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Subject: A Difficult Decision

Todd,

I'm not sure I have your wife's correct e-mail. It bounced back. Can you pass this on to the Governor. I cc'd it to Kris Perry & Mike Nizich.

Dear Sarah,

I've come to a difficult decision: to return to journalism. It's not at all logical – but rather, a decision that comes from the gut. Being a reporter is too deeply drilled into my DNA.

I can't thank you enough for the opportunity, as well as the trust and faith you have placed in me. I have also enjoyed knowing and working with Todd. His passion, like mine, is for Rural Alaska. So I hope both of you will understand why I feel I can do more for Rural Alaska as a reporter.

It has been a privilege to serve in your administration. Thank you for the opportunity to travel and explore the issues – to come to know the fine people who are called to public service. They are so unappreciated.

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There is so much more I'd like to say to you, but you are on a journey where every moment is precious. And I have taken up far too much of your time.

Please know this: I will do everything in my power to turn this transition into a win-win.

I talked with Mike Nizich today about the departure date. I would like to stay on through the end of AFN. So this will give you some time to weigh your next step.
(AFN is Oct. 23rd-25th.).

Whatever your destiny may be, whether it is to serve our great state or nation, or both, I will always wish you well and feel grateful for the chance you gave me to learn and grow.

May we each continue to grow -- and serve in the way that God would want us to. His plan is hard to see, but I feel a strong pull to go back to my roots.

With affection and respect...

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