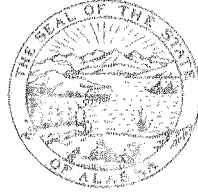


# Alaska State Legislature

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### Representative Les Gara

Governor Sean Parnell  
P.O. Box 110001  
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Dear Governor Parnell:

As the discussion on the best approach to oil policy moves forward, we would like to talk to some of the premiere experts on oil policy, who have worked with the state in the past. I hope you would agree that it is in all our interests to hear the unfettered opinions of as many experts as possible, not just those who support a particular piece of legislation, or those who side with vastly lower oil taxes.

We know there are world-renowned experts who believe in a tax rate that protects state services and a fair share for the public under systems that incentivize production by requiring investment in order to earn tax breaks and lower taxes. You yourself supported such a system as of two years ago, when you stated your support for ACES.

We understand, however, that at least two world-renowned experts supporting such a system may be under contract with your office. Under the Alaska Public Records Act, or just as a matter of courtesy, we'd request the following:

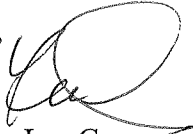
- 1) Are Bob George, formerly or presently of Gaffney Cline, and/or Rich Ruggiero formerly of Gaffney Cline but now with Baker Hughes under contract with your office?
- 2) If so, do they have any written or other obligation to testify on behalf of your proposals, or would you free them up to render their unfettered opinions on the various proposals that we will see so we can come up with the policy that protects the State and our future in the greatest possible manner?
- 3) Would you please provide us with copies of any contracts you have that are in force with these gentlemen or their employers, or if you have a contact with only one, please state so, and that the other is not under contract.

Our information is that your office kept these gentlemen under contract last year and that prevented them from sharing their opinions with the Legislature or individual legislators. That is, since they were under contract with your office they could not consult and share their unfettered opinions and analysis with legislators.

*E-mail: [Representative\\_Les\\_Gara@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Les_Gara@legis.state.ak.us)*

Thank you for this information.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Gara', written in a cursive style.

Representative Les Gara