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Governor Sean Parnell
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January 18, 2011

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with AS 24.08.020, I am transmitting Executive Order 115 to realign the oversight authority of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The Alaska Aerospace Corporation is an entity that works closely with federal military programs and commercial aerospace companies to build capacity to launch test rockets and satellites into space. By changing oversight authority to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), the Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC) would have better access to federal military command structure and better opportunity to attract military contracts. The focus for AAC has expanded and is no longer primarily commercial business development, but rather development of a unique niche market driven by government and military customers. As AAC expands into other aerospace associated operations, such as missile defense, alignment under DMVA provides increased security assurances to the Department of Defense. By strengthening military ties, this move will ultimately help grow related private sector opportunities.

This Executive Order is designed to better build a strong and dependable aerospace industry in Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Governor

Enclosure