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Governor Sean Parnell
STATE OF ALASKA

May 23, 2013

Mr. Patrick K. Gamble
President
University of Alaska
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Dear Pat,

Our University system is a great asset to our state and to our fellow Alaskans. We look to the University for not only a great education for our youth, but also for mentorship and leadership examples our young people can experience. We expect teachers and professors across our great state to hold themselves to a high standard of ethics and professionalism. In fact, the UA Values on the website includes, "Accountability to our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the diverse peoples of Alaska."

Recent substantial press coverage and public contacts with our office regarding University of Alaska athletics compel me to write. These communications are about much more than the search for a hockey coach, and date back several years, encompassing numerous UA sport teams. I have waited for action from the University's leadership; however, to date no decisions appear to have been made nor communicated publicly. University supporters and the State of Alaska deserve more. The credibility of the University is at stake as is the well-being of our students.

I encourage you to take a leadership role and communicate it on these issues. Stand for accountability, integrity, and professionalism. Please take a stand to restore strength, stability, and credibility to the institution on these topics, and one that will be in the long-term best interest of the students. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Governor

cc: University of Alaska Board of Regents
UAA Chancellor Tom Case