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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 29th, 2026
TO: Honorable Governor Mike Dunleavy, State of Alaska
CC: UAF Core Cabinet
Larry Hinzman, UAF Interim Chancellor
UA Board of Regents
Chad Hutchison, UA State Relations Director
Interior Delegation, State of Alaska

RE: Support for FY27 Deferred Maintenance Budget for UAF

Governor Dunleavy,

On behalf of the Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (ASUAF), we want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your continued dedication to the people of Alaska. Our institution understands the fiscal situation the state is facing, and we have the utmost respect for the time and effort you devote to making budget decisions.

ASUAF respectfully urges retention of the FY27 deferred maintenance budget of \$35.2 million for the University of Alaska system. Students have long been asking for improvements to their living conditions, learning facilities, and accessibility.

The Cutler Apartments are just one example of the urgent deferred maintenance needs across campus. Mid-semester, students have been forced to evacuate due to rapid mold spreading; multiple units remain unusable due to roof damage; and pathways fail to meet ADA compliance. These are UAF's most in-demand units. Their loss has directly reduced housing capacity and is limiting recruitment of both in-state and out-of-state students.

The UAF Fire Marshal has cited the Irving building's elevator for being inoperable during an emergency and for having a non-compliant stop switch and pit ladder. This lack of modernization can lead to delayed emergency response, elevator entrapments, and reduced accessibility for those with disabilities. This elevator is used to transport research materials and personnel from numerous science and logistics programs. It is in dire need of modernization to prioritize the safety of all users in the building and to comply with ADA and life safety standards.

