

August 25, 2004

Dear Governor Murkowski:

Please accept my resignation, effective at 4:30 p.m., August 25, 2004, from my Senate Seat in Senate District H. The ongoing controversy surrounding the recall process has diverted my attention and the attention of my constituents to the point it adversely affects my daily activities as a Senator. At this time, I feel that it may be in the best interest of my constituents to have representation without the uncertainty and distraction that currently surrounds my tenure. I wish you well in appointing my replacement. I hope you consider someone with strong Valley roots, as this is the fastest growing area of the state.

A statesman must put the best interest of the state before his own self-interest. All elected officials must realize that they are replaceable and that our system of government will continue to function without them. I have, to the best of my limited human ability, attempted to represent my district honorably. My only motivation has been to steadfastly work to provide as many private sector opportunities to the next generation of Alaskans, as I had when I moved to this great state. After all, what candidate, regardless of party, does not campaign on "creating more jobs and diversifying the economy?" However, I cannot and will not hold any animosity against those who have questioned my motives or spoken unkind and sometimes untruthful things against me. It is their unalienable right to criticize their elected leaders.

It has been an honor to serve as the Resource Chairman in the Senate under your tenure as Governor. Your leadership and vision for the future well-being of the state through resource development will be the shining example of your legacy in this state.

Serving in the legislature has been the most challenging and fulfilling experience of my life. It has equipped me well for the next great adventure in life and I would not trade the experience for anything.

Sincerely,

Senator Scott Ogan

CC: Senate President Gene Therriault
Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Commissioners
Lori Cameron, Executive Director, Energy Council