India.** [AmbitionBox, accessed [9/11/24](#)]

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based on 12 reviews | Updated 5 Aug, 202

**Overall Rating**

★ 4.1

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 5★ | 5 |
| 4★ | 3 |
| 3★ | 3 |

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**Android App Developer in Madurai**

Full Time · Software Development Department

★ 3.0 posted on 20 Feb 2022

**Likes**  
Skill development learning

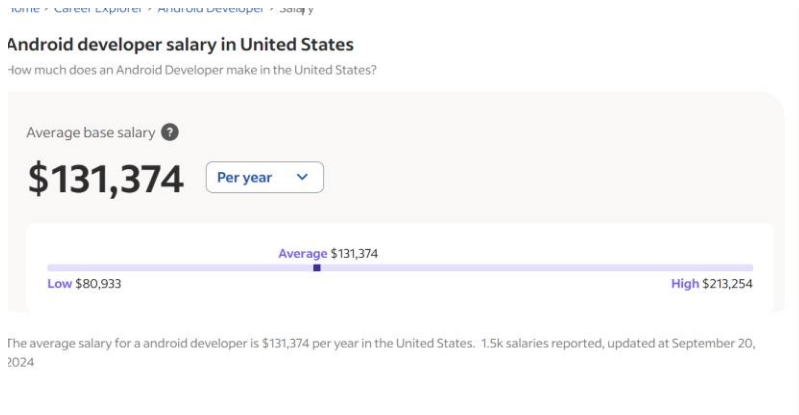
**Dislikes**  
Management, job security

**Work Details**  
Good  
Work days: Monday to Friday (Strict Timings)  
Work related travel: This is a desk job.

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Rate an  
(or lose  
RAT

[AmbitionBox, accessed [9/11/24](#)]

**Those Same Android Developing Jobs In The U.S., According To Indeed, Ranged From Salaries Of \$80,933 To \$214,000, With An Average Of \$131,374.** [Indeed.com, accessed [9/11/24](#)]



[Indeed.com, accessed [9/11/24](#)]

## (AK-AL) Message #3 Backup

*Alaskans are struggling to catch just one King Salmon to put food on their table. The Yukon is shut down for subsistence fishing and rural communities are getting less than 1% of the total yield. Nick Begich opposed legislation that would make sure the government keeps its promises to Alaska Natives and rural Alaska. He says the "people closest to industry," including industrial trawlers, should be making these decisions. Nick Begich is putting the Alaska way of life at risk.*

### **The Yukon Is Shut Down For Subsistence Fishing And Rural Communities Are Getting Less Than 1% Of The Total Yield**

**The Yukon River Was Shut Down To Subsistence Harvesters For A Full Seven-Year Life Cycle OF King Salmon.** "The agreement contains a weighty request: that all Yukon River subsistence harvesters cease fishing for a full seven-year life cycle of king salmon, also called chinook." [Alaska Public Media, [3/19/24](#)]

**Chinook Salmon Returned To The Upper Yukon At A Rate Of .94.** "We can use these data in sophisticated statistical models to estimate the number of Chinook salmon that would have returned to their natal rivers after accounting for marine mortality. This allows us to quantify the direct impact bycatch has on Chinook salmon runs. This impact rate is the number of Chinook salmon caught as bycatch that we calculate would have returned to spawn divided by the total run sizes to a given area. In 2020, the impact rate to the western Alaska stock group was estimated as 3.4 percent and the impact rate to the upper Yukon was estimated as 0.94 percent." [NOAA, [8/23/22](#)]

**The Upper Yukon Was A Largely Rural Area Settled By Over 70% Alaska Natives.** "Located in Alaska's Interior, the Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area stretches across more than 157,121 square miles from the Canadian border to the lower Yukon River. Five national wildlife refuges and several mountain ranges lie within this vast landscape. The Yukon River roughly bisects the area, flowing nearly 1,100 miles through it in a southwesterly direction. Only 8,478 people reside in the area, over 70% of them Alaska Natives." [Alaskaweb.org, accessed 10/8/24]

### **Nick Begich Opposed Legislation That Would Make Sure The Government Keeps Its Promises To Alaska Natives And Rural Alaska**

**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." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

- **The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) 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](#)]
- **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 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](#)]
- **ANILCA Was Created In Response To A Lack Of Protection For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights.** “In 1980 Congress reacted to the State’s lack of protection of Alaska Native subsistence uses and attempted to carry out the unfulfilled settlement of aboriginal hunting and fishing rights through the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980.” [University of Alaska Fairbanks, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

## He Says The “People Closest To Industry,” Including Industrial Trawlers, Should Be Making These Decisions

### **Begich Said “The People Closest That Are Closest To The Industry” Should Make Decisions On Fisheries.**

BEGICH: “If we start to, to detect that certain fisheries are failing because of climate change, then maybe we should make some long term policy decisions. But those are decisions that need to come from not from people in DC, but from the council, because the council is representative of the people that are closest to the industry, the people that are closest to the science.” [Fisheries Debate, 30:40-39:36, 10/4/22] VIDEO

### **July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Arne Fuglvog, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Glacier Fish Co.** [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, accessed [9/19/24](#)]

- **Glacier Fish Company Was A “Trawl Company” That Opposed Efforts To Scale Back On Trawling.** “On one side are tribal leaders from the Yukon and Kuskokwim [...] On the other side are representatives for the trawlers, who generally support tighter bycatch management but say some of the measures favored by tribes could cost them hundreds of millions of dollars — while giving only a tiny boost to the number of salmon returning to Western Alaska rivers. [...] ‘We’re really concerned about an action that would have a severe economic impact,’ said Glenn Merrill, director of government affairs at a trawl company called Glacier Fish.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/6/24](#)]

### **July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Kristian Uri, A Fisherman Employed By Fishermen’s Finest, Inc.** [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, accessed [9/19/24](#)]

- **Fishermen’s Finest Operated At Least One Trawler Vessel As Of September 2024.** [Fishermen’s Finest, accessed [9/19/24](#)]

### **October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From Matt Tinning, Director Of Sustainability And Public Affairs For The At-Sea Processors Association.** [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, accessed [9/19/24](#)]

- **The At-Sea Processors Association Was One Of “The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups.”** “the two leading trawl industry trade groups, the At-Sea Processors Association and United Catcher Boats.” [KUCB Local News, [7/31/24](#)]
- **The At-Sea Processors Association Promoted The “Mid-Water Trawl Alaska Pollock Fishery.”** “The mid-water trawl Alaska pollock fishery is the nation’s largest fishery. In fact, the Alaska pollock fishery is one of the largest fisheries in the world. The ability of our vessels to harvest, process, package and freeze our catch within hours of harvest allows us to produce affordable seafood products of the highest quality. The food products we produce include fillets, surimi, and fish roe. Fish meal and fish oil is produced from non-flesh parts of the fish we catch.” [At-Sea Processors Association, accessed [9/19/24](#)]

- **The At-Sea Processors Association Opposed Rep. Peltola’s Bottom Trawl Clarity Act.** “More than 50 U.S. seafood organizations and companies have signed a letter calling on U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) to immediately withdraw the Bottom Trawl Clarity Act – legislation she introduced in May that could block off large sections of the ocean from trawling gear. ‘This bill threatens seafood sector jobs in Alaska and across the United States,’ At-Sea Processors Association Executive Director Stephanie Madsen said. ‘More than 1.5 million Americans have jobs that depend on commercial seafood, and they deserve better than the politicization of fisheries science and management.’” [Seafood Source, [6/27/24](#)]

**Alaska’s Trawler Bycatch Included Hundreds Of Thousands Of Chum Salmon And Tens Of Thousands Of King Salmon Annually, Killing Fish.** “Bycatch occurs in every fishery that targets a specific species, but while seeking pollock and cod in a billion-dollar industry, Alaska’s trawlers inadvertently catch tens of thousands of king salmon and hundreds of thousands of chum salmon in their nets each year, according to observations by the National Marine Fisheries Service. By law, the salmon must be returned to the ocean, but fish die in the process. The amount of bycatch fluctuates from year to year and has fallen in the recent past, but the sheer numbers of fish caught by trawlers has aroused public ire. A Facebook group calling itself ‘Stop Alaskan Trawler Bycatch’ now boasts almost 20,000 members, and various groups have called on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council — which regulates fisheries more than 3 miles off Alaskan shores — to more tightly cap bycatch.” [Alaska Beacon, [8/10/22](#)]

**2020: Alaska’s Trawler Bycatch Was 26,000 King Salmon – One-Tenth Of The Year’s Commercial Harvest.** “Alaska’s commercial fishermen have been speaking out against big trawlers for years, complaining that the large vessels in federal waters are scooping up mature and juvenile fish. The regional council that manages federal fisheries recently heard from hundreds concerned about the number of salmon and other species that end up as bycatch in trawl nets.[...]Federal fisheries data shows trawlers in the North Pacific took about a tenth of the chinook — or king salmon — caught by Alaska’s commercial salmon fleet last year. And those numbers are tracking the same this year. But none of that catch happens on purpose. Preliminary ADF&G data shows about 263,000 kings were commercially harvested last year statewide. As of April 15, bycatch in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska areas for 2021 was around 16,000 fish, over six percent of last year’s statewide commercial harvest. Last year’s trawler bycatch was 26,000 kings, or about a tenth of the 2020 commercial chinook harvest in-state.” [KTOO, [4/22/21](#)]

## (AK-AL) Message #1 Backup

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**Howe Said The State Government Was The Number One Problem In Alaska.** QUESTION: "Name two big problems or challenges currently facing Alaska and how you plan to address them if elected." HOWE: "Number one problem is the state government, while they correctly sight Federal over-reach, the same is used as an excuse for state under-reach. The state government has title to 26% of the land, yet the Individual Alaskans have less than 1%. The State government has a large amount of right-of-ways that they will not let individuals use. The state government is spending about \$15,000 per citizen/ per year. This is not sustainable. The shortcomings are many, blaming the Federal government doesn't erase the State's evil." [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

**Howe Said The Worst Problem The Federal And State Government Has Created Was Dividing People Into Groups And Due To All The Division Having People Fight Each Other.** QUESTION: "Name two big problems or challenges currently facing Alaska and how you plan to address them if elected." HOWE: "Number two is actually the worst of all problems, we as Alaskans have allowed the state and federal governments to divide us into groups, and because of the division, we fight against each other, stopping all development other than Government dictates." [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

**Howe Believed His Core Responsibility In Office Would Be "To Reduce The Oppression That Currently Exists Against Individual Freedom."** QUESTION: "What do you believe are the core responsibilities for someone elected to this office?" HOWE: "To reduce the oppression that currently exists against individual freedom." [Ballotpedia, John Wayne Howe Candidate Connection Survey, accessed [9/10/24](#)]

**Howe Said The Government Was A "Dictatorship."** "So, if you want to vote because somebody else and you just want to be part of the gang and make the mob bigger, then that's kind of what you're doing there. You could actually find out what the people are about, what the people believe in, what the individuals want to do, because they're your elected dictator. They're the ones that's going to dictate things. And government needs to be, to a certain extent, a dictatorship. It should be a benevolent dictatorship, there are things it needs to dictate. Otherwise, it has no power. It's not a government." [Alaskans for Alaska, John Wayne Howe: Your Duty as a Voter, 3:05,



4/21/22]

## Howe Believed That Man-Made Climate Change Was Bad Science...

**Howe Said “Man-Made Climate Change Is A Lie,” So There Was No Need To Mitigate It.** QUESTION: “How do you think new resource development projects in Alaska should be balanced with the interests of environmental protection and climate change mitigation?” HOWE: “Man-made climate change is a lie, so no need to worry about mitigation. For those who want to protect wilderness areas, they should be allowed to assemble a group of Alaskans that would then use their land allotments to hold, and protect said wilderness, but to no larger amount per individual than is allotted to any other citizen for any other purpose. Much of Alaska will remain undisturbed due to the rugged nature of the land.” [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

**Howe Said That Fighting “False Science” Like “Man-Made Global Warming” Was One Of The Greatest Challenges Facing The United States Over The Next Decade.** [John Wayne Howe, Ballotpedia 2020 Candidate Connection Survey, accessed [10/11/24](#)]

What do you perceive to be the United States' greatest challenges as a nation over the next decade? ▾

Changing the dollar to be a fully backed currency, before we get stuck with a one world electronic currency.

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**Howe Said Climate Change Was Not Man Made And Wanted Public Schools To Teach Real Science Like “The Variation Of The Cycles Of The Sun’s Intensity.”** QUESTION: “What should Congress and the federal government do to deal with climate change, specifically its impacts in Alaska?” HOWE: “Be honest, that it is not man-made. Get public schools to teach real science, such as the variation of the cycles of the sun’s intensity.” [Anchorage Daily News, [10/3/20](#)]

**Howe Said The CO<sub>2</sub> Level Were “Too Low” For The Planet’s Health.** QUESTIONS: “Climate refugees: How much risk does Alaska face from climate-change-driven refugees?” HOWE: “None, but we might have troubles ahead from those that lie about Man causing warming or cooling way beyond any level of significant measure. The CO<sub>2</sub> level is, if anything too low for the best planet health. CO<sub>2</sub> = Plants, Plants = Life.” [Alaska Beacon, Alaska Congress U.S. House, accessed [9/9/24](#)]

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**When Asked If He Supported A Natural Gas Line In Alaska, Howe Said They Needed Cheap Energy And They Could “Gather Funds From Alaskans That Want To Fund This With Their Portion Of Money That We Bring Home From The Permanent Fund.”** QUESTION: “Do you support a natural gas line project in Alaska? If so, how do you plan to promote such a project?” HOWE: “First, and foremost we need cheap energy in Alaska. It is cold here, we have stuff to do here. looking at a pipeline to send the gas somewhere else, I do not care about another round of being a 3rd world nation state, with the Darned Feds stealing 1/2 of it. Any plans need to be for use here first, get the fertilizer plant going again, gather funds from Alaskans that want to fund this with their portion of money that we bring home from the permanent fund.” [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

- **The Permanent Fund Was A sovereign Wealth Fund That Derived From Oil Revenues.** “How the Alaska Permanent Fund works: The fund operates as a sovereign wealth fund, with a portion of oil and mining revenues deposited into it each year. These funds are then invested in a diversified portfolio,

generating returns that contribute to the fund's growth." [Earth4All.com, accessed [10/11/24](#)]

**Howe Said The "Alaska's Delegation To The US Must Obtain The Full 90% Of Oil Money That Was Originally Agreed Upon, Instead Of The 50% We Are Getting," And Said This Would Help Alaska Store Wealth Before The Collapse Of The U.S. Dollar.** QUESTION: "Oil: How long will oil be central to Alaska's economy, and what, if anything, should the state's Congressional delegation be doing now to prepare for a post-oil future?" HOWE: "Oil will be central to Alaska's economy for many more decades. While Alaska has oil, it needs to use it for in-nation Alaska projects of roads, Railroads, Mining, Dams, etc. The Idea that We be kept in the status of less than a 3rd world nation should be repugnant to all Alaskans. Alaska's delegation to the US Must obtain the full 90% of oil money that was originally agreed upon, instead of the 50% we are getting. This extra 40% would allow Alaska to store wealth in Hard assets, before the collapse of the US dollar." [Alaska Beacon, Alaska Congress U.S. House, accessed [9/9/24](#)]

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## **He Will Always Stand For The Second Amendment And Opposes Any Restrictions On The Right To Bear Arms**

**Howe Did Not Support Gun Control Legislation And Said All Gun Control Laws Were Unconstitutional.** QUESTION: "Do you support gun control legislation? If so, what kind of measures would you support? If not, why not?" HOWE: "I do not support gun control legislation. All gun control laws are unconstitutional. We need less gun laws, not more. Yes, even fully automatic weapons should be legal. My ideas are not mainstream; they are Alaskan ideas. To see more Alaskan ideas, please see my YouTube channel, 'Alaska for Alaskans.'" [Anchorage Daily News, [5/29/22](#)]

**Howe Said "When It Comes To Gun Rights, I'm Probably More Strong– Well More So Than The [National Rifle Association] NRA People By Far."** HOWE: "If I'm elected, I don't think that I'm going to get a lot of things done because the reality is that most of the senators and congressmen that are down in the lower 48 would be against the ideas of me being an independent person. And that's what I'm really for. I think that as I can work for that it's probably not going to get that far but I can probably stop some of the other things. One thing that I would try and work for and we need to give gun rights back. We do not have gun rights currently. [...] And when it comes to gun rights, I'm probably more strong– well more so than the NRA people by far because it's not a matter of, as you hear a lot of people say, keeping my gun, hiding it in the backyard, you know, my cold fingers, pry 'em. That's irrelevant. If somebody comes to my house, wants to take my guns from me, the government wants them. They can have them cause I don't want to get killed. That's a realistic, honest position. It does me no good to get killed. It does me no good to put the guns in the backyard and bury them but on the other side of it. When someone from the government decides they're going to come to my neighbor across town out in the far end of town, maybe way out there in North Pole, I'm Fox, or way out in Ester, and they decide they're going to take the guns away from them, I need to go there and stop them. I need to go there and back up those citizens with their rights and tell whatever government officials are there that they're not going to do that. And that's what all of us citizens need to do." [Newscaster Fairbanks, 4:32, [8/15/20](#)] (VIDEO)

**Howe Wanted To "Remove The Many Governmental Violations Already Enacted Against The 2nd Amendment."** QUESTION: "'What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about?" HOWE: "Any and all government agencies must be voluntarily funded, else we are only residents in a dictatorship, if You vote to force another to pay for something, You are part of the dictatorship. We need to remove the many governmental violations already enacted against the 2nd amendment. Healthcare is costing too much because the government has granted extensive monopolies through the FDA, this has raised the cost, lowered the availability, and in short,

violated the basic human right to have healthcare from any provider You choose. Healthcare itself needs revision, insurance at best averages the cost, it can never lower it. Good economy is achieved when people occupy the land, farming, building, mining, Manufacturing, serving others. Money is only a secondary part of a good economy, and worthless if it has no backing. We Alaskans need to own and occupy our land. Private ownership is less than 1% , we need to fix this on all levels, Borough, State, Federal, even the Native corporations. The land needs individual people to own it, using it for their own dreams. Freedom is the foremost need, I ask You to join with me in working for freedoms of others. Do what ever You can through peaceful means, to help other Alaskans to be free. If we all work to make others free, we too will become free.” [Ballotpedia, John Wayne Howe Candidate Connection Survey, accessed [9/10/24](#)]

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