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I know you have been asked by many to support the various diverse programs and needs across our state. Under these austere financial times I would ask you to consider prioritizing education and the youth who benefit a lifetime from a well prepared educational start.

In order to prepare a workforce for the State of Alaska that is ready to meet the employment needs of today and the future, I would especially advocate for those youth who don't have access in their home schools to the rigorous academic preparation needed to access the Alaska Performance Scholarship leading to an opportunity for a post-secondary education. We know that education is the key to a self-sufficient future, it is the case for all children, especially those living outside the urban areas with limited resources and models to access education and careers. Please support their ability to become prepared to access post-secondary options by providing the distance delivery system/courses they need to succeed to the next level. It's the effective and efficient route to take for their educational access. It is truly an investment in the future with the most valuable resources any state has, their citizens. Thanks for your time.

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