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Governor Mike Dunleavy STATE OF ALASKA

May 7, 2025

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 111
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens:

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Equally important is the need to evaluate all current state spending and government functions—not only for efficiency, but for their relevance and long-term impact. Any serious effort to stabilize Alaska’s fiscal future must also focus on diversifying our economy and creating new industries, which in turn broadens the economic base for potential revenue.

As such, I cannot support standalone tax measures. I am issuing this message to reaffirm my long-standing position as Governor: the Legislature and the Executive Branch must establish a joint team to develop a comprehensive, sustainable long-term fiscal plan that ensures stability and fosters economic growth.

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Sincerely,

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Governor

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