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UA Board of Regents  
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Dear Chairman Heckman and members of the Board of Regents:

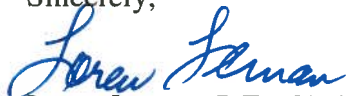
I have previously communicated to you the UAA Advisory Board's support for improved and expanded engineering facilities at both the UAA and UAF campuses. We are grateful that you approved our requests and the Legislature made big investments. We are already seeing results. In the past decade we have doubled the number of B.S. graduates—clearly a success in response to the Legislature's charge to increase the number of engineers we are preparing to enter Alaska's challenging workplace.

Although the new Engineering Innovation and Learning Facility at UAF is well started, it needs \$39.8 million to complete it and make it fully functional. Our advisory boards and college administrations continue to collaborate to improve delivery of education and reduce its costs—especially important as we face the challenges of reduced State funding. However, we support providing funding to finish what we have started, recognizing that financial arrangements may need to be creative—and include elements of receipt authority and bonding.

We invite you to attend our next Advisory Board meeting in the beautiful new Engineering & Industry Building at UAA on December 4, starting at 7:30 am. In addition to meeting up to 25 community members of our Board, you will be able to see and hear a presentation from engineering students. These presentations are a good reminder to us about why we support our University. We are pleased that President Jim Johnsen has taken special interest in the engineering programs on both campuses.

Thank you for your service to the University of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Loren Lemman, P.E., Chairman  
UAA College of Engineering Advisory Board