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Governor Sean Parnell  
STATE OF ALASKA

January 13, 2012

The Honorable Gary Stevens  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 111  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 2013).

My budget proposal for FY 2013 continues our efforts to foster opportunity for job growth and economic opportunity for Alaskans. Our budget priorities are established in the State of Alaska's Constitution – resource development, transportation/infrastructure, education, and safe homes and communities for Alaskans.

I am proposing a reasonable operating budget that holds the line on government spending and looks to provide a more stable and secure future for our families. With budget discipline, targeted spending, and managing our savings, Alaska's cash reserves and excellent bond rating will provide us with economic opportunities for years to come.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize the operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Governor

Enclosure

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