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Dear university employees,

On Friday, Governor-elect Mike Dunleavy's transition team sent an email to at-will state employees asking them to submit resignation letters and, if they chose to do so, reapply for their jobs. Many of you may be wondering how that might impact university employees.

The university is established in the Alaska Constitution and governed by the Board of Regents. It is not part of the Executive Branch. UA employees, like Legislative and Judicial branch employees, are included on a list of employee types designated as "exempt" from certain provisions of the State Personnel Act (AS. 39.25.110). However, that does not make those employees employees of the Executive Branch, or make them subject to appointment by the governor. Thus the governor-elect's notice to at-will employees does not affect UA employees.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Johnsen".

Jim Johnsen