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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:09 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; 'Talis Colberg'
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); 'Todd Palin'
Subject: RE: Fw: mat maid.

It is fascinating to watch the messaging. We have used the messages below -
and they have been reported. I think the mixing of the messages perhaps
comes from talk radio and others who think they know what the Governor wants
(Mat Maid / Creamery Corp / BAC). We will continue to emphasize and just
stick with the same message to reiterate our intent.

Thank you!

Meghan N. Stapleton

Communications Director

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

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 8:26 AM

To: Talis Colberg; Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: Kristina Y Perry; Michael A Tibbles; Joseph R Balash; Todd Palin

Subject: Re: Fw: mat maid.

Thats what we thot we were conveying. I'll cc meg and others on the suggestion.

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

From: "Talis Colberg" <Talis.Colberg@law.state.ak.us>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 07:55:05

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Fw: mat maid.

Dear Governor Palin,

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

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 06:52:04

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)"

<kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)"

<mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Fw: mat maid.

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From: Red Secoy <Redacted >

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Meghan N Stapleton

Sent: Mon Jun 18 00:00:45 2007

Subject: mat maid.

Joe,

I'm a little worried about the way the Governor is handling this Mat Maid thing. I still have a lot of faith in her and her ideas. But I believe that maybe she isn't getting the whole picture on this dairy business.

Dairy nation wide has been supported by government for many decades. Now with the ethanol growth the price of feed is going to put a squeeze on even the best run dairy's in lower 48. Joe Van Treeck is a very capable and honorable man. He has already done miracles keeping Mat Maid operating for last 25 years.. He took a lot of heat early on by importing milk to keep production up. Through out the years he has introduce many innovative products to keep the dairy diversified. I do believe that if Joe Van Treeck can't keep Mat Maid going then no one can. My point is I don't want to see Sarah get into something which will backfire and haunt her for the rest of her administration. Although she is quite committed publicly almost Frank like. I do not believe that the dairy can once again operate without lots of government dollars. If she goes and puts 2-3 million dollars into to save livelihood of 4 or 5 farmers it will not set very well with a lot of people in the state. Also by axing board members that aren't yes men she puts other state directors into the position of maybe not being quite candid enough so as not to lose their jobs. I don't really believe in the my way or highway approach when you are dealing with knowledgeable people. You end up with too many yes men and too many failed projects.

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Have a GREAT DAY,

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