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VIA U.S MAIL

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Re: *Confirmation of University of Alaska as state instrumentality*

Dear President Johnsen:

I understand, as a condition of a particular grant application requirement, that the University of Alaska's status as a state agency or instrumentality must be certified by the state's Attorney General. By this letter, I certify that status as to the University of Alaska.

The University is a body corporate created under Article VII, section 2 of the Alaska Constitution. It is legislatively recognized in Alaska Statutes 14.40. It has been explicitly held to be an instrumentality of the State in cases dating back at least as far as 1975, *University of Alaska v. National Aircraft Leasing Ltd.*, 536 P.2d 121 (Alaska 1975) and in several Attorney General opinions (e.g., December 27, 1976 Op. Att'y Gen., p. 8).

Please let me know if you need any further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jahna".

Jahna Lindemuth  
Attorney General