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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 7:17 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV); 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'; 'ftb907@yahoo.com'
Subject: Letter from Governor Palin

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

From: Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net>
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: ftb907@yahoo.com <ftb907@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sat Sep 15 07:16:26 2007
Subject: Re: Letter from Governor Palin

Thank you for the response. That helps me a lot.

God Bless,

Glen

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

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) <mailto:govpalin@alaska.gov>
To: gbiegel@ak.net
Cc: ftb907@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 6:56 AM
Subject: Re: Letter from Governor Palin

Glen- i am in Juneau. I got your message a couple of days ago, have been tasking folks to find out what I'm missing so you could receive an appropriate response with going back and forth again. Without fail, each person has reported back that they were confident they had communicated with you about our desire to help. I had people spend more than a day looking for "my" letter to you that seemed to have been the catalyst for the miscommunications on the air, because we wanted all info in front of us in order to respond. That letter was nonexistent, I believe you clarified then about the letter. That was less than three days ago. We're still seeking info on this issue so there will be no more miscommunications, damaged relationships, distrust, missed opportunities to help, etc. I believe you overreacted and you left many people with the impression that their homeschool issues will be better dealt with in a different administration.

It doesn't seem wise to me for you to "make guesses" about anything, then speak about it on the air. I have not had the chance to sit down with the AG to speak about this, as your request is to speak to him, so though it's not wise, nor fair, to "make guesses" again on the air, I can not tell you what to say on air... I've already expressed the commitment to help, the tasking of staff to gather more information so the board can more aggressively tackle the issues, I've insisted homeschoolers get adequate time to address the board... etc.

I know Frank Bailey was able to speak with you from Anchorage. I am sure he told you again that we're working to find solutions, as Pat Shier (I believe) has also conveyed to you.

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From: Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Sat Sep 15 06:38:06 2007

Subject: Re: Letter from Governor Palin

Governor,

I still don't have any indication on how you want to proceed (Timeframe, next steps, meetings, etc). I am having to make guesses on what will happen in the future without any guidance, and then speak about it on the air. I will indicate on air that I did not get the information to you or to the right people and that I have every confidence that this issue will turn out, but it would be nice to have something

more than your response below. I don't want to make things worse (if they can get worse).

Thanks

Glen

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

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) <mailto:govpalin@alaska.gov>

To: gbiegel@ak.net

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 1:49 PM

Subject: Re: Letter from Governor Palin

I was not provided all this information/communications Glen. Thanks for bringing it to my attention- but this is all the more reason a more responsible venue should have been found for you to air your grievances instead of playing into our known critic's hands. Fagan seemed to be using you, big time. All I could think of when listening to you was: "With friends like this, who needs enemies".

And it's not personally "hard on me" to go through things like that yesterday, but a conservative agenda gets squashed when those who could be working together to accomplish something are set up like you were yesterday. That was brutal Glen, and I've heard from others saying worse things than "brutal". Please don't pass these thoughts on to Fagan - he hates me and my administration enough as it is.

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

From: Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 09:25:25 2007

Subject: Fw: Letter from Governor Palin

Governor,

Here is a copy of a letter from Lynn Smith and an email from one of our parents.

Thanks

Glen

Here also is a paste from a different email about a response to Lynn Smith and a conversation that She, Sally Javier and I had:

Hi Lynn,

Thank you for replying. I would like to talk to you more on the comments from Barbara Thompson and share more information that I pray you will share with the Governor. The comments from Mrs. Thompson raise many concerns for parents who have been left out of this process.

There was the perception of abuse. How many of these abuses were documented? Why didn't the DEED do something? All the laws needed to prevent that abuse were in place. All the regulations needed to stop the abuse were in place. Why

was regulation written in the absence of law? Do they admit that it destroys competition? Do they admit that homeschoolers are having choice stripped from them? This was ordered by former Governor Murkowski who told his staff to shut us down and quiet the papers. Why wasn't this handled with individual teachers who had a certificate they would like to keep?

Also, Lynn, it is not going to work for Mrs. Thompson to say that Galena agreed to this. Galena was negotiating with the DEED and lobbying the legislature for other programs at the same time. Where were the other statewide programs at this meeting? Where were the parents? Open testimony was closed even though there were lots of us waiting. Does Galena speak for all? A quick call to any of the Galena folks will give you the honest answer that all statewide programs were being held at gunpoint during those meetings. The gun was that if they did not take what they were offered, the Murkowski DEED and Murkowski Board of EED would shut them down. That meeting was one of the reasons why parents organized to look after the welfare of their children.

(I'm paraphrasing here.) Glen wondered how Rep. Hawker, and not the legislators who penned the legislation, could make decisions about regulations in the face of laws that are contradict.

Governor Palin told me when we talked (she was in Fairbanks at their fair campaigning) that she believed in competition. Regulating statewide programs with regulations that do not apply to in-district homeschool programs is an equity issue that can not be ignored.

Are you still at the office this morning? If we can not visit via phone today, when do you return from your (more than likely a much needed) vacation? Lynn, who would be your back up while you are on vacation?

When Governor Palin ran for office, she, personally responded to the AHEA questionnaire promising statewide homeschoolers, many of whom campaigned for her, some very specific things. Please see the list below.

Will the Governor meet with us? Has she turned her back on her promises? Who is the Board of EED and the DEED responsible to? Where do they get their authority?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Sally Javier

1. Currently, the State provides funding for school districts which enroll distance education students from around the state. These statewide programs currently serve nearly 10,000 Alaskan students.

1. Would you support the continuation of State supported homeschooling in its current form?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

2. Brick and mortar schools in Alaska currently spend an average of \$1,500 per pupil on extra-curricular activities, yet the statewide correspondence programs are limited to spending approximately \$800 per pupil for fine arts and P.E.

2. Would you support removing the regulations which cause this inequality among Alaskan students?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

3. The regulations adopted in 2004 and new interpretations of regulations adopted in 2005 impose restrictions on statewide homeschool programs which are not imposed on in-district homeschool programs.

3. Would you work with the families of over 10,000 home school students to correct the disparate treatment of homeschool families according to their enrollment in a statewide or an in-district homeschool program?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

4. The statewide programs receive only 80% of the per pupil foundation formula amount, and they receive no support from local property taxes.

4. Would you work with our members to remove the 20% funding penalty imposed on homeschool students in statewide programs?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

5. Last year, the Department of Education restricted the children of families in the statewide programs who use effective, privately purchased religious curricula, despite the fact that those materials clearly exceed the state's standards under AS 14.03.015, AS 14.07.20, etc.

5. Would you work with our families to guarantee that homeschool parents and teachers can use any materials which are aligned with state standards?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

6. State law currently places no restrictions on independent homeschoolers (AS 14.30.010.10.(b)). Nationwide, there is no correlation between state oversight and homeschooling outcomes.

6. Do you support keeping the current "hands off" approach to independent homeschooling?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

7. Homeschooling families tend to be more politically involved than the average. Many of our members would be willing to help a candidate who would support

homeschooling.

7. Would you like us to tell our member families that you would welcome their help in your campaign?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

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

From: "sally.javier" <sally.javier@ideafamilies.org>

To: <adougherty@gci.net>; <bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org>; <gbiegel@ak.net>; <alaskaplantlady@alaska.net>

Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 9:24 PM

Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

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

From: S. Nymeyer [mailto:nymeyer@gci.net]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:54 PM

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Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

Somehow this wasn't exactly the response I was hoping for...

Susan

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

From: Castle, Lillian K (GOV) [mailto:lynn.castle@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:24 PM
To: nymeyer@gci.net
Subject: Letter from Governor Palin

Please see the attached letter from Governor Sarah Palin in response to
your email.

Lynn Castle

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

From: imagistics6530 [mailto:imagistics6530@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:48 PM
To: Castle, Lillian K (GOV)

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