



# UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

## Sample Advocacy Letter

[date]

Dear Representative Smith,

My name is Julie Peterson, and I am a UAS [student/alumnus] who lives in your district here in [community]. I am writing to ask for your support in providing full funding for the University of Alaska.

I grew up here in [community] and this is where I want to live and raise a family. After high school I knew that I wanted to continue my education, and the University of Alaska Southeast provided me that opportunity. I was able to attend classes on our nearby UAS campus. I also appreciated the online classes that are available. My advisor and the faculty at UAS went out of their way to make my education meaningful. Going to the Lower 48 for my education was out of the question for me. UAS was more affordable, and I could live here at home and continue to be with my family. I received a great education that directly prepared me for jobs in my community.

Today I am a [occupation: e.g. nurse/teacher/accountant] in my community and I'm able to support a family. My job has allowed me to own a home and I contribute to the local tax base. The money I earn supports my family and local businesses. Plus, I like living in a community that has a college campus, with arts and cultural activities that makes this a rewarding place to live.

The University of Alaska has been an important part of my life, and it is important to our state's future. I urge you to support full funding for our university. Thank you for considering my request and for your service in Alaska's state legislature.

Sincerely,

Julie Peterson

