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Office of the Governor
Sarah Palin, Governor
P.O. Box 110001
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Dear Governor Palin,

I am writing in support of the capital projects included in SB 221 for the Copper Valley Electric Association. I recently attended CVEA's Annual Meeting, and I was very pleased to hear of progress being made on improving electric system reliability and also lowering the cost of our utility bills. At Alaska Bible College, we are very concerned about good service as well as lower rates, and we support every effort to accomplish these goals. In January of this year, our total electricity costs were over \$8600.00, and the cost of electricity for the Murdock Campus Center, which houses our Student Lounge, Fitness Center, and Gym, was over \$770, and the costs continue to go up. Increases in costs are passed on to our students and also affect our faculty and staff because they live in ABC housing. Service reliability affects us all, not only in the area of cost, but also in the classroom, library, computer labs, dorms, Campus Center, and at home.

I have no doubt that the money in the capital budget for these projects will be put to good use. I encourage you to approve the funding for these projects so that our rates will not have to be increased, and we at Alaska Bible College can continue to provide our students with a quality education and a great Alaskan experience at a very reasonable cost.

Thank you, Governor Palin, for your hard work on behalf of all Alaskans and for your strong desire to be fiscally responsible in these days. If you have any questions about my comments, or if I can be of any service to you, please feel free to contact me here at ABC.

Serving the Savior in the Great Land,

Gary G. Willford
Interim President