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

Dear President Stevens:

Today I am transmitting the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations bill for the state's comprehensive mental health program. As required by statute, it includes both operating and capital appropriations and is accompanied by a report outlining the differences between the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and my budget.

The proposed mental health budget represents a cooperative effort between state agencies and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. These productive working relationships have made, and will continue to make, a positive difference for Alaska's mental health beneficiaries.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to secure passage of this budget bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Palin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Sarah Palin  
Governor