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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 15 of the Alaska Constitution, I have vetoed the following bill:

CSHB 16(STA) AM S(EFD FLD H)

“An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements; relating to administrative complaints filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to state election expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced corporation or foreign national.”

Alaska’s campaign finance laws should protect transparency and accountability. They should not limit the ability of Alaskans to support candidates they believe in while preserving an advantage for candidates wealthy enough to fund their own campaigns.

HB 16 would place new limits on contributions from individuals and groups, but it does nothing to address the advantage held by self-funded candidates. That is not a fair balance. It restricts ordinary political participation while leaving personal wealth as a preferred path to political influence. This bill, if it became law, would radically tilt in the favor of the wealthy when it comes to elected office.

Free speech and participation in elections should not depend on personal wealth. Alaska should not make it harder for citizens to support candidates while preserving a built-in advantage for those who can self-fund.

For these reasons, I have vetoed this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure