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Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I wanted to express my complete frustration at the actions you have been taking. It feels like you have not been listening to the overwhelming voice of the Alaskan public who over and over again have said that they would like reasonable cuts to the state budget AND a look to increasing revenues so that we do not need to cut to the point of making this wonderful state a miserable place to be. By cutting into the University and the passing the costs of education to the Municipalities you are depriving our state of the ability to move forward into a better future.

Please do not pass SB207 or SB208. Cutting into education is not the way to close our budget gap. Sensible cuts and revenue options are a stronger and forward looking way to take care of our budget shortfall. Passing SB208 will send more of our young scholars outside this state and deprive us of their abilities as well as preventing those who could not afford it otherwise to attend university.

Please start listening to the people.

Thank you,  
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