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To: Members of our Alaska State Legislature; Governor Bill Walker & Members of Governor Walker's Administration.

The following will not balance our budget but would be a small step in that direction.

Even considering that potatoes are our main crop...We support eliminating funding for the potato program at the PMC...there are private sources available for seed or other services being provided now by the PMC. This program can be eliminated.

Further, consideration should be given to privatizing the PMC, similarly, as you are considering privatizing Mt McKinley Meat & Sausage. Research or related activities being conducted at the PMC could be combined with the University of Alaska, Alaska's Land Grant University to minimize duplication and associated administrative costs.

In closing, it is important that funding continue to DNR for Seed Certification. Seed certification is the regulatory process...world wide... that verifies that seed being planted, sold or exported meets State, Federal and International Standards. DNR is responsible for seed certification in Alaska.



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CC:

Dr. Jim Johnsen, President of the University of Alaska
Bryce Wrigley, President of the Alaska Farm Bureau