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Hello Senators of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Fernando Escobar. I was recently nominated as the next Student Regent on the University of Alaska Board of Regents. My confirmation hearing is scheduled for May 7th at 3:30pm for the Senate Education Committee.

First, I am grateful for your leadership in leading Alaska to the future. I am proud to be an Alaskan and be able to help shape its future.

A little about me: I was born and raised on Kodiak. My family immigrated from El Salvador in the mid-2000s, and I was the first of my family to be born in the United States. This has made me a first-generation student. Throughout my middle and high school education, I was actively involved with student government, my school district, and the community of Kodiak. One of the proudest commitments I always like to speak about is my involvement with the Kodiak Teen Court. Teen Court utilizes the model of Restorative Justice for juvenile delinquents. This opportunity allowed me to work with juveniles in Kodiak and collaborate with my peers who served as youth attorneys and judges. This dedication broadened my perspective on understanding the problems and struggles faced by juveniles, students, and many others in my community.

When it was time to pursue my higher education after secondary school education, I decided to stay within the state and pursue my education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks(UAF). This decision was the best one I have made so far in my life, and I am proud to share that story of continued education in Alaska. As a student, I have had the opportunity to meet so many others, whom I call friends, and they range from all over Alaska, to the Lower 48, and some who come from other nations.

I am glad to have been nominated to represent my peers across the university system, not only to lead them but also to lead Alaska's future and its education. I look forward to your questions on May 7th!

~Fernando E.