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Honorable Governor Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: Request for Immediate Funding to Hire Military Consultant

Dear Governor Parnell:

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce applauds you for your rapid response to the recent United States Department of Defense’s (DoD) announcement for a force reduction throughout all 50 states and a request for a Base Realignment and Closure Commission from Congress. We would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request for immediate action to be taken to secure the significant role that the military plays in the Alaskan economy.

We appreciate the \$300,000 budget request that has been put forward to the Alaska Legislature, however we feel that timing is of the essence and would like to request that the funds to hire an experienced consulting group to promote the advantages our great state has to offer our military, which include strategic positioning, mission capabilities, and training opportunities, unequaled to other US locations, be appropriated from the discretionary fund.

It can only be assumed that other states throughout the nation are also preparing to address potential installation realignments and closures and will seek to engage with the best consultants available. To ensure that Alaska’s strategic advantages are advocated for by the most qualified BRAC consultants, we urge the State of Alaska to act immediately to secure existing and future economies of Alaska.

We thank you for your continued support of our local military service men and women, and their families, and look forward to working with the Administration, Alaska Legislature and the Congressional Delegation to secure our military installations throughout Alaska.

Sincerely,

GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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