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The Honorable Mike J. Dunleavy  
Governor of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from the Yukon Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA), from Anchorage to Utqiagvik, from Delta Junction to St. Lawrence Island. We are a people affirming the Divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ as the compassionate Teacher of God's Word, the ultimate healer of God's people, and reconciler of those held in bondage of poverty, injustice, and sin. We collectively confess our deep Christian concern for your proposed budget that negatively impacts the most vulnerable of God's children through drastic cuts to funding for healthcare in our rural villages, teachers and students in our public schools, and college and trade education for a wide variety of Alaskans.

We also collectively and with one voice pray for your discernment realizing the state of Alaska's economic situation. Like the church, you with the state legislature, are called to be good stewards of God's resources, regardless of the scarcity or the plenty. As good stewards, we have the duty to make decisions that are sometimes hard, painful, and unpopular, and so we collectively pray for our state, its people, and our elected officials.

Christ's teachings and his living example lead us to care for all people, especially this vulnerable populace. If we are to follow this example, then funding for education, healthcare, prisons, and assistance to those experiencing poverty should be the last things cut. We understand your unique position, but we implore you to find better solutions for the revitalization of Alaska, and not to jeopardize our future. We would like to join you in partnership towards a better tomorrow.

In the spirit of God's hope,

Sharon Rayt  
Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of the Yukon, Presbyterian Church (USA)

