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To: Todd Palin; Frye; Ivy J (GOV)
Subject: Re: Fwd: Support PR Campaign from Trooper President

Unbelievable. Yet this is the organization that fights for Troopers like Spitzer, Osborn and Wooten.

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From: fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2008 21:55:31

To: "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "Ivy J (DOA) Frye" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Subject: Fw: Fwd: Support PR Campaign from Trooper President

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From: Paulette Schuerch <anigayuk_s@yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2008 20:04:30

To: 'Todd Palin' <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Fwd: Support PR Campaign from Trooper President

Hi Todd; here's another email that has gone out. Hope all is well. ~paulette

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This is an e-mail from our President, Trooper Rob Cox, asking for individual Troopers to pass this on to friends and family who might be willing to support the Trooper fight for 150 new Troopers statewide and improved compensation for all Troopers. People are encouraged to submit letters to the editor of their local papers and go onto the State website and submit letters of support to the Governor, Lt. Governor and your legislators. If you are interested and need the web addresses check your mail later on today and it will include the web pages to visit to submit your thoughts. If each Trooper can encourage just five people to write short note of support to the Governor that would give us 1000 common voices. That is huge. Remember that United we stand and divided we fall. Troopers serve the public and if the public doesn't think more Troopers are needed or better compensation provided then there is no need to write a letter.

Here are some facts for you to ponder:

* Troopers earn 35% less than municipal police in Alaska.

* Troopers have to work 25% more to earn the same as their Alaska counterparts. This means Troopers have to work 40 hours to earn what other earn in 40.

* Troopers have had 30 funded, but unfilled vacancies since 2004. Since that time AST has lost 96 Troopers and gained 99 for a total neg gain of 3 Troopers.

* At the current recruitment rate of 3 Troopers per year it will take 50 years to hire 150 new Troopers unless something is done to make our job more attractive when it comes to pay/compensation.

* Numerous Trooper have had to apply for food stamps and WIC benefits.

* VPSO's who do not carry guns, tazers or batons and do not investigate crimes unless directed to do so by their oversight Trooper just received a 27% pay increase in 2008 bring their wages up to those of Troopers.

Over the past 10 years (through 2006) Trooper wages have not kept up with the rate of inflation to a tune of -15%. So this means that even if the State of Alaska gave each Trooper a 15% [pay increase tomorrow we would only be brought up to the level of the cost of living. In 2007 the rate of inflation was 4.7% and it is expected to be 5.1% in 2008. In rural Alaska food prices are up 23% and fuel/energy costs are up 45% in the past 18 months. The State is offering the Troopers 3% wage increases each year and ignoring the huge gap that needs to be filled first. 3% increase through 2010 is a total of 9%. No lets do some simple math.

(1997 to 2006)	Inflation	-15%
(2007)	Inflation	-4.7%
(2008 to 2010 projected)	Inflation	-12%
	TOTAL	-31%

Proposed By State

(2008)	Wage Increase	+5%
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(2009)	Wage Increase	+3%
(2010)	Wage Increase	+3%
	TOTAL	+11%

Result by 2011	-31%
	+ +11%
	-20%

So this means that in 2011 Troopers wont just be 20% behind their Alaska counterparts in pay and compensation. You have to add the current 35% disparity that already exists. Troopers will be a minimum of 45% behind in pay and compensation to Police around Alaska. Why would anyone want to work for AST when they can work for APD, Fairbanks PD, Juneau PD or Sitka PD where the pay is significantly better? Doesn't this alarm you when Alaska is #1 in forcible rapes in the USA? #3 in aggravated assaults and is ranked #2 for the most dangerous state to raise a child?

* A first year Anchorage School District Teacher that works 9 months out of the year complains that they don't make enough and threatens to strike every other year. Bud a new Trooper makes \$3,000 less for working the entire 12 months and is prohibited from striking by state statute. The ASD first year teacher makes an average of \$5,100 per month before taxes compared to the Troopers \$4100. the average pay for a 1st year Anchorage Police Officer (Per APD website) is \$73, 918 or \$6,159 per month. That is what about a 10 year Trooper earns.

With competition being fierce other police agencies in Alaska are fighting for the same potential recruits from the same applicant pool. When it comes to making a decision about which agency the new recruit wants to work for, setting pay disparity aside, do you think they will choose the department that offers free education tuition at UAA, free dry cleaning, twice as many vacation days per year, 4% pay increases for having an associates or 8% for a bachelord degree, full-time incentive pay for being a Field Training Officer/SERT member/Training Officer, high tech equipment in their vehicles, \$500,000 in additional wage earnings over 20 year career and \$500,000 additional retirement earnings? Well the municipal agencies in Alaska offer all of those and AST offers none of it.

Governor Palin and the Department of Administration Commissioner Annette Kreitzer refuse to budge from their 3% offers in an effort to hold down state government growth. If they gave the Troopers everything we are asking for it would cost the state an additional \$600,000 per year. Now

the Governor just signed the largest education funding bill ever with a bonus of \$1.2 Billion. with \$3.9 Billion in the bank and a projected \$6 Billion extra next year doesn't it seem like a meek \$600,000 could be spared for our 300 employees?

In 1990 Alaska's population was 550,000 (US Census). We had 400 Troopers then. The current State population is 640,000 and we have around 300 Troopers now. That is a 20% increase in population and a 25% decrease in the number of Troopers.

So do you think you are willing to support a letter to the Governor or Lt. Governor? Read the note below.

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 7:29:38 PM

Subject: FW: PR Campaign

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rob Cox

Sent: Thu 3/27/2008 1:34 PM

To: PSEA Members

Subject: PR Campaign

Dear Members,

Our newspaper ads will be out in the coming days. They will appear in every newspaper in the state except ADN. The ad calls for the citizens to call Governor Palin and demand that she provide 150 more Troopers and APFO's. Please watch for the ads and call the Governor's office in response. Also, please encourage your family, friends and fellow PSEA members to do the same. It would be a BAD thing for the ad to run and the Governor's office to get no calls - it would undermine our membership and your efforts to heighten awareness on the issue. Thank you.

Rob Cox

PSEA President

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