



City and Borough of Sitka

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Board of Regents
University of Alaska
PO Box 755300
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Dear Board of Regents,

The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) respectfully objects to all options that would eliminate the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) as a separate university within the UA system.

Southeast Alaska greatly benefits from the education and training opportunities offered by UAS, and with educational programs centered on local economic enterprises, UAS allows students to remain in Southeast Alaska and contribute to our local economy.

The UAS Sitka Campus is an integral part of our local community. As a valued community partner, UAS provides vital educational opportunities for young people and adults alike in Southeast Alaska and is key to helping our young people remain in the region as successful adults. UAS is directly responsible for Sitka maintaining a trained, highly skilled workforce capable of making the most of our region's best economic opportunities. UAS is a critical resource that we cannot afford to lose or downgrade.

I currently serve as a UAS Sitka Advisory Council Member. I believe in the value of the UAS Sitka Campus and its mission to support our young people and the industries of Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration,

John M. Leach

Municipal Administrator
City and Borough of Sitka

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UAS Sitka Advisory Board