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Dear Colleague,

It was tough hearing the governor's veto message last Friday. It hit UA hard. And we will need to take steps immediately to advocate for a legislative override of the veto, cut expenses, and begin planning for the possibility that override of the governor's veto does not succeed.

As to immediate cost reduction steps, you will see directions later this afternoon on travel, hiring, and procurement.

As to constructive advocacy with the legislature, please go for it, consistent with university guidance that contact through your home email during a break or after work hours is much more convincing, since it avoids concerns regarding use of state resources.

As to contingency planning, we are developing those steps over the coming couple weeks in preparation for a potential Board of Regents' meeting on July 15.

For regular updates, please go to <https://alaska.edu/pres/fy2020-budget/index.xml>.

Thank you for all you do for UA, our students, and our state.

And remember UAstrong!

Jim Johnsen