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Mr. Wayne A. Stevens
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Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
217 Second Street
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Dear Mr. Stevens:

Thank you for your letters of support and the position statements for the Gravina Access Project and the Swan Lake, Lake Tyee inter-tie project.

On December 15, 2006, I clearly outlined my administration's budget goals to save for the future, live within our means, prioritize spending, and find efficiencies and reductions in state government. State departments have been instructed to develop FY2008 budget amendments in order to meet a \$150 million general fund target reduction. I am working closely with each commissioner to incorporate reductions in the FY2008 budget amendments due to the Legislature on March 1, 2007.

My administration is also preparing a capital budget that will provide matching funds to leverage over \$700 million in federal funds and will work cooperatively with the Legislature to address other priority projects. I will be reviewing all requests carefully and prioritizing projects to meet my overall spending goals for Alaska.

I have forwarded copies of your letter for the Gravina Access to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Facilities Management and your letter for the Swan Lake, Lake Tyee inter-tie project to the Commissioner of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for review and consideration.

Mr. Wayne A. Stevens

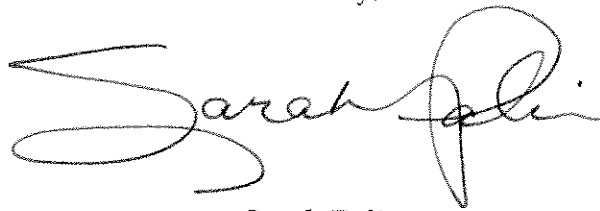
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I am committed to developing a budget for the next fiscal year that provides the services Alaskans expect from government and is sustainable in the future.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Palin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "S" at the beginning and a distinct "P" at the end.

Sarah Palin
Governor