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The Honorable Michael Dunleavy

Office of the Governor

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

On behalf of INSERT NAME OF INSTITUTION, I am writing to urge you to reconsider the proposed sale or transfer of the Sheldon Jackson Museum building and its collection. Closing the museum facility and Stratton Library, which is used as collections storage for the Sheldon Jackson Museum, will devastate the cultural landscape of Alaska and will set a dangerous precedent for managing museum collections held in the public trust.

INSERT PARAGRAPH DISCUSSING PERSONAL, LOCAL, OR ORGANIZATIONAL CONNECTION TO THE SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM, ITS COLLECTIONS, OR ITS CLOSURE.

Museums protect and maintain collections in the public trust. INSERT POTENTIAL RIPPLE EFFECT IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY, YOUR INSTITUTION, AND/OR THE STATE.

Museums are economic drivers. The Sheldon Jackson Museum is one of the first tourist stops for cruise ships, acting as a passageway to Alaska. INSERT POTENTIAL IMPACT ON TOURISM IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

When budgets are tight, museums are needed more than ever. INSERT PERSONAL EXPLANATION OF THE VALUE OF MUSEUMS.

I hope this letter has helped convince you to reconsider the proposed sale of the Sheldon Jackson Museum. Please contact me if you are interested in discussing this further, at INSERT CONTACT INFORMATION.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME