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Governor Sean Parnell
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January 13, 2012

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 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's capital 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.

The proposed capital budget totals \$1.8 billion and includes resource development and infrastructure projects throughout Alaska such as roads to resources, State and federal highways, airports, the marine highway, ports and harbors, and water and sewer projects. The budget funds renewable energy and weatherization projects and includes two rural school construction projects and 14 school major maintenance projects. Year three of the five-year deferred maintenance program to take care of State assets is also requested.

Development of our natural resources is key to economic growth and opportunities for Alaskans. Our budget invests in access to these resources, streamlining permitting, and assessing strategic minerals potential throughout the state. Together with investments in transportation infrastructure, this budget positions Alaska for a future with more opportunity and more prosperity.

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

Sincerely,

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

Sean Parnell
Governor

Enclosure