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Subject: Feb. 15 letter
From: "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" </O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELD>
To: Monegan, Walt C (DPS)

Hi Walt - I was assigned to respond to your Feb. 15 letter to Governor Palin in support of the \$1.8 million for the Anchorage Community Land Trust project. As you know, we vetoed funding for this project in FY2008 and we do not have it in the governor's FY09 budget. I understand that this project has considerable support locally, which is very good. At this time, we would prefer to put state funds toward some of our higher priority projects, like the DPS Hanger, the Crime Lab, etc..

With significant pressure to increase the budget, particularly in the area of public safety, for VPSO, sexual offenses, child pornography, the \$1.5 million for the Bethel sleep off center, etc.. I just don't see how we can support the \$1.8 million at this time. I will not be drafting a letter for the governor's signature in response to your letter. I expect we will see your letter appear as justification for funding to be included in the capital budget as the legislature makes changes to our budget, which is a bit awkward.

Bottom line is, let's talk about this rather than writing letters to the governor. Thanks! KJR

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