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Governor Sean Parnell  
STATE OF ALASKA

November 20, 2009

The Honorable John E. Potter  
Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20260-0010

Dear Mr. Postmaster General,

Thank you for your timely reconsideration regarding the decision made by the Alaska District office of the United States Postal Service pertaining to Christmas letters sent to North Pole, Alaska.

North Pole epitomizes the true meaning of Christmas, and millions of children through the years have depended on letters to be delivered and responded to by Santa Claus and his helpers. We are grateful this long-standing tradition will continue.

My administration shares your concerns and appreciates the protection of children and their identities. We look forward to working with you in the future and finding a long-term solution.

Alaska is well-known for its volunteer spirit. We look forward to putting Santa's helpers and elves back to work in North Pole this holiday season to respond to the large volume of "Dear Santa" letters received by children from all over the world. Thank you, again, for your reconsideration, and happy holidays.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Governor

cc: Pat Donahoe, Deputy Postmaster General, United States Postal Service