

## **Reasons to avoid using UA emails to communicate with legislators or other government officials on non-UA business**

The Executive Branch Ethics Act (EBEA) explicitly prohibits the use of UA resources for partisan political activity (see the eloquently written and awe-inspiring memo on this subject at <https://www.alaska.edu/counsel/ethics-information/ethics-and-politically-re/index.php>). While the EBEA does not treat all communications with legislators as partisan political activity, there are valid reasons to refrain from use of UA resources for legislative contacts as well, when those contacts are related to our personal or financial interests rather than our UA responsibilities. The General Counsel's office generally advises that, although the EBEA does not absolutely prohibit use of UA email addresses for contacting legislators, we do suggest

level of data-gathering that we'd prefer not to have to undertake (and most UA email users would prefer we not undertake either).

So, while the EBEA does not categorically prohibit the use of UA emails for (at least certain types of) communications to legislators, we do strongly discourage use of any UA resources (including UA emails) for any such communications, and encourage limiting ourselves to