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Dear UA community,

The University of Alaska (UA) stands firm on its commitment to academic freedom, scientific inquiry, and publication to advance our understanding of the world around us. The University of Alaska leads the nation in Arctic research. Individuals and organizations from across the US and the circumpolar north seek out UA researchers to better understand the social and natural science of the world's Northern regions; to understand how the world is changing; to strengthen our ability to adapt; and to appreciate the social and cultural heritage of Alaska and its rich tradition in the arts. Alaska plays a critical strategic role in the dynamic arctic environment. As a resource to Alaskans and to the world, it is UA's obligation to disseminate information as broadly as possible. UA will not compromise this right and responsibility.

Sincerely,
Jim Johnsen