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Dear UA Donors and Friends:

The Governor's proposed FY20 budget includes a \$134 million, or 41 percent, reduction from UA's current operating budget. This is the largest budget cut in the university's 100-year history. The proposed budget is just the first step in the budget process. If approved, it would mean \$134 million less in state funds to fulfill the mission of the University of Alaska.

Both advocacy and contingency planning are necessary as we move forward.

The University of Alaska is dedicated to fulfilling our mission of providing the best possible education for our students in service to our state.

In the words of UA President Jim Johnsen, "We are heading into uncharted territory with lots of uncertainty ahead. I would ask you not to focus on what is uncertain. Let us focus on what is certain – that UA is a critical part of our state, that we owe our students and each other our very best, and that we must all pull in the same direction as we advocate for UA's important role in service to Alaska's future."

Thank you for your support as we move forward in these uncertain times.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan B. Foley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Behlke Foley, President
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