



AKPIRG's Recent Accomplishments

Advocacy, Action, RESULTS



Campaign Finance Reform

AkPIRG helped to collect over 36,000 signatures and succeeded in getting the Campaign Finance Reform AGAIN initiative back on the 2006 ballot. Alaskan will now get to vote and AKPIRG will continue to work to get BIG MONEY OUT OF ALASKA POLITICS. (2004)

Identity Theft Protection

In the wake of the Choicepoint security breach, AkPIRG is lobbying the Alaska State Legislature to take action and protect Alaskan consumers against Identity Theft.

Dirty Diesel

AkPIRG advocacy helped convince Flint Hills Refinery to produce ultra-low sulfur fuel and the Anchorage School District to install emission-control devices on 74 of their school buses. (2004)

"Paying the Price"

An AkPIRG survey found that uninsured Alaskan consumers pay 80% more than the federal government and 109% more than Canadian consumers for 12 common prescription drugs. (2004)

"Ripoff 101"

An AkPIRG report finds that college textbook prices have increased at nearly four times the rate of inflation since 1994 and textbook publishers engage in practices that artificially inflate textbook costs. AkPIRG continues to call on publishers to stop needlessly inflating textbook costs.



Campaign Finance Reform - on the Road.

Judicial Appointment Case

An AkPIRG lawsuit forced Governor Frank Murkowski to appoint a Superior Court judge from the Alaska Judicial Council list of nominees when he tried to avoid it and handpick his personal choice. (2004)

"Trouble in Toyland"

Each year before the holiday gift-giving season, AkPIRG releases a report on unsafe toys. Over the past 17 years, the report has resulted in more than 100 recalls and other enforcement actions, and prompted passage of a federal labeling law in 1994. (2004)

Predatory Lending

AkPIRG worked with the AARP, the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska Legal Services Corporation and the Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Association, to educate vulnerable consumers and to push for state legislation restricting predatory loans. (2004)

APOC saved

AkPIRG led the effort to save the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) from extinction. The Governors actions regarding the APOC spurred AkPIRG's effort to put CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM back on the ballot. (2004)

Defeat of Proposition 1

AkPIRG helped to defeat Proposition 1 a proposal to eliminate the use of wildlife initiatives. (2000)



AkPIRG receives a Greenstar Award.

Consumer Protection

AkPIRG helped pass two pieces of consumer protection legislation that mandate clear instructions concerning "free" marketing gimmicks and "opt-out" marketing plans and bolster state consumer protection enforcement. (2004)

Workers' Compensation

AkPIRG and Alaska Injured Workers' Alliance (AIWA) instigated the first ever legislative audit of the Workers' Compensation system to spark reform in treatment of injured workers by government and the insurance industry. (2000)

Wind Energy

AkPIRG joined the Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP), a coalition of diverse entities that share an interest in renewable power, to increase the production of renewable energy in Alaska. (2004)

Mega-Merger Buster

AkPIRG stopped the BP takeover of ARCO and helped force the largest divestiture in FTC history resulting in restored competition, with Philips now on the North Slope. (1998)

Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) Raid

With AkPIRG's help, Alaskans saw the ruse of the PFD raid and defeated it by a margin of 83% to 17%—the largest ballot proposition victory in Alaska.(1999)



AkPIRG volunteers gather signatures.

AkPIRG has been protecting Alaskan consumers for more than 30 years.