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Dear Governor Walker,

With the appointment of Karen Perdue to the University of Alaska Board of Regents, Southeast Alaska is left with only one representative on the 11-member board. Southeast Alaska is not adequately or proportionately represented in the new board composition, despite having one of the three core campuses of the University of Alaska system. Importantly, we also recognize the administration's hard work and diligence to vet Southeast Alaska Board of Regents candidates this cycle, and appreciate the good faith to achieve a geographically balanced outcome.

Regional balance is important with the Board of Regents, as is the case with the Board of Fish and other higher profile State of Alaska boards and commissions.

For this reason, we ask that with the next round of expiring Board of Regents terms, at least one of the seats be filled by a Southeast Alaskan to restore the region's representation on the Board of Regents and to ensure the University of Alaska benefits from all perspectives, especially as it undergoes its Strategic Pathways process and makes major structural and systemic changes.

Sincerely,

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