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Anchorage, Alaska

July 14, 2009

Daniel Sullivan, acting Attorney General
1031 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99501

To acting Attorney General Daniel Sullivan:

Please consider this ethics complaint charging Governor Sarah Palin for the following violation of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act:

Sec. 39.52.120. Misuse of official position.

(a) A public officer may not use, or attempt to use, an official position for personal gain

(b) A public officer may not

(4) take or withhold official action in order to affect a matter in which the public officer has a personal or financial interest;

(6) use or authorize the use of state funds, facilities, equipment, services, or another government asset or resource for partisan political purposes;

August 27, 2008: Signed and completed Travel Authorization# 01-3564 states "CONCLUSION OF STATE BUSINESS". (Travel authorization attached)

November 7, 2008: Signed and completed Travel Authorization# 01-794 states "RETURN TO DUTY STATUS". (Travel authorization attached)

While OFF DUTY, Sarah Palin continued to receive her \$125,000 state salary twice a month. (Payroll register attached).

Sarah Palin went "OFF DUTY" on August 27, 2008 and "RETURN(ED) TO DUTY STATUS" on November 7, 2008. During that time she kept collecting her \$125,000 state salary.

Palin's signature on her travel document which states "CONCLUSION OF STATE BUSINESS" affirms that she had full knowledge, intent, and a willingness to forego her duties as governor of Alaska in order to travel Outside on the national campaign trail as the republican VP candidate. Her signature affirms that she had no intention to fulfill her "STATE" duties of office while temporarily out of office.

Palin's signature on her travel document which state "RETURN TO DUTY STATUS" further affirms that she had had full knowledge, intent, and a willingness to forego her duties as governor of Alaska in order to travel Outside on the national campaign trail as the republican VP candidate and that she now would assume her "STATE" duties of office of the governor after a temporary absence out of that office.

All the while, Sarah Palin did accept her state funded salary and therefore was still under the authority of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act and all its rules.

By accepting and collecting that state salary, Sarah Palin was being paid to serve as governor BUT spent all her time misusing her State of Alaska governor position, time, and resources for personal and partisan political purposes all the while knowing she had signed travel documents that stated she concluded her state business on

August 27, 2008. She knowingly, intentionally and willingly collected her salary under false pretenses and used her state position, time and resources for personal and political gain, and for partisan political purposes to garner votes.

In addition, Palin's signature on her travel document which states "CONCLUSION OF STATE BUSINESS" affirms that she had full knowledge, intent, and a willingness to be absent from the office of the governor of Alaska in order to travel Outside on the national campaign trail as the republican VP candidate. Her signature affirms that she had no intention to continue in the office of the governor while temporarily out of office.

Likewise, Palin's signature on her travel document which state "RETURN TO DUTY STATUS" further affirms that she had had full knowledge, intent, and a willingness to not occupy the office of the governor of Alaska in order to travel Outside on the national campaign trail as the republican VP candidate and that she was now ready to assume the "STATE" office of the governor after a temporary absence out of the office.

However, Sarah Palin failed to take official action in order to provide for the temporary assumption of the duties of governor by the lieutenant governor during her absence to go campaign. Sarah Palin knew that she had "CONCLUDED STATE BUSINESS" yet she failed to invoke:

Alaska Constitution - Article 3, Section 9: Acting Governor ~ In case of the temporary absence of the governor from office, the lieutenant governor shall serve as acting governor.

Sarah Palin did not bother to overtly take official action to temporarily transfer the authority of the office of the governor because she covertly needed to use her official State of Alaska position, staff, time and resources for her personal and political gain as well as for partisan political purposes as the republican VP candidate to garner votes.

Sarah Palin even had an Anchorage staffer travel throughout the United States by her side during the campaign that was paid by the State of Alaska for "state business", although she fully knew that she had already declared in her travel documents that "CONCLUSION OF STATE BUSINESS" occurred on August 27, 2008 and did not commence until November 7, 2008 when she again confirmed with her signature that she had "RETURN(ED) TO DUTY STATUS".

Based on these facts, Governor Sarah Palin violated the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act. She improperly and deceptively misused her publicly funded position, staff and resources for personal gain and partisan political purposes that had nothing to do with the state's interests and served no state purpose.

In addition, Sarah Palin miserably failed all Alaskans by not temporarily transferring her office of the governor and its inherent authorities and duties to the lieutenant governor during her jaunt Outside last year. That negligent and careless action alone left the people of the State of Alaska vulnerable and allowed Outside political operatives to hijack our system of governance and render it paralyzed. Sarah Palin failed to preserve, protect and safeguard the office of the governor for selfish reasons and the people of the great State of Alaska have paid dearly for it.

The scope of the ethics code states that each public officer holds office as a public trust and any effort to benefit a personal or financial interest through official action is a violation of that trust. I'm requesting that this complaint be forwarded to the Alaska Personnel Board. Thank you for your prompt attention to this. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Andrée McLeod

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION



State of Alaska

DATE
8/21/2008

NAME OF TRAVELER Sarah Palin		TITLE Governor		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER Not Required		TA NO. 01-3564	
EMPLOYEE OFFICE ADDRESS P.O. Box 110001			CITY Juneau		STATE AK		ZIP CODE 99811
DEPARTMENT Office of the Governor		DIVISION Executive		BARGAINING UNIT		WORK STATION Juneau	

Purpose: Meet with Commissioner LeDoux; Court of Appeals Judge Interviews; Award Presentation - Governors Day at Alaska State Fair; Rasmusen Foundations Education Tour Luncheon; Rasmussen Foundation luncheon; ENA: Kenai Industry Appriciation Day; bill signings.

FINANCIAL CODING		ESTIMATED COSTS	TRANSPORTATION		PER DIEM		OTHER		TOTAL \$0.00	
ITINERARY		FROM Juneau		DEPARTURE DATE/TIME 8/16/2008		TO Anchorage		RETURN DATE/TIME 8/27/2008		
APPROVALS		DIVISION (IN-STATE)		DEPARTMENT (OUT-OF-STATE) Lperez		DATE 8/21/2008		GOV.(OUT-OF-COUNTRY ONLY) MANizich/lp		DATE 8/21/2008

ACTUAL COSTS							
DATE	EXPLANATION	MILES X RATE	MILEAGE OR CASH FARE	PER DIEM, OR LODGING	M&IE	OTHER	
8/16/2008	Dep. Juneau 6:41pm Arr. Anchorage 8:22pm		\$0.00		\$32.00		
8/17/2008	Anchorage						
8/18/2008	KWHL Babyshower		\$0.00		\$60.00		
8/19/2008	Meet w/Commissioner LeDoux re: Education issues; Informational Interview - 60 minutes		\$0.00		\$60.00		
8/20/2008	phone interviews w/Kevin McCoy, Susan Carney & Joel Bolger re: Court of Appeals Judge Interviews, awards ceremony for John Katz, A.O. 242 signing		\$0.00		\$60.00		
8/21/2008	Alaska State Fair - Governors Day-Award; Alaska Farm Family of the Year; Statehood Celebration Program remarks		\$0.00		\$60.00		
8/22/2008	Rasmusen Foundation Education Tour Luncheon		\$0.00		\$60.00		
8/23/2008	Drive state vehicle to Kenai Kenai Industry Appreciation Day		\$0.00		\$60.00		
			SUBTOTALS THIS PAGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$392.00	\$0.00

CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION: The facts stated herein or on supporting documents are correct and in accordance with established travel regulations, and unused tickets were returned.		PAGE 1 OF <u>2</u> PAGES		TOTAL ALL PAGES \$572.00	
CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE:		TRAVEL ADVANCE REQUESTED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TRAVEL ADVANCE One card \$0.00	
APPROVAL SIGNATURE:		FINAL PAYMENT			

TR No. or CTA	ISSUED TO	AMOUNT	DATE
0272124595444	Alaska Airlines	\$285.50	8/15/2008
			#23135457 \$572.00

REF	TYPE	NUMBER	AMOUNT	DATE	COMMENTS
1	PVN	SRP06345			
2	TA	01-3564	\$572.00	9/10/2008	travel reimb. 8/16-27/08
3	SSN	Not Required			

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TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION				DATE				
Sarah Palin				Governor		Not Required		11/26/08
NAME OF TRAVELER		TITLE		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		TA NO.		
Office of the Governor		Executive		Juneau		01-3794		
DEPARTMENT		DIVISION	BARGAINING UNIT	WORK STATION				
Office of the Governor		Executive		Juneau				
ACTUAL COSTS								
DATE	EXPLANATION	MILES X RATE	MILEAGE OR CASH FARE	PER DIEM OR LODGING	OR M&E	OTHER		
11/15/2008	Anchorage (no per diem requested)							
11/16/2008	Anchorage (no per diem requested)		\$0.00					
11/17/2008	Budget & Energy Plan meetings				\$60.00			
11/18/2008	Legislation, Health Care Package and		\$0.00		\$60.00			
	Boards & Commission meetings							
11/19/2008	Speech - Resource Dev. Council,		\$0.00		\$60.00			
	interviews with Channel 2, ADN & AP							
	meetings with VP - Exxon, Comm. Hogan,		\$0.00					
	Roll-Out strategy meeting							
11/20/2008	Proclamation Reading - National and		\$0.00		\$60.00			
	State Adoption Day, 2008 Thanksgiving							
	Fund media event, Pardon Turkey		\$0.00					
11/21/2008	Phone call with Sen. Elizabeth Dole				\$60.00			
11/22/2008	Anchorage (no per diem requested)		\$0.00					
11/23/2008	Anchorage (no per diem requested)							
11/24/2008	Anchorage		\$0.00		\$60.00			
11/25/2008	Natural Resources meeting				\$60.00			
11/26/2008	Phone call with Gov. Rendell, interview		\$0.00		\$60.00			
	with KTVA, meeting with COS & Comm.							
	LeDoux		\$0.00					
11/27/2008	Thanksgiving (no per diem requested)							
11/28/2008	Great Alaska Shootout photos with UAA		\$0.00		\$60.00			
	Men's and Womens teams, interviews							
	with KTUU and Illinois Radio		\$0.00					
11/29/2008	Photos with UAA Men's & Women's teams				\$60.00			
11/30/2008	Off duty (no per diem requested)		\$0.00					
12/1/2008	Off duty (no per diem requested)							
12/2/2008	On duty Philadelphia at 9:30am		\$0.00		\$51.00			
	Lodging - Ritz Caralton (B.Cockrell vc)			215.46				
	Meeting with Governors, Vice President-		\$0.00					
	elect Biden & President-elect Obama,							
	press conference w/Governor's		\$0.00					
	Dep. Philadelphia 1:30pm Arr. Chicago							
	Conference room rental, Chicago airport		\$0.00				\$135.00	
	(B.Cockrell vc)							
	Arr. Anchorage 11:00pm		\$0.00					
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TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION				DATE			
NAME OF TRAVELER Sarah Palin				TITLE Governor		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER Not Required	TA NO. 01-3794
DEPARTMENT Office of the Governor		DIVISION Executive	BARGAINING UNIT	WORK STATION Juneau			
ACTUAL COSTS							
DATE	EXPLANATION	MILES X RATE	MILEAGE OR CASH FARE	PER DIEM, OR LODGING	M&IE	OTHER	
12/3/2008	Cabinet meeting; meet with Matt Claman/ coordination with Anchorage Assembly		\$0.00		\$60.00		
12/4/2008	Phone call with Jim Connaughton re: WWII monuments, Health Care Roll-out meetings re: Flint Hills, PNWER, session, communications		\$0.00		\$60.00		
12/5/2008	Dep. Anchorage 9:00am via DPS aircraft Arr. Fairbanks		\$0.00		\$60.00		
	AGIA license signing, interviews with Canadian AM television, The Hour & Fairbanks Newsminer Editorial board		\$0.00				
	Dep. Fairbanks 1:00pm via DPS aircraft Arr. Anchorage		\$0.00				
12/6/2008	Dep. Anchorage 9:45am via DPS aircraft Arr. Kivalina 12:00pm		\$0.00		\$60.00		
	Visit to Seawall, hand out Christmas gifts with National Guard		\$0.00				
	Dep. Kivalina 2:00pm via DPS aircraft Arr. Juneau 7:35pm		\$0.00				
	Anchorage/Miami/Philadelphia airfare provided by RGA		\$0.00				
	deduction of \$7.39 due to overpayment on TA 01-3322		\$0.00			(\$7.39)	
	overpayment of M&IE on TA 01-2545		\$0.00		(\$120.00)		
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