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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Sen. Pete Kelly](#); [Sen. Anna MacKinnon](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#)
Cc: [Sen. John Coghill](#)
Subject: Funding for the University of Alaska
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Dear Senators,

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I request you take aggressive action to preserve adequate funding for the University of Alaska.

The University needs a sound budget to provide programs that meet our state's needs for education, teaching, research, and service. The state's economic future depends on adequate funding today. Alaska businesses and communities will flourish with the well trained professionals the University provides. I agree with President Jim Johnsen; "It takes a great university to make a great state."

My employer, Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. has made a tremendous investment for many years in the University Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). To mention a few: the first financial contribution to the Engineering Building (\$500,000), the Museum of the North, several endowments that return scholarships for the treasured Emil Usibelli Awards, the School of Management, the College of Engineering and Mines, the Diesel/Heavy Equipment Program at Community and Technical College, and the Honors Program.

I strongly advocate for timely, reasonable, and adequate funding for UAF. A consistent and predicable fiscal policy is integral to the overall plan and vision for economic development and job growth in Alaska.

I am confident you will find solutions.

With best regards,

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