

Senate District M Senator

Ryan Berry, Registered Republican



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AGE: 45

PLACE OF BIRTH: San Diego

SPOUSE'S NAME: Kelsey Berry

OCCUPATION: Mortgage Broker

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 43 Years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Wasilla 1983-1989, Eagle River 1989-1994, Wasilla 1994-2015, Anchorage 2015-2020, Wasilla 2020-2026

EDUCATION:
Colony High School 1999, University of Southern Indiana 2003

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
President, Amped Mortgage Inc., Wasilla;
Licensed Mortgage Loan Originator

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Wasilla Chamber of Commerce; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Valley Board of Realtors; Get Moving Mat-Su; Petersville Community Council; Junior Achievement; Alaska Mortgage Bankers Association; Youth Sports Coach

OTHER:
My family came to the Valley in 1983, and it has always been home. This is where I graduated high school, built my mortgage business from the ground up, and raised my daughter. For over two decades, I have helped Alaska families achieve homeownership while serving through the organizations above. Some will say I am not a politician. They are right. I own a business where I have to make payroll and create jobs.

STATEMENT:
I am not a politician. I am a businessman who has to make payroll and create jobs. When my numbers do not work, I cannot vote myself a bigger budget or charge my customers more. I find a way. That is what I will bring to Juneau, and here is how.

One: leverage the experts. I am not the expert on everything. In the private sector, I built my business by finding the people who are and putting them to work. Juneau rewards those who pretend to know it all. I will not.

Two: natural resource development. Finish the rail line to Port MacKenzie and move our resources to world markets. Bring new Cook Inlet gas online before prices, already set to jump 49 percent by 2028, crush Valley families.

Three: education. Fund schools that deliver. Ten thousand new residents arrived in four years, yet our district lost four hundred students. Every education dollar must reach the classroom, and every parent deserves choice.

Four: accountability. Every entity answers for every dollar it receives. The PFD formula is still Alaska law, and Juneau has ignored it for ten years through a loophole. Close it. Follow the statute. No sales tax, no income tax. Juneau does not need three pockets to pick.

The Mat-Su is the best place in Alaska to live, work, and raise a family. I have done all three here. Simple: find savings and grow our way out. I ask for your vote.

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