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To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject: AKLN distance education for all Alaska"s students

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First, thank you for your careful consideration of funding needs of all our diverse communities and management agencies around the state!

I am writing to you to stress the value of the Alaska Learning Network and the opportunities it provides to students in preparing for college and career. As a math mentor in Alaska, I have seen the quality that the online distance math courses provide students who may not have access to focused, quality college-prep math courses at their schools. In smaller schools that cannot provide the variety of courses that a standard urban high school provides, this service is truly essential for students to have the chance to be ready to be successful in college. Good quality distance courses supported by AKLN teachers and mentors provide essential learning opportunities for Alaskan students so that they can be ready to become our future leaders and innovators. Please work to maintain this valuable educational service for Alaska's students!

Thank you,

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