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Office of the Governor
Governor Sarah Palin
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Dear Governor Palin:

This letter serves as my sincere request for your consideration of letting the full \$5 million remain in the capital budget designated for Copper Valley Electric Association. As a Glennallen small business owner, I struggle each month to pay the continuing increases in cost to live in the Copper Basin.

As a result of the extreme high fuel prices, the fuel portion of our electric bills have skyrocketed to previously unimaginable heights. I know for a fact that CVEA continually tries to hold the cost down for us customers. However, the costs of living in rural Alaska is affecting everyone I know in a very negative way. Many are choosing not to suffer any longer and are leaving the community, and in some cases the state, which is not only bad for Glennallen but for all of Alaska.

CVEA has looked at alternative generation sources in their effort to help us, and the most feasible to be identified at this time is the Allison Lake hydro project. Our cooperative needs assistance to be able to move forward with this project without having to raise our electric rates. We do not benefit from the power cost equalization fund that most rural areas do; we have to do it on our own.

Unfortunately, the recent increases in all cost have forced me to dramatically scale back my business. I'm now working full time elsewhere and part time at The Cat Shop, just trying to make ends meet. If you would please not veto the money for CVEA, I believe our community as a whole will benefit from that decision in the near future.

Sincerely,



Gary Heidelberg, Owner

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