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Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

The UAF College of Engineering and Mines Advisory and Development Council has been collaborating with the UAA College of Engineering Advisory Board to support the balance of funding to complete the construction of both the UAA and UAF Engineering Facilities in an efficient and timely manner. We applaud the legislature and governors for having the foresight to provide funding for these important and necessary facilities over the past four years. Thanks to these united efforts, we are now witnessing the completion of the UAA Engineering Facility, and following the progress as we work towards completion of the UAF College of Engineering and Mines Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility.

We appreciate the difficult decisions you are making to address the extraordinary fiscal challenges facing the state right now. However, as you deal with the immediate fiscal challenges at hand, we ask you to consider the long-term benefits to the state by staying on course and finishing what we started. While the balance to complete the UAF Engineering Facility is currently \$31.3 million, providing \$10 million in the FY16 capital budget will continue the course of construction to get closer to completing this much-awaited facility. Demobilizing and then remobilizing over time will cost additional funds in the millions-of-dollars, and partial funding will help to mitigate some of these unavoidable costs.

We consider the engineering facilities an investment in our capacity to build and expand Alaska's economy that will sustain us for decades to come. The construction of these facilities supports the future of Alaskan engineers, their families, Alaskan communities and the long-term economy of Alaska. This is an investment in our future.

We are graduating engineers at UAF in record numbers, and our classes are filled to capacity – and then some. We were mandated by the Board of Regents to double the number of graduates in this career field, and we have met the mandate. This facility is part of that equation.

At a time when we are faced with decreasing state revenues and more demands on state dollars, it is important to recognize this is an investment in our future. On behalf of the CEM Advisory and Development Council, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Bryan Clemenz, Chair  
CEM Advisory and Development Council  
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April 14, 2015

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Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska State Capital Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for UA Engineering Initiative

Dear House of Representatives Finance Committee,

My name is Richard Reich and I am a lifelong Alaska, born and raised in Barrow, Alaska. I went to high school in Fairbanks and then attended UAF while being employed at Design Alaska for 9 years. I earned my Civil Engineering Degree from UAF and worked on some great projects throughout Alaska. My wife and later moved to Anchorage where I went to work as a Project Engineer for ASCG, Inc., a subsidiary of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, of which I am a Shareholder. While employed at ASCG, I was able to advance my engineering career on numerous transportation projects in both rural and urban Alaska. I was fortunate to later work for the North Slope Borough as a Program Manager for 6 years on the \$400 million Village Water and Sewer Project, which was perhaps one of my most fulfilling jobs. As an Inupiaq from Barrow, I remember my upbringing that included collecting and hauling water and disposing of raw sewage. To contribute to the design and construction of modern water and sewer improvements in the North Slope villages was extremely gratifying and perhaps the motivation for earning my engineering degree.

I consider myself an "Alaskan Homegrown Engineer" and I attribute my professional career development and subsequent contributions back to Alaskan communities a direct result of my education from the UA, including my Civil Engineering degree from UAF and my MBA from UAA. I have moved onto corporate management of the Ukeagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC) professional services subsidiary companies and have employed engineering graduates from both UAA and UAF. We recognize the quality education that both of these programs offered and are motivated to hiring and nurturing Alaska graduates. Many of my UA classmates and alumni that are in key leadership roles in Alaska businesses also share this same position since its integral to sustaining our Alaskan economy.

I urge you to continue to support the funding needed to complete the UAF College of Engineering and Mines Engineering Facility. I understand the challenge and appreciate all the efforts that the Alaska Legislature is taking to balance the budget during these difficult times when the state revenue has drastically changed. However, any further delay in funding to complete the UAF Engineering Facility will only add more costs and will be detrimental to programs at both campuses. *Our Alaskan businesses depend on the quality product produced at UAA and UAF, so please consider any funding to keep this program on schedule.*

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your past support and funding of the UA Engineering Initiative. We have made tremendous progress towards accomplishing this important initiative, so let's finish what we have started!

  
Richard S. Reich, P.E.

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April 14, 2015

RE: Capitol Funding for the University of Alaska

Dear Representatives,

I am an alumni of the University of Alaska Fairbanks where I graduated in engineering. I am a licensed Petroleum Engineer in the State of Alaska and work for a consulting firm, Petrotechnical Resources Alaska, in Anchorage.

As a lifelong Alaskan I am truly excited about the future of our State. On our horizon we have numerous projects obtaining traction to be realized in the very near future. All of which will require engineers to design and implement. In my 30 year professional career in Alaska, we have never graduated enough engineers out of the Alaska Universities to meet demands. With exciting future projects the demand for engineers will only continue to grow. The engineering programs at both UAA and UAF have stepped up to the challenge and in the last decade they have doubled the number of engineering graduates. The State has recognized this growth and has allocated capitol funds to build on both campuses. The Fairbanks campus has built the shell for the Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. To complete the final phase of this effort is mandatory to accommodate future engineers vital to Alaska's future.

The investment from the State of Alaska of \$70.3MM has been spent to enclose precisely the space and design necessary to accommodate and continue to expand the University of Alaska Fairbanks engineering program growth. The commitment to this spend has already been invested. The remaining \$30MM has to be made to realize the use of this amazing facility. Postponement of the last piece of this investment is a poor economic decision. The cost for the final phase will only go up with time, and the facility will remain vacant in the interim. As Alaskans looking out for the future of the State, please realize this investment is critical to nourish the continued growth and innovation the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Engineering offers to Alaska's future.

The governing bodies must appropriate sufficient funds to meet the current project schedules for completion of the new engineering facility. Otherwise, we run the significant risk of desiccating the steady stream of Alaska-qualified students and others needed to design and construct the needed infrastructures in our great State. A continued and increasing flow of engineering graduates from both UAA and UAF is essential for our future.

Thank you for your time. It is vital to the economy and future of our great State that you understand the importance and necessity of continued funding for UAA and UAF engineering facilities.

Very truly yours,

Chantal R. Walsh, P.E. #11156  
Petroleum Engineer

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From: Dan R. Bishop  
To: Senate Finance Committee  
Subject: UAF Engineering Facility  
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 9:12:19 AM

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Dear Senators Pete Kelly, Anna MacKinnon, Click Bishop, Peter Micciche, Mike Dunleavy, Donny Olson, & Lyman Hoffman,

Graduates of the UAF engineering program have provided the backbone of GVEA's technical workforce for decades. Electrical engineers with the qualifications to work at GVEA are very difficult to recruit from other locations, so the UAF program is very valuable to GVEA and Alaska.

Please give your support to completion of the UAF engineering building.

Thanks, Dan

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**From:** ArtsVenture  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** UAF's Engineering Building  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:45:50 AM

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Please keep money in the budget to complete the extremely needed Engineering Building. Thousands have, of course, already been spent, but the training of engineers in Alaska is extremely important. Our state needs engineers and if we do not have them complete their studies in Alaska they will have to go out of state. They, then, might not come back to Alaska, where they are no needed.

Suzanne Summerville, Dr. phil.  
Retired Professor at UAF



**April 6, 2015**

**Senator Anna MacKinnon  
Senate Finance Committee Chair**

**Re: Support of UA Engineering Initiative in FY16 State Capital Budget (SB 26)**

**Dear Senator Anna MacKinnon:**

**The purpose of this letter is to ask for the Alaska State Legislature's support of continued funding to complete the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Engineering and Mines Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. While the state revenue picture has certainly changed over the past six months, the need to finish the UAF CEM facility is still necessary. We appreciate all you are doing to balance the state budget at a very difficult time indeed. It is understood that state dollars are scarce right now, yet if construction is stopped, it will cost more over time to complete this facility.**

**The balance to complete the CEM Facility is \$31.3 million. While we understand the fiscal position you face, we also know it will cost more to complete the structure the longer this is delayed. Please consider including \$10 million in the FY16 capital budget to continue the construction of this important and necessary facility. Such a funding level will keep the project from being shut down and causing contractor re-bidding and/or remobilization, and it will allow for the completion of two badly needed large classrooms for the University and for the College of Engineering and Mines.**

**Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.**

**Sincerely,  
Gene Strid, PE  
VP, CTO, GCI Wireless Services**



April 3, 2015

Senator Anna MacKinnon, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Alaska State Capital Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
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RE: Support of UA Engineering Initiative in the FY16 State Capital Budget (SB 26)

Dear Senator MacKinnon:

Thank you for your continuing efforts to find workable solutions to our State FY16 Capital Budget during these challenging times. In the past, our UAA and UAF engineering buildings have received great support from our state legislature. While the UAA Engineering Facility is completely funded, \$31.3 million is still needed to complete construction on the UAF College of Engineering and Mines Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. I understand that state dollars are scarce at this time, yet if construction is stopped, it will cost more money over time to complete this facility. **Please include \$10 million in the FY16 capital budget to continue the construction of this vital building.**

I am a life-long Alaskan and a proud graduate of the UAF College of Engineering and Mines (B.S. 1987 and M.S. 2009). I have also served on the UAF College of Engineering and Mines Advisory Committee for the past 6 years. The education I received at UAF has been instrumental in my success as a geological engineer working in the state of Alaska. Today, increasing numbers of students are discovering that the University of Alaska engineering programs with their emphasis on northern environments is a viable and employable career gateway. The new UAF engineering facility's space, equipment, and technology will provide the state-of-the art instruction required for these students.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. It is important to me, our industry, and the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,



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April 3, 2015

TO: Senate Finance Committee Members


FROM: Richard Hughes, PE

RE: Support for CEM Engineering Facility in FY16 Capital Budget

Dear Senators:

Completion of the engineering facility at the UAF Campus is critical. We realize that balancing the budget is difficult; however, failing to complete the new UAF CEM now will increase the cost considerably when construction is resumed. A \$10 million appropriation in this budget is important and badly needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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April 10, 2015

**RE: Support for FY16 Funding for UAF Engineering Building**

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce is longtime supporter of the statewide University of Alaska (UA) system, and in particular of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). We believe that a healthy university is vital for the education of our citizenry, the development of a highly trained workforce, and the research and development endeavors necessary to address the state's critical challenges.

The Fairbanks Chamber, through the work of our government relations and education committees, seeks to advise our membership on matters of education that relate to the business community. As the leading university for research and development, we continue to support the construction and completion of UAF's Engineering Building. We respectfully request the legislature support a \$10 million capital appropriation that will allow UAF to continue construction in FY16. Partial funding will provide UAF the ability to complete two classrooms as well as two labs. A separate major effort is underway to secure \$6.5 million in private investment, of which \$1 million has already been secured, to help complete the building's 4th floor. If continued funding is delayed, the state runs the risk of price escalation due to remobilizing of construction crews each year and inflation.

We sincerely appreciate the legislature's hard work on the state's FY16 budget and encourage you to fund capital projects that will pay great dividends to the State of Alaska, its people and its businesses.

Sincerely,

**GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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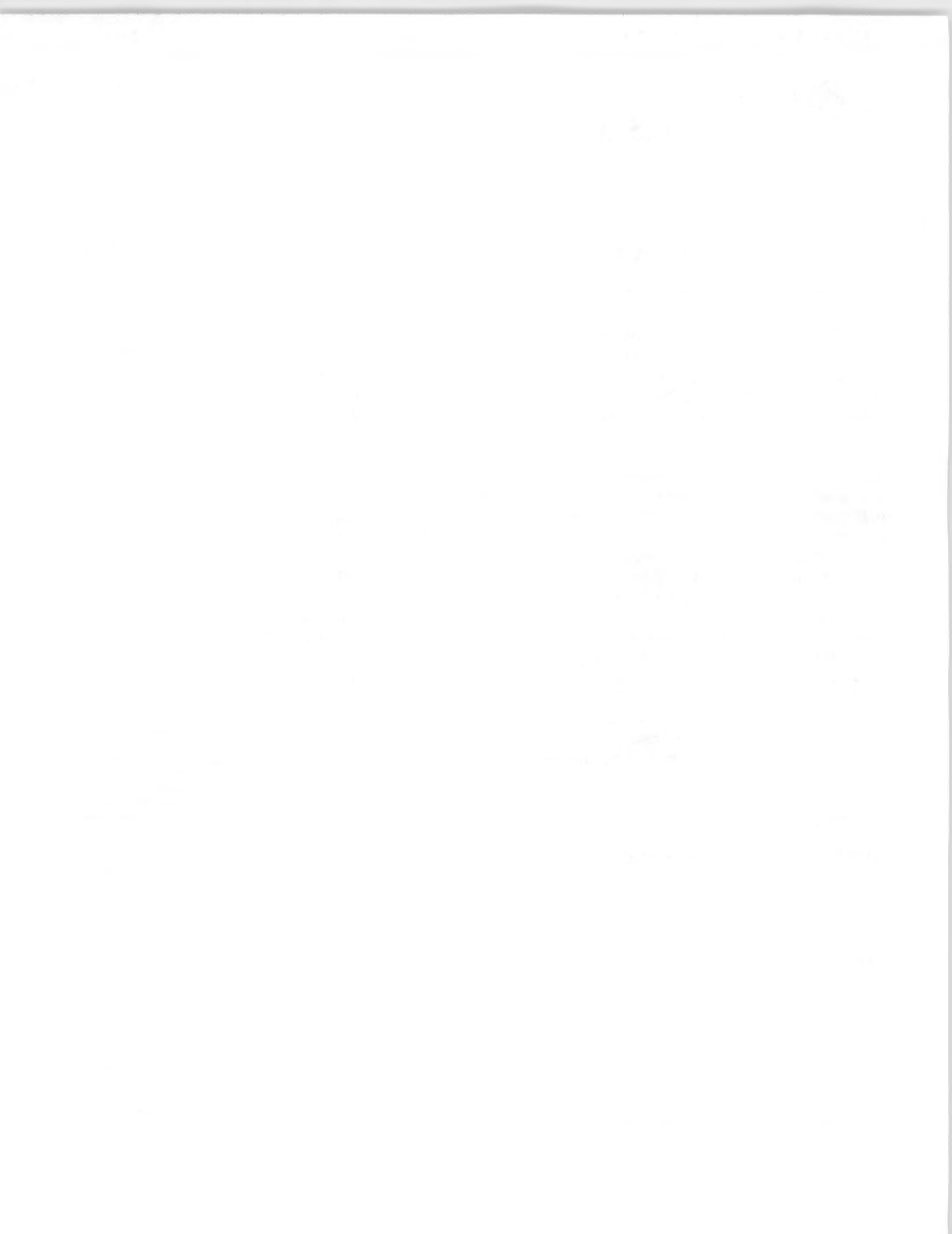
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**From:** Bryce and Janis Klug  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** UAF Engineering Building-Time To Complete What's Been Started  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:12:42 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I am approaching my 30th year in the Alaskan Architectural profession. Over those 30 years, I have worked with numerous engineers, in almost every corner of this state. I have found the most qualified and hard working engineers are the ones that are home-grown and educated here in Alaska. The new engineering building in Fairbanks urgently needs to be completed.

The building has been started, and delaying or stretching out the project will 1) add cost unnecessarily over the term of the project in these tight financial times, and 2) will limit the number of engineers able to look out after the safety and well-being of the public.

Please fund the balance of the construction project at its maximum amount.

Bryce Klug  
Anchorage



April 6, 2015

Senator Anna MacKinnon  
Senate Finance Committee Chair  
Finance.committee@akleg.gov

Re: Support of UA Engineering Initiative in FY16 State Capital Budget (SB 26)

Dear Senator MacKinnon:

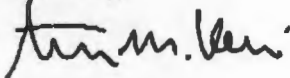
The purpose of this letter is to ask for the Alaska State Legislature's support of continued funding to complete the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Engineering and Mines Engineering (CEM) Learning and Innovation Facility.

As a graduate of the UAA School of Engineering and an employer of engineers in Alaska, I cannot over emphasize the need to support facilities necessary to educate future engineers. We have continually been behind the curve, trying to catch up with the demand for engineers in our great state. Not surprisingly, Alaska is not an environment that successfully draws outside engineers into our labor market – at least not for the long-term. I continue to have a difficult time finding engineers to hire.

The need to finish the UAF CEM facility is still necessary, regardless of the current state revenue picture. If construction is halted, it will cost more over time to complete this facility. Please include \$10 million in the FY16 capital budget to continue the construction of this important and necessary facility.

I appreciate all you are doing to balance the state budget. Thank you for taking the time to consider my input on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Steven Kari, P.E.



**From:** Thomas B Quimby [mailto:[tbquimby@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:tbquimby@uaa.alaska.edu)]

**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 8:56 AM

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**Subject:** In Support of UAF's Engineering Building

To all... I know that we are all facing tough economic times and the state needs to be responsible during this downturn. However, as I step back and look at the situation, we will not be closing the budget gap this year—by a large margin. Many of the cuts being proposed are merely drops in the gap bucket. A better long term solution must be found.

In the meantime, however, you need to be careful to not do real damage as you strive to find a solution to the budget problem. One thing that can cause damage and add real expense down the road is not funding the completion of the new UAF engineering building. From a practical stance, this building will be completed at some point and most likely with state funds. Delaying its completion will only increase the expense. Taking the long view, it is best to finish what has already been started.

The case for the building's need has already been made—that is why the building is currently under construction. Both UAA and UAF's engineering programs are growing faster than the rest of the campus enrollments because there is a real demand by Alaska's students for engineering degrees and we need both programs to address that need. There is also a real demand for graduates from both colleges with virtually 100% employment or admission to graduate school of our graduates. The vast majority of our graduates stay in Alaska and contribute to our economy in a very real manner. Unlike engineers hired from Outside, our graduates stay on the job for much longer





than the 2-3 years seen from Outside hires. Our graduates perform well above national averages on the national engineering exams—indicating that we are giving them a quality education.

Having been an part of UAA and Alaska engineering for over 30 years, I see a real need for the completion of UAF's new engineering building. It will be an integral part of meeting the demand for Alaska based engineering education.

Please fund the building's completion.

Sincerely,

**T. Bart Quimby, P.E., Ph.D., F.ASCE**

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**UAA College of Engineering**  
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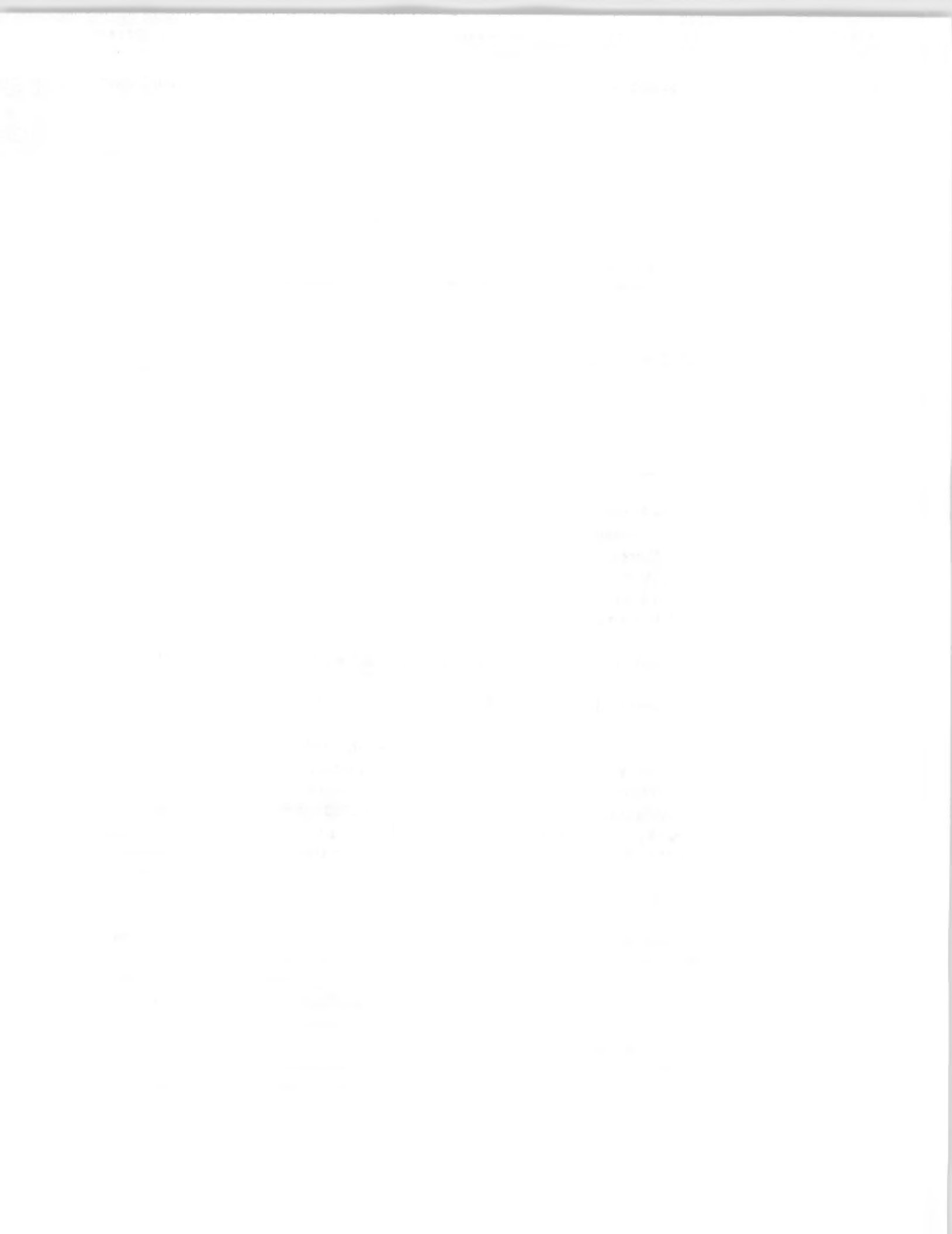
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Email: [finance.committee@akleg.gov](mailto:finance.committee@akleg.gov)****Re: Support of UA Engineering Initiative in FY16 State Capital Budget (SB 26)****Dear Senator MacKinnon and Senate Finance Committee members,**

**My name is Joseph Colonell. I have been a resident of Alaska since 1976 and I have been a registered professional engineer in Alaska since 1977. I was on the UAF faculty from 1976 to 1980, where it was my privilege to become involved in the University's statewide engineering educational programs. In 1980 I relocated to Anchorage to accept a position with an engineering consulting firm, but I maintained my connection with the University system as an adjunct professor at UAA, where I taught coastal engineering biennially until the mid-1990s. For the past several years I have been a member of the UAA College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Board.**

**During my 35-year consulting career I have worked for three major engineering and environmental consulting firms in Alaska, mostly as an operations manager. Thus, as employer of engineers and scientists, I have also been a "customer" of the University system. I have always sought to hire engineers who have been educated in Alaska, rather than hiring engineers from "Outside." This is because I know that engineers educated at UAF and UAA are (1) well-grounded in the fundamentals and, (2) they are already familiar with the special requirements of engineering design and construction in northern regions. Alaska faces a shortage of qualified engineers. UAF and UAA**



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April 10, 2015

**State Representative Mark Neuman**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
Alaska State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801**RE: Funding for the University of Alaska****Dear Representative Neuman:**

I am formerly a resident of Fairbanks and attended UAF. My family and I have res Anchorage for the past 30 years. I am a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of and a practicing attorney representing engineers, designers, and other constr related disciplines throughout Alaska.

I am writing this letter to emphasize the essential need for immediate and co funding of modern and functional engineering facilities at UAA and UAF. Over the the two campuses have experienced significant growth, coordination, and compatil their respective engineering disciplines which has unified and cross-connected cl and administration between the two schools resulting in increased efficiency, anl Importantly, engineering graduates we can be proud of and who are essential to the of our state.

Alaska universities have historically been unable to meet the demand for enginl Alaska. Current high school graduates have traditionally sought education in other



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April 4, 2015

Senator Anna MacKinnon  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska State Capitol Building  
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Dear Senator MacKinnon:

The University of Alaska needs \$31.3 million in state funding to finish its Fairbanks College of Engineering and Mines Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. This building will also house the Alaska Center for Energy and Power, and the new chemical engineering program. If the University stops construction now, it will cost more to finish the Facility later on.

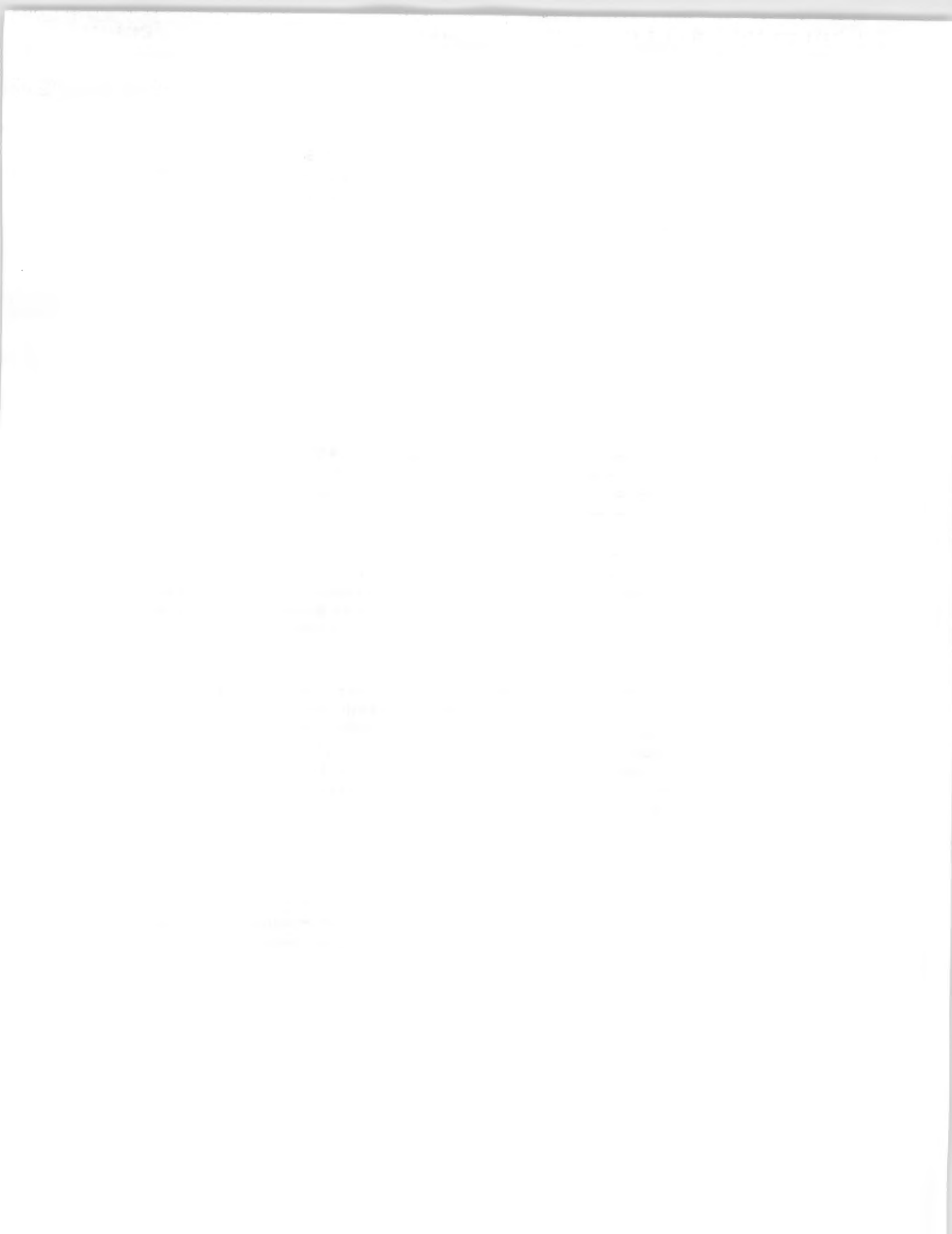
Alaska needs well-trained engineers and researchers in order to develop and maintain our State. Oil prices have fallen. We are getting less income. We have fewer dollars to spend. We have to be tough on our State budget. To get better, we must think of ways to develop Alaska and its resources, and get going in the future. Engineers have always been ones who get things done. We need to train them, and train them well. Think about this. Give them the backing to go into their work for the benefit of all Alaskans.

I got a civil engineering degree in 1954, two masters in petroleum management and public administration, and am an attorney since 1978 in Anchorage. All this helped me become the executive director of the Alaska Pipeline Commission, and the deputy director of the Alaska Division of Energy and Power Development. Before that I led a 1000-soldier battalion in Viet Nam, and retired as the deputy assistant chief of staff, logistics, U.S. Army, Alaska, in 1974. I am a member of the UAA College of Engineering Advisory Board. I tell you all this because I have been around on this planet for 82 years, and know full well why we need trained engineers in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

George Wayne Skladal  
Attorney and Counselor at Law  
Alaska resident over 47 years





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**From:** Arts/Venture  
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Retired Professor at UAF



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April 6, 2015

Senate Finance Committee  
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**RE: Support for UA Engineering Initiative In FY16 State Capital Budget**

Madame Chair McKinnon and Members of Senate Finance, I ask that you continue capital funding toward completion of the UAF Engineering Building.

I am licensed petroleum engineer and commercial consultant from Petrotechnical Resources of Alaska. I am a graduate of UAF in Mechanical and Mining Engineering. I also have an MBA from Duke University. I worked for UNOCAL in their Alaska, lower 48 and overseas operations for over 25 years. I now consult on oil and gas projects for regional native corporations, Cook Inlet Utilities and oil and gas exploration companies that are new to Alaska.

I am past Chair of the UAF College of Engineering and Mines Advisory and Development Council. This Council of engineers from across the state helps the College with strategic issues, industry perspective, as well as advocating for the College's engineering programs.

I would like to thank the legislature for recognizing the need of growing the engineering enrollment and capabilities at both UAF and UAA and to urge the committee to pass legislation to allow for the completion of the new engineering building being constructed at the UAF campus.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for the Alaska State Legislature's support of continued funding to complete the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Engineering and Mines Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility. While the state revenue picture has certainly changed over the past six months, the need to finish the UAF CEM facility is still necessary. We appreciate all you are doing to balance the state budget at a very difficult time indeed. It is understood that state dollars are scarce right now, yet if construction is stopped, it will cost more over time to complete this facility.

The balance to complete the CEM Facility is \$31.3 million. While we understand the fiscal position you face, we also know it will cost more to complete the structure the longer this is delayed. Please consider including \$10 million in the FY16 capital budget to continue the construction of this important and necessary facility.

Last year, the legislature and governor approved funding to complete the UAA engineering building and to continue work on the UAF building. These facilities are very necessary to meet



the needs of the engineering programs required to grow our State and to develop future technical professionals to design and construct our future development projects in the State.

The new facilities will allow for continued training of Alaska engineers, which are so important to current industries and economy of our State, but will also be necessary for new infrastructure and resource development in the future. These new facilities will also help in the recruitment and retention of world-class engineering faculty. There is also large support from industry to hire Alaska educated engineers. It is very expensive for companies to bring engineers into the state, train them and take the risk that they will not stay.

A few large projects in the State's future requiring large numbers of engineers are the export of our NS natural gas, now likely to be a \$45-65 billion LNG project consisting of conditioning plant, pipeline and LNG plant, offshore Arctic oil and gas development, potential pipelines from western Arctic OCS to the TAPS oil line, Watana dam hydroelectric generation and transmission, and new mines and other resource and infrastructure developments. There will probably be a lot of future engineering required in the State as a result of the current global warming trends. These future projects will require large increases in engineering staffing in the state of Alaska.

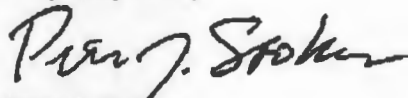
I believe the use of State funding to increase engineering capacity is a great investment in the future engineering talent that will come from our own high schools, rather than importing engineers from other states. Engineers trained in Alaska are exposed to designing for the Arctic engineering impacts. They are also used to living in our Alaska conditions and typically will remain as they enjoy our living environment. This is a big benefit for not only our students, but for companies hiring engineers in Alaska.

I understand the need to budget at more realistic levels in this environment of declining production and revenue to the State, but when we get our oil and gas fiscal policy changed to again attract investment, we will want the increased level of engineering jobs to be filled by Alaska educated engineers, not those imported from outside the State.

In closing, I am also here on behalf of my grandsons, who represent the future of our State, and who will need to pick a college in 11 and 14 years from now. If they chose engineering, I want to be proud to tell them that they can't beat the programs at UAA or UAF.

THANK YOU for your work and please consider including \$10 million in the FY16 capital budget to continue the construction of this important and necessary facility.

Very Truly Yours,



Peter J. Stokes





**Alaska Professional Design Council PO Box 241851 Anchorage AK 99524**  
**Legislative Liaison Committee Chair, Dale Nelson, PE (907) 947-1866**

## **LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE 2015 POSITION STATEMENT**

### **MEMBER SOCIETIES**

**Alaska Society of Professional Engineers**

**Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors**

**American Institute of Architects Alaska Chapter**

**American Society of Civil Engineers Alaska Section**

**American Society of Landscape Architects Alaska Chapter**

**American Council of Engineering Companies of Alaska**

**American Society of Interior Designers**

**Structural Engineers Association of Alaska**

The Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) is a consortium of professional societies representing design professionals including architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects and interior designers. We have a combined membership of over 1,500 and represent approximately 8,000 licensed design professionals. APDC collaborates on issues of shared interest through educational offerings and governmental advocacy. We are deeply rooted in the business of architecture and engineering, and committed to the long term health and vitality of our state.

One component of APDC is the Legislative Liaison Committee (LLC), a standing committee that actively works with Alaska State Legislators concerning legislation affecting the design community and the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public. APDC and the member societies foster the support, growth and development of programs that include mentoring programs in our communities, schools, and colleges that supports individual and organizations to advance their missions and goals.

APDC LLC also works closely with the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) to further the interests of the regulated design professions in keeping with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The primary issues of concern to APDC LLC this legislative session are:

**Expand QBS to cover all recipients of state funds -** The State of Alaska currently requires that design professionals for state-funded public works projects be selected using Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) criteria. This methodology has been used extensively by federal, state, and local governmental units for more than four decades. It results in the best qualified designer being selected for public projects. Alaska's QBS laws are ambiguous, and many of our political subdivisions utilize design fees, or cost, as a component of the selection process, which violates the fundamental premise of QBS.

Due to the complex nature of design projects, as well as fairness in public contracting, APDC strongly believes that it is in the public's interest to utilize QBS for all public projects. We therefore are working to extend the existing state requirement to use QBS to political subdivisions receiving state funding for public works projects. Simultaneously, we are actively providing educational materials to municipal officials and agencies about QBS so as to educate public works staff on the details of competitive and robust QBS methods.

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**University of Alaska Engineering Programs and Funding – Let's Finish What We Started –** APDC supports the state funding for education in the engineering and geomatics (surveying and mapping) programs at the University of Alaska. Funds have been provided for the Engineering Facilities at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses. The UAA Engineering Facility has been fully funded to completion. The UAF Engineering Facility has not been fully funded and requires \$31.3 million to complete.

These new engineering facilities will provide the University of Alaska at both the Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses the opportunity to expand their programs to meet the needs for engineers in the Alaska workplace and to provide an environment to stay current with ever changing technology. "Let's Finish What We Started."

**Support capital funding for deferred maintenance and repair of Alaska's public infrastructure –** APDC LLC supports state funding for capital projects that decreases the level of deferred maintenance and contributes to the repair of public facilities. Further, we support the use of long-term sustainable building designs for both new and renovated public building projects that conserve energy resources and reduce operating costs.

**Support capital funding for Educational Facilities and Educational Programs –** APDC LLC supports state funding for school facility projects to address the needs of all students and educators. School facilities are a critical part of Alaska's educational system. Adequately funding the statewide needs as prioritized by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development ensures that teachers and students will have the facilities they need to educate Alaska's children.

APDC and the member societies supports the K-12 STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) activities in the class room and also the involvement of mentoring programs. APDC's member societies have various mentoring programs that being applied in Alaska. One such program is the involvement of engineering students from the University of Alaska, campuses of Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau, to take part in the APDC LLC Legislative Fly-In.





April 6, 2015

15-GEN-038

Senator Anna MacKinnon  
Senate Finance Committee Chair  
Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska

Re: Support of University of Alaska Funding SB 26

Dear Senator MacKinnon:

My name is Patrick Walsh. I was born and raised in Nome, Alaska and attended the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. I received my Civil Engineering degree at UAF, and thereafter worked for the AKDOT in Nome for 10 years and am now working in the Alaskan oil & gas industry. I have 17 plus years with Peak, an oilfield service contractor, and have risen to the President & CEO position. I consider myself one example of an "Alaskan Grown Engineer".

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to support the continuation of funding to complete the Engineering Facility in Fairbanks. I understand the tremendous burden of budgets and the fact that you must make choices of what gets funded and what doesn't. I respect your choice and am hoping that your choice will look to the future for a return on our investment. The full funding requirement to complete the building is \$31.3 million. At this time we are asking that the FY16 capital budget include \$10.0 million so that construction can continue on this important and necessary facility.

Our State is in a position to grow. We have opportunities in the oil & gas and mining sectors, as well as transportation, communication, and many more. All of these areas of potential expansion will require engineers. In my current position I have witnessed the difficulties in finding skilled engineers. Our company's first preference is to find "Alaska Grown Engineers", but this has proven to be a very difficult task. Bringing engineers in from other parts of the nation is an option but bears risk and requires a tremendous amount of orientation time and increases the learning curve of things we in Alaska consider day to day operations.

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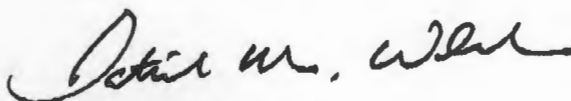
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The investment in our Universities will allow our State to produce "Alaskan Grown Engineers" and thus improve our chances of creating a highly technical workforce that is loyal to the State they were raised in. The outcome of this investment now will produce a vibrant economy driven by jobs that have high pay and promote economic stability.

If you have any further questions or wish for additional information that I may be able to provide, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 263-7000.

Sincerely,  
**PEAK OILFIELD SERVICE COMPANY**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick M. Walsh".

Patrick M. Walsh, PE  
President & CEO



**April 14, 2015**

**Boyd Morgenthaler**  
**morgenthaler@gci.net**

**To: House Finance Committee members**

**Dear House Finance Committee members,**

**Please include \$10 Million in funding for the UAF Engineering Building in this year's Capital Budget. This is 1/3 of the amount to complete the \$112 million project which is already 70% funded. With nearly \$80 million invested in the project to date the facility is still not usable, but with \$10 million more the building can be partially opened.**

**Now is not the time to be penny wise and pound foolish. Let's finish what we started.**

**As a long time employer of engineers I can say from experience that it takes 10 years to train an engineer to be independently effective. Within the next 10 years we will have resolved our State Budget crisis and our economy will be growing again. The engineers we train today will be essential to that growth. Many Alaskan engineers will retire within the next 10 years and their replacement is essential. Alaska's economy relies on engineers and engineering education is the best investment the State can make at this time.**

**Let's think long term and act short term. Please fully fund UA's \$10 Million capital request to partially open the UAF Engineering Building.**

**Most Sincerely,**

**Boyd Morgenthaler, P.E.**  
**1180 Shore Drive**  
**Anchorage AK 99515**  
**907-349-6523**







## Alaska Society of Professional Engineers



A state society of the National Society of Professional Engineers

April 9, 2015

Senate Finance Committee Members  
Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

The purpose of this letter is to urge you to support the continuation of funding to design and construct the necessary engineering facilities at UAF now. This is important for a number of reasons:

- Engineering graduates are in high demand in this state, and the need exceeds the demand.
- Current facilities are lacking in space, equipment and technology to provide state-of-the art instruction required by our students.
- Alaska faces a shortage of qualified engineers. To respond to the state's need, the University of Alaska Board of Regents set a priority to more than double the annual number of baccalaureate graduates to 200 by FY14.
- The Alaska Department of Labor's current projections through 2018 indicate an average of 50 new engineering jobs will be available each year, plus another 70 openings from annual turnover and retirement.
- Many engineers working in Alaska are non-residents - up to 35 percent in some disciplines. These employees lack education and experience in Arctic engineering principles.
- Employers prefer to hire UA graduates, as they are more likely to remain in Alaska. Graduates from both UAA and UAF are essential.

Currently \$31 million is needed to complete the UAF Engineering building. The \$8 million proposed is enough to keep forward progress on the facility and put a floor of the building into use. We are concerned that should the currently proposed funding be cut, additional costs for demobilization and then future mobilization of contractors will increase the overall cost to complete the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. It is important to our society and the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Bradley R. Fristoe, P.E.

Alaska Society of Professional Engineers - President



**DAVE DONLEY TESTIMONY SB 26 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE INCLUSION OF AT LEAST \$361,000 IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR HOPE COMMUNITY RESOURCES.**

**THE REQUESTED CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HOPE REDUCES THE OPERATING BUDGET. WITHOUT THE STATE LICENSED RESIDENCES THESE FUNDS ARE FOR, THE STATE'S OPERATING BUDGET WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED TO PAY FOR MORE EXPENSIVE INSTITUTIONAL CARE.**

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**A 2009 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT INDICATED THE OPERATING BUDGET SAVINGS FROM HAVING THESE LICENSED HOMES EXCEEDS \$10,000 PER MEDICAID RECIPIENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET SAVINGS THAT COULD BE IN THE BILLIONS WITH A "B".**

**SINCE 2009 THOSE SAVINGS HAVE INCREASED. FY13 DATA FROM THE DIVISION OF SENIOR AND DISABILITIES SERVICES REPORTS AN ANNUAL AVERAGE SAVINGS OF \$79,478 PER ALASKAN AT THESE STATE LICENSED RESIDENCES VERSUS INSTITUTIONAL CARE.**

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**THE REQUESTED CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HOPE SERVES THE NEEDIEST OF ALASKANS STATEWIDE. THE ALASKANS LIVING IN THESE RESIDENCES ARE DISABLED AND ENTITLED TO MEDICAID SERVICES.**

**THE STATE OF ALASKA IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS THE REQUESTED FUNDING ADDRESSES. THE STATE IS CHOOSING TO PLACE MORE ALASKANS ON MEDICAID WAIVERS AND CREATING THE DEMAND FOR THIS HOUSING AND THE STATE LICENSING PROCESS IS REQUIRING THESE UPGRADES.**

**WE SUGGEST THAT THIS REQUEST BE FUNDED FROM THE ALASKA HOUSING CAPITAL CORPORATION ACCOUNT. THE STATUTORY MISSION OF AHFC (AS 18.56) INCLUDES PROVIDING HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES (“SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING” – AS 18.56.090(B)(2) AND AS 18.56.390(11) AND (12)). THIS FUNDING REQUEST IS FOR UPGRADES TO STATE LICENSED HOMES FOR DISABLED ALASKANS.**

**ALASKANS STATEWIDE HAVE SHOWN THEIR SUPPORT FOR HOPE FOR 45 YEARS. HOPE RAISES ALMOST \$2 MILLION A YEAR TO HELP PAY THESE COSTS AND WE ARE ASKING THE STATE FOR A FRACTION OF THAT TO HELP US MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT HOPE’S CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST.**





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907-229-3447 / dd1@gci.net

Testimony regarding SB 26 Capital Budget

To: Members of the House Finance Committee

RE: New information regarding State Operating Budget savings from funding Hope  
Community Resources FY16 Capital Budget Request

Date: 4/14/15

#### Representatives

This letter contains new information regarding the operating budget savings from keeping open Hope Community Resources' licensed homes for Alaskans with disabilities. The previous information provided regarding savings was based on a 2009 Legislative Research Agency report. **The savings to the state have grown greatly since that report.** New data from the State's Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (DSDS) for FY13 reports an average annual savings to the State of Alaska of **\$79,478** per Alaskan at Hope's licensed care residences. That is a dramatic increase since the 2009 report and since this is FY13 data costs are growing so that the current savings are probably even greater.

Given the budget challenges this year Hope has prioritized our FY16 capital funding request. We have identified those projects that we have been advised by the State of Alaska to do to maintain licensing for these homes and those projects necessary for occupant safety totaling \$361,000. **This includes \$125,000 of projects at eight residences Hope has been specifically instructed by the Department of Health and Social Services to complete for licensing.** (Failure to address these issues may result in state fines and potential loss of licensing.) Hope continues to request \$361,000 in the Capital Budget. At a minimum the House should at least include \$125,000 in capital funding for repairs **the State has recommended** at eight state licensed care residences housing Alaskans with disabilities. **The Senate passed Capital Budget includes no funding for this request.**

28 Alaskans who experience Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) live at these eight residences. All of the Alaskans Hope serves receive the IDD medicaid waiver. These residents receive 24 hour care, 7 days per week with trained staffing present at all times.

The Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (DSDS) reports that for FY13 an IDD Waiver average annual cost was \$79,478 (see chart attached). The DSDS assesses the FY13 cost of institutional IDD care to be \$160,737 annually per recipient. That is a state savings of **\$79,478** per Alaskan at Hope's licensed care residences.

**So even if only one of these eight licensed residences closes** (the least number of residents is three in any one residence) **it will cost the State almost as much as this**





**capital funding request in additional operating costs if the state must institutionalize the current residents.** If all these eight residences close, and the state is forced to institutionalize these 28 Alaskans, it will cost the State approximately **an additional \$2,225,384 a year in operating budget expense** based on the DSDS' own data.

**We respectfully request that; based on the strong supporting documentation already provided and; the huge operating and capital budget savings the continued existence of these licensed homes will provide the State; \$361,000 for this request be included in any House Finance Committee substitute for SB26 the Capital Budget.**

We additionally suggest that this request is an appropriate use for funds in the Alaska Housing Capital Corporation Account. The statutory mission of AHFC (AS 18.56) includes providing housing assistance to Alaskans with disabilities ("special needs housing" – AS 18.56.090(b)(2) and AS 18.56.390(11) and (12)). This funding request is for upgrades to state licensed homes for disabled Alaskans.

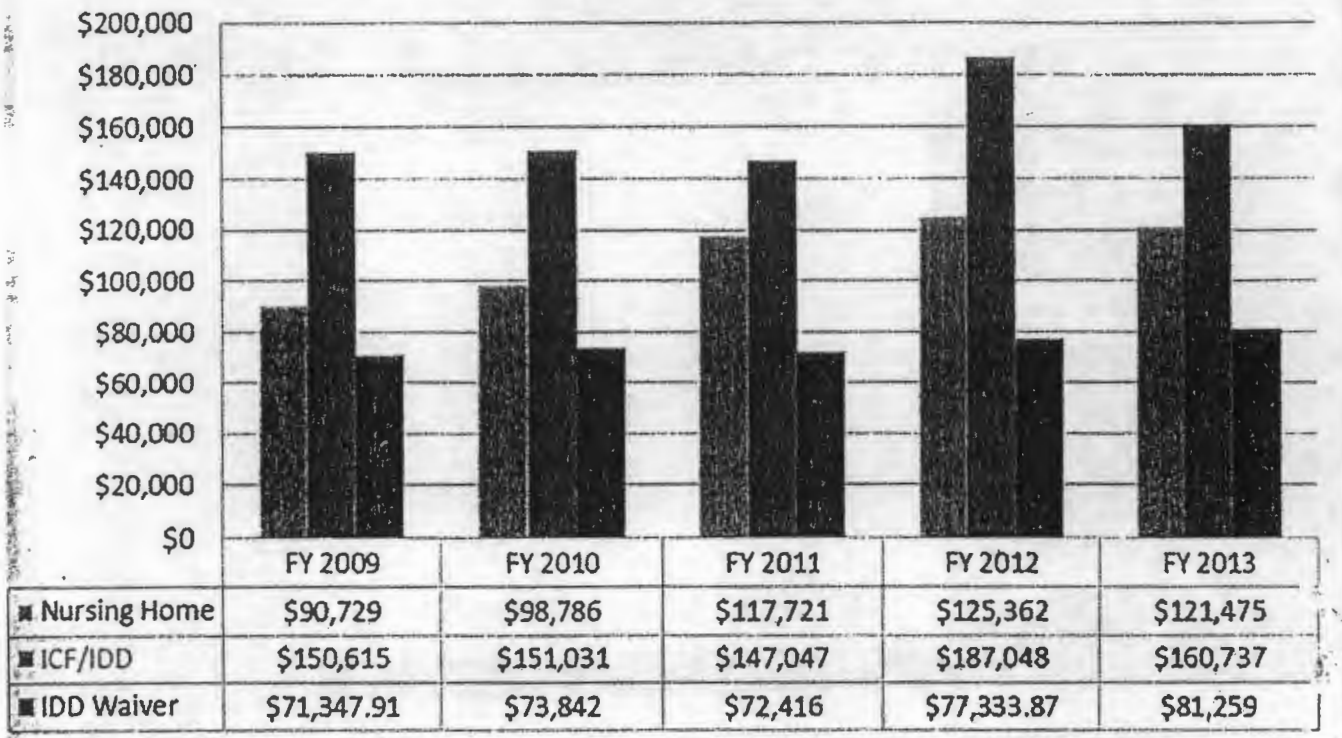
Thank you very much for considering this request. Over thirty Alaskans testified in support of this request before the Senate Finance Committee last week. I am available at any time to discuss or provide additional information regarding this request.

Dave Donley  
Lobbyist for Hope Community Resources Inc.

Contact: Dave Donley Anchorage: 907-561-8234 / Cell: 907-229-3447  
[ddl@gci.net](mailto:ddl@gci.net)



## Comparison of Average Cost Per Recipient FY 2009 - FY 2013 For Nursing Home, ICF/IDD, Waiver.



Information provided by the State of Alaska Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (DSDS) for FY13.

All Alaskans in Hope Community Resources' state licensed residences are recipients of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver (IDD).

# FY 2013 Home and Community Based Services Compared to Institutional Care Costs

SDS Medicaid Services	FY 2013 Paid Claims Total Expenditures	Cost If In Institutional Care	Total Cost Differential Waiver Actuals vs. Institutional Care
Nursing Home Authorizations	\$98,151.6	\$98,151.6	
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver	\$138,998.0	\$273,895.8	
Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities Waiver	\$7,883.4	\$10,689.8	+\$428,258.0 +129.4%
Children with Complex Medical Conditions Waiver	\$10,687.9	\$32,676.8	
Alaskans Living Independently Waiver	\$75,209.4	\$343,774.3	
Totals	\$330,930.3	\$759,188.3	

Information provided by the State of Alaska Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (DSDS) for FY13.

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## Hope Community Resources, Inc. FY16 Capital Budget Request WITH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

### Statewide Capital Budget Request / CAPSIS Sponsor: Rep. Craig Johnson

Hope Community Resources, Inc. is the largest statewide provider of community supports for children, adolescents and adults who experience disabilities. The individuals who choose Hope supports are diagnosed as intellectually disabled and/or physically disabled; experience complex medical conditions/technology dependence; or other serious health conditions. Hope provides individualized supports with nine regional offices that also serve many villages in those specific areas. The housing needs for this wide variety of individuals require Hope to acquire and maintain reasonable specialized housing and accommodations. During FY'16, in addition to this capital request, Hope has budgeted and will expend approximately \$2 million within its annual budget for regular maintenance and critical repairs. This funding request is essential for continuing the Hope tradition of providing safe and accessible community options for Alaskans who experience disabilities. **The current most critical need projects necessary to maintain state licensing and health/ safety requirements are identified.**

Tudor (Northwind)	Bathrooms ADA (2)	27/N ANCHORAGE	15,000.00	
Greendale	Bathroom	27/N ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	Licensing
Genora	Bathrooms (2)	14/G EAGLE RIVER	20,000.00	Licensing
Ruby	Bathroom	22/K ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	
Shorecrest	Bathroom	24/L ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	Licensing
Gardner	Bathrooms (3)	17/I ANCHORAGE	30,000.00	Licensing
Pioneer Muldoon	Deck/Flooring	27/N ANCHORAGE	20,000.00	Health & Safety
Beaver Place	Back Deck	16/H ANCHORAGE	15,000.00	Health & Safety
Creekside (E6th Ave.)	Asphalt	15/H ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	Health & Safety
Sherwood	Driveway	27/N ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	Health & Safety
East 40 <sup>th</sup>	Garage	18/I ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	Health & Safety
Cherokee Way	Flooring	27/N ANCHORAGE	6,000.00	
Gardner	Flooring	17/I ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	
Creekside (E6th Ave.)	Flooring	15/H ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	
Turpin	Carpet	27/N ANCHORAGE	6,000.00	
East 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave. (Sherrie)	Flooring	27/N ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	
East 40 <sup>th</sup>	Flooring	18/I ANCHORAGE	25,000.00	
Genora	Carpet	14/G EAGLE RIVER	25,000.00	
Greendale	Flooring	27/N ANCHORAGE	6,000.00	Health & Safety
Lord Baranoff	Flooring	21/K ANCHORAGE	10,000.00	Licensing
East 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave. (Sherrie)	Concrete/Asphalt	27/N ANCHORAGE	5,000.00	Health & Safety
Pribilof	Grounds	21/K ANCHORAGE	5,000.00	Health & Safety
Amber Bay Lp.	Boiler	24/L ANCHORAGE	15,000.00	Health & Safety
Pribilof	Kitchen	21/K ANCHORAGE	20,000.00	
Gardner	Kitchens	17/I ANCHORAGE	35,000.00	
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Yuguukut	Deck	37/S DILLINGHAM	20,000.00	Health & Safety
Jeffrey's Hope	Hope Deck	34/Q JUNEAU	10,000.00	Health & Safety
Juneau Office	ADA Community Van	Q JUNEAU	50,000.00	
Kodiak Office	ADA Community Van	32/P KODIAK	50,000.00	
Viewcrest	Bathroom	32/ PKODIAK	20,000.00	
Alex Court	Bathroom	30/O SOLDOTNA	15,000.00	Licensing
Redoubt	Flooring	30/O SOLDOTNA	10,000.00	
Eadies Way	Sidewalk	30/O SOLDOTNA	15,000.00	Health & Safety
Redoubt	Windows	30/O SOLDOTNA	5,000.00	
First Street	Windows	30/O KENAI	10,000.00	
Farm Loop	Driveway	9/E PALMER	20,000.00	Health & Safety
Daisy Petal Cir.	Flooring	10/E WASILLA	15,000.00	Licensing
Pioneer Parkway	Kitchen	11/F PALMER	15,000.00	Licensing

Total FY16 Requests (56 Projects): Total \$788,000.00  
 Contact for more information: Dave Donley 907-561-8234 / [dd1@gci.net](mailto:dd1@gci.net)

Licensing/Health & Safety \$361,000  
 (Most Critical Current Needs)

## **TEN REASONS LEGISLATORS SHOULD SUPPORT HOPE'S CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST – FY16**

### **1. Capital funding for Hope reduces the operating budget.**

A 2009 report by Legislative Research Services indicated the huge savings to the State of Alaska from providing Medicaid waiver in-home services such as those provided by Hope versus nursing home/other institutional services.

### **2. Capital funding for Hope reduces the capital budget.**

That same 2009 report by Legislative Research Services indicated that without non-profit service providers such as Hope, the state will incur huge capital expenses that would be required to institutionalize existing in-home service recipients

### **3. Capital funding for Hope serves the neediest of Alaskans statewide.**

Of all the recipients of capital funding, the over 1,400 Alaskans with physical and mental disabilities that Hope serves are truly the most needy and least able to get by without state help. These Alaskans are entitled to medicaid services by law.

### **4. The State of Alaska is directly responsible for these expenses.**

The State Department of Health and Social Services is choosing to place more Alaskans in the Medicaid Waiver program because it saves the state money. These costs are necessary to house those Alaskans. Additionally the State licenses all these properties and requires Hope to make these upgrades, remodels, and major repairs.

### **5. Alaskans statewide have shown their support for Hope for 45 years.**

Since its inception as one cottage in 1968 Hope has relied on the volunteer and charitable support of tens of thousands of Alaskans. Hope raises almost \$2 million a year on its own to maintain and support these homes.

### **6. Hope capital funding provides greater return for state dollars.**

Utilizing hundreds of volunteers, donated building supplies, and its own contracting license Hope completes its capital projects at much less cost and faster than either the state or the for-profit private sector could ever do.

### **7. Hope capital funding serves Alaskans statewide.**

Hope is the largest agency to provide services to disabled Alaskans on a state-wide basis through regional offices that are located in Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, Dillingham, Kodiak, Juneau, Seward, Barrow, Kenai/Soldotna, and Ketchikan.

### **8. Hope employs Alaskans.**

Hope is now the 28<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Alaska.

### **9. Hope capital funding efficiently boosts our economy.**

The small local projects funded by Hope's capital funding are some of the most economic and efficient capital budget expenditures.

### **10. You can trust Hope.**

Hope has a stellar reputation and has been serving disabled Alaskans for 45 years. Hope has a successful relationship with AHFC to provide housing for Alaskans who experience disabilities.

Hope Community Resources FY16 Capital Budget request is \$788,000 and is in CAPSIS under "Statewide Requests" sponsored by Rep. Craig Johnson.

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