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Honorable Jay Hammond  
Governor of Alaska

Dear Gov. Hammond:

Congratulations on getting the new Permanent Fund dividend bill through the Legislature.

Permanent Fund dividends were your idea, and I believe they will become a lasting heritage of permanent importance to all Alaskans. The payment of dividends will prove a landmark in equity and individual decision-making. I also believe the payment of dividends will help protect your finest achievement, the Permanent Fund. I'm glad I was able to help you on this legislation.

All I can offer now is the strong suggestion that you sign the bill into law. The best way to keep the Permanent Fund dividend program alive is to start it. Once the program is a reality, no one can say it cannot be done. Those who wish to stop the program will be put decidedly on the defensive, as the program gains popularity and starts to have the positive effects you and I predict.

This program may evolve and change over time. Now is not the time to attempt those possible changes; now is the time to enjoy the fruits of your victory in getting the dividends paid out to Alaskans.

Sincerely yours,

*Hugh Malone*  
Hugh Malone

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