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Dear Senator MacKinnon,

I'm writing to share my concern over the Educational Tax Credit extension (ETC) that is currently under review by the Senate Finance Committee. At the University Alaska, these funds are very important for faculty, students, and administrators, especially during the lean times that we have faced over the past several years. For example, we use these funds to support students and conduct research on Alaska's valuable fisheries. While all donations to our university are appreciated, the larger donations can allow major initiatives to be developed. Thus it is imperative that we continue to encourage educational philanthropy, by continuing to allow the tax credits for those that are generously able to give. It is the right thing to do. I encourage you to help us maintain an educated populace for the betterment of Alaska, our friends and neighbors, and all of our communities.

Thank you for your support of the University of Alaska system!

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