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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 comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 2013). As required by statute, it includes both operating and capital appropriations. Also, as required, the enclosed report outlines the differences between the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and my proposed budget.

The proposed mental health budget represents a cooperative effort between State agencies and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. These productive working relationships make a positive difference for Alaska's mental health beneficiaries.

I am proposing a reasonable budget that holds the line on government spending and provides 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 mental health budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Parnell", written over a circular blue stamp.

Sean Parnell
Governor

Enclosure