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Dear Chancellor Ulmer:

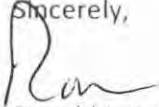
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I write to provide you with an update following the July 8, 2009, Board of Commissioners' review of the University's progress with its Year One Report. Commissioners again expressed their appreciation to the University of Alaska Anchorage for its commitment to the revision and implementation of the standards and process. The Board and member institutions have benefitted greatly from the University's contributions as a Pilot institution.

A significant benefit of the Board's review was the opportunity for all Commissioners to become familiar with the Year One Reports. You may recall that up to that time only Commissioners on the Executive Committee had studied those documents. Commissioners were impressed with the variety of proactive approaches taken by the Pilot institutions in responding to revised Standard One. That diversity provoked a great deal of positive thought and discussion that enhanced the Board's understanding of the revised standards and process. By carefully reviewing the University of Alaska Anchorage Year One Report they also deepened their knowledge and appreciation of the institution and its mission.

Overall, Commissioners found the University's revised Year One Report to be very well done. They especially appreciated the crisp and clear outline of the rollup of mission fulfillment provided in the *UAA Determination of Mission Fulfillment* chart. They felt the University did a good job of relating its mission to the University of Alaska System mission. Commissioners complimented the University for incorporating the Executive Committee's feedback in making very positive revisions to its report.

Commissioners were well-satisfied with the University's work to date and the progress being made in working through the revised Standards and oversight process. They asked me to convey their appreciation for the University's continuing efforts in implementing in a very compressed fashion the new septennial oversight process.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Thomas P. Miller, Vice Provost for Accreditation and Undergraduate Programs

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