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October 18, 2004

Lawrence M. Norton, Esq.  
General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5534/Business Alaska, Inc.

Dear Mr. Norton:

On Friday, September 3, 2004, we filed a complaint describing the illegal electronic communications paid for by Business Alaska, Inc. A copy of that complaint is attached. On September 7, we wrote to inform you of the continuing illegal activity of Business Alaska.

On October 16, Business Alaska paid for yet another full-page advertisement in the Anchorage Daily News. See Attachment. This advertisement contained Lisa Murkowski's name and picture and asked readers to "please vote November 2."

This advertisement is further evidence that Business Alaska is violating the prohibition against corporate expenditures. As you know, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) (2004) forbids corporations from making "a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election at which a Senator or Representative in Congress are to be voted for." The newspaper advertisement promotes Lisa Murkowski a mere two weeks before the general election; there is no question that the ad is "in connection with" the election for U.S. Senate. Moreover, by containing the name and picture of Murkowski and asking readers to "please vote November 2," the advertisement constitutes express advocacy.

This recent advertisement by Business Alaska is yet another in a series of violations of federal election law. Accordingly, we request that they be enjoined from further violations, be required to repay their illegal contributions and be fined the maximum amount permitted by law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Contributions are not tax deductible for income tax purposes.  
Your contribution will be used in connection with federal elections and is subject to the limitations and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

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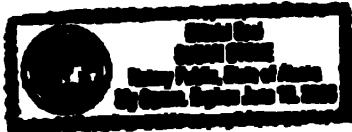
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Very truly yours,

*B. T. Gallagher*  
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18 day of October, 2004



*[Signature]*

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 10 JUNE 2008

ATTACHMENT

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# Significant Similarities for Alaska



Senator Lisa Murkowski

Senator Ted Stevens

• **Positions:**  
U.S. Senator for Alaska

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U.S. Senator for Alaska

- Initial Selection:  
Appointment

- Political Party:  
Republican

- Prior Elected Experience:  
Alaska State House of Representatives

- Alaska Leadership Positions:  
House Majority Leader

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