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I am writing you this e-mail in the hope that you would be willing to support your Alaska State Troopers by writing a letter to the editor of Anchorage Daily News before March 1, 2008. I can share numerous facts with you that emphasized the shortcomings in terms of recruitment, retention and compensation that would surely surprise you. We want members of the public to weigh in only if they feel compelled to community their feelings to the Governor through the ADN forum. Below is a sample letter that I wrote and submitted. If you are interested in supporting the Troopers by submitting a letter or know of somebody who would be interested please pass this information on to them and ask them to reply to me so that I can send you them the factoids to write an informed opinion of 225 words or less.

### GOVERNOR FAILING TO SUPPORT TROOPERS

Governor Palin is failing the Alaska State Troopers. Her stated focus and support for public safety is nothing more than empty rhetoric. For the past 15 years, Trooper wages have not kept up with the pace of inflation and increased competition from other Alaska and the Lower 48 police agencies for the same applicants has exploded nationwide. AST is losing new hires on a regular basis to other Alaska police agencies. Common sense says that increased competition and respectable compensation packages leaves AST in the dust. It's an embarrassment when AST is ranked a distant 5th in compensation among Alaska's finest and two decades behind in technology. This is State commitment for you! Why does a Trooper have to work 25% more to earn the same as their Alaska counterparts? Why is it that AST loses members regularly to other Alaska police agencies? How can the Governor say she supports the Troopers when the State forces a Trooper to move geographically with five years of employment, gives that Trooper a 3.75% pay increase, then fails to recognize the cost of living in their new community is actually 40% higher. This is nothing new. Loyal Troopers are going broke and some families are forced to separate. That's a -36.5% pay decrease Governor! The Governor is out of touch with her Troopers and it shows!

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Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. And live  
everyday as if it were your last"*

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