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Mr. Richard H. Sims  
Chairman  
Water Resources Board  
323 E. 4th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Sims:

I have read and reviewed your recent letter regarding the persistent problem of trash adjacent many of our more heavily used streams and rivers. As in the past, I appreciate your diligence to all water related matters and for drawing my attention to this particular issue.

As you suggested, I will see that the matter is considered during the preparation of next year's budget. I know that the Department of Natural Resources is keenly aware of the situation and expect to see a funding request addressing the problem in their budget submission to me. Other departments may also seek funding to comply with their authorities in this area.

As you pointed out, however, this is more than a budgetary problem; several agencies have partial responsibility over the problem. Coordinating their authorities may require certain structural changes. I would welcome your further advice on resolving any organizational impediments you find that prevent us from fulfilling our full responsibility for maintaining these public areas.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Jay S. Hammond in black ink.

Jay S. Hammond  
Governor