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**From:** Sen. Gary Stevens  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013 4:42 PM  
**To:** Tim Lamkin  
**Subject:** FW: SB 40 - Funding for the UAA/UAF Engineering Facilities  
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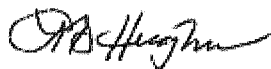
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**From:** Richard Hughes [<mailto:rahughes@gci.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013 10:36 AM  
**To:** Sen. Gary Stevens  
**Cc:** Douglas J. Goering; Ann Ringstad  
**Subject:** SB 40 - Funding for the UAA/UAF Engineering Facilities

Dear Senator Stevens:

This is to express my support for SB40, Funding for the UAA/UAF Engineering Facilities. Alaska faces serious shortages of qualified engineers and those persons are more likely to stay in Alaska if educated in Alaska. The Board of Regents set a priority to more than double the annual number of baccalaureate graduates to 200; a significant percentage of the requirement is for the rapidly growing mining industry in the state. Many of the engineers (including mining) are non-resident and lack cold climate education and experience. Approval and funding for SB40 in the amount of \$108.9 million is critically important to attain the state's self-sufficiency in a rapidly changing economic climate. Your consideration is appreciated.

Respectively yours,



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