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*Mayor Dan Sullivan*

October 17, 2014

The Honorable Mark Begich  
United States Senate Office  
510 L Street #750  
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Dear Senator Begich:

I was extremely disappointed to learn that on October 18<sup>th</sup> you interfered with a Municipal labor negotiation. The Municipality's negotiating team was in a closed door session with the IBEW Mechanics. You entered the room without regard to the proceedings, put the negotiations at risk, made disparaging remarks about the current administration, and attempted to discredit and intimidate the Municipal bargaining team.

It is highly unethical to interrupt a closed bargaining session, and even more so to take sides in the deliberations. Your comments to the negotiation teams clearly indicate you knew you were interrupting a negotiation session. Under Municipal Code, negotiation sessions are private. As a former Mayor you should know this. Your actions border on an unfair labor practice.

You should have respect for the collective bargaining process and allow representatives to do their work without being subject to intimidation and political pandering.

At a minimum, you owe the Municipality an apology and assurances that your actions will not be repeated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Sullivan".

Dan Sullivan  
Mayor

Cc: Nancy Usera, Employee Relations Director  
Dennis Wheeler, Municipal Attorney  
Dennis Traylor, IBEW Local 1547  
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