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## ASEA PRESENTS SENATE PRESIDENT WITH PINK SLIP FOR BUDGET FAILURE

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 has gathered more than 1,600 signatures on oversized “pink slips” for the Senate Majority, representing the frustration of state employees and members of the public with the legislative deadlock over budget negotiations.

ASEA Executive Director Jim Duncan, Alaska AFL-CIO President Vince Beltrami, and ASEA members in Juneau will deliver the pink poster-sized petitions to the offices of Senate President Pete Kelly on Tuesday, June 13 at 12:30 p.m.

The Legislature is currently engaged in a reconciliation process as select members of the House work with Senate counterparts to agree on a budget. The Senate Majority was holding out for \$250 million in cuts to services and did not propose a fiscal plan sufficient to fund state government.

“The House passed all the components of a fiscal plan to provide for Alaska’s future. The Senate Majority has yet to pass a comprehensive package. Both bodies must come to the table with their proposed fiscal solutions before a compromise can be reached,” said Jim Duncan.

The Legislature missed a June 1 deadline to avoid “pink slip” notices being sent out to thousands of state employees informing them that a government shutdown would take place on July 1 if a budget agreement is not reached.

ASEA members responded by collecting signatures on pink posters outside state offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau.

Each “Unofficial Pink Slip Layoff Notice” addressed to the Senate reads “Reason for Layoff—Failure to do the job Alaskans elected you to do; Failure to pass a budget by end of session; Failure to support Alaska state service to keep our state strong.”

“ASEA members are the foundation and frontline for services to Alaska families, businesses, and industry that will be affected by a needless government shutdown,” Duncan said. “Everyone benefits from the message these pink slips carry to the Senate Majority members.”

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 represents 8,000 state and municipal employees across Alaska.

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