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Dear Honorable members of the Alaska Legislature,

The undersigned business associations, representing a diverse group of Alaska businesses, urge the executive and legislative branches to work together to resolve the gridlock over the budget, and pass an effective date of July 1 in order to avoid a government shutdown. The current stalemate fosters uncertainty impacting essential service operations and stymies the economic recovery so badly needed on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Collectively, we represent hundreds of businesses across the state who employ tens of thousands of Alaskans. While we look forward to working with the Governor and Legislature to address components of a long-term fiscal plan in the August special session, now is the time for our elected officials to show leadership and come together willing to compromise on a solution to this impasse.

Respectfully,

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cc: Governor Dunleavy