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August 19, 2016

Honorable Mayor Ken Koelsch, and
 Assembly
 City and Borough of Juneau
 155 South Seward
 Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: City Manager's August 11, 2016 Budget Update to Assembly Finance Committee

Dear Mayor Koelsch and Assembly;

Last week, Mr. Watt provided a budget update that included his assessment and steps to address the significant deficit arising from Governor's line-item vetoes of the budget passed by the recent legislature. The deficit arising from the vetoes, estimated at \$4.8 million for FY 17, is, of course, significant and alarming, and the CBJ must respond accordingly.

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce supports the intent of the Manager's message. Clearly, steps will need to be taken over this and future fiscal years to respond to the new State funding paradigm. We believe that CBJ will need to look at the way it does business with a fresh view to identify ways to streamline its operations, reduce the burden to taxpayers and continuing to provide the services that Juneau's citizens expect.

We appreciate the proactive steps being taken by the City Manager's office on this critical matter and commit to help with these efforts any way possible.

Respectfully,

Craig E. Dahl
 Executive Director
 Juneau Chamber of Commerce