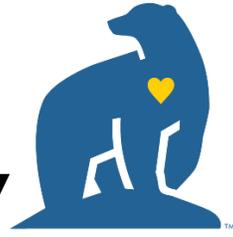


# SAVE OUR UNIVERSITY



## Let Governor Dunleavy know that you want to SAVE OUR UNIVERSITY!

After the legislature passes the state budget, Governor Dunleavy will have the option to veto or reduce any section of the budget. Let him know that Alaska wants and needs the University of Alaska to remain a vital part of our community.

Call: (907) 465-3500

Send an email via Donna Arduin, OMB Director: [donna.arduin@alaska.gov](mailto:donna.arduin@alaska.gov)

- Please copy:
  - Jeremy Price, Deputy Chief of Staff: [jeremy.price@alaska.gov](mailto:jeremy.price@alaska.gov)
  - Suzanne Cunningham, Legislative Director: [suzanne.cunningham@alaska.gov](mailto:suzanne.cunningham@alaska.gov)
  - Your representatives in the AK legislature: [LIO.Fairbanks@akleg.gov](mailto:LIO.Fairbanks@akleg.gov)
  - Newspapers (for possible publication as a community opinion):  
[letters@newsminer.com](mailto:letters@newsminer.com), [letters@adn.com](mailto:letters@adn.com), [editor@juneauempire.com](mailto:editor@juneauempire.com)

Write a letter: Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

### Keep in mind:

Please feel free to keep your message quite simple. A short, heartfelt message is far more impactful than a novel in email form.

### Points to consider in your comments:

- I support our university, and I vote.
- Don't cut the heart out of our university/our community/our education/our Alaska.
- University of Alaska Fairbanks drives our economy by educating our workers, contracting with local businesses, and attracting federal dollars to support world-class arctic research.
- Alaska's businesses and industries rely on the university to provide a highly skilled workforce – from specialized trades (like construction managers) to professionals (like engineers and accountants).
- Employees educated at UAF are far more likely to stay in Alaska and contribute to our community.

- Significant budget cuts to the university will reduce Alaskans’ access to a college education and decrease the number of programs and degrees the university can offer. That’s bad for business. We need our university to turn out more highly trained workers, not fewer.
- A strong, vibrant university in Fairbanks enhances the quality of life in the Interior, which supports a healthy business community and economy.

**Email starters:**

Template 1

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

As a business leader in Fairbanks, I urge you to support full funding of our university. UAF is vital to my business.

[Insert the number of employees at your organization who attended UAF. Add 1-3 sentences about how they contribute to your business. For example: “21 of my 77 employees are UAF graduates. They understand our Alaskan customers and the special challenges of doing business in the Interior. They are committed to this community, so they also stay with my company longer. My business wouldn’t be the same without UAF.”]

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Sincerely,

[Your name]

Fairbanks, Alaska

Template 2

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

As a business leader in Fairbanks, I urge you to support full funding of our university. My career would not have been the same without UAF.

[Insert 1-3 sentences about how UAF gave you a specific advantage or helped you decide to stay in Alaska after college. For example: “I found my passion for engineering at UAF. I would never have learned about the special challenges of arctic engineering at a school in the lower 48. The hands-on experience I got from my UAF internships connected me to my future employer, and helped me see that I could stay in my home community and have a successful career.”]

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Sincerely,

[Your name]

Fairbanks, Alaska

### Template 3

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

As a Fairbanks community member, I urge you to support full funding of our university. The cultural resources available through UAF make our community a vibrant place to live and work.

[Insert 1-3 sentences about how the music, art, community education opportunities (like summer session), or other programs at UAF have enriched your life. For example: "Knowing that Fairbanks had a strong university encouraged me to consider moving to Alaska. After growing up with the thriving music and art scene in Chicago, I was nervous about moving to a smaller town. I knew that a university would mean concerts, art classes, interesting lectures, and other cultural experiences that cities of comparable size simply cannot provide. It made Fairbanks an appealing place for a highly-educated person to put down roots without the hassles of city life."]

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Sincerely,

[Your name]

Fairbanks, Alaska

### Template 4

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

As an Alaskan, I urge you to support full funding of our university. The local teachers who study at UAF make our state a great place to raise kids.

[Insert 1-3 sentences about how a UAF-trained teacher impacted your life or your child's life for the better. For example: "My daughter's teacher is an amazing educator. She sparks the natural curiosity of the kids in her class by helping them relate the classroom subjects to real-world applications in our neighborhood. She knows how to engage with the community because she grew up here and studied just down the road. UAF helped her become a great teacher and a great member of the community."]

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Sincerely,

[Your name]

Fairbanks, Alaska