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To whom it may concern:

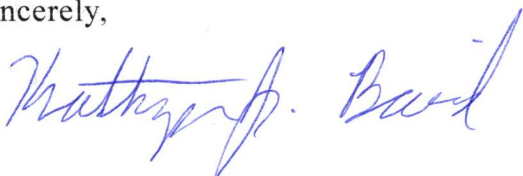
I would like to be considered as a potential member of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission. I currently work as an elementary educator in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. As someone who grew up in Fairbanks and has worked in public service for my entire career, I am excited to take this next step in making a positive difference in my community and my state.

In my previous employment as an Assistant District Attorney, I analyzed the facts of each case to determine whether it should be accepted for prosecution. If prosecution was warranted, I researched precedent to establish an appropriate recommendation for a fair and just sentence. The Professional Teaching Practices Commission members are tasked with this same work of analysis in upholding the ethical standards of the teaching profession in Alaska.

Each Alaskan student has a right to the best education possible. To be a teacher is to influence the future of our children and our state, and it is essential that teachers are held to a high standard of behavior. As a member of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission, I will apply my knowledge and skills to the complaints presented, following precedent while treating each complaint individually and fairly.

As an educator, my responsibility is to my students. As a member of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission, my responsibility will extend to students statewide. I will contribute to my profession as a whole to ensure that all students have teachers who provide a safe environment and the best education possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Baird, J.D.