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Dear Brian:

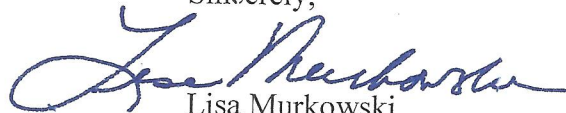
Thank you for contacting me to share your concerns regarding recent actions by the Administration. I appreciate hearing from you and having the opportunity to respond.

Over the course of the 113th and 114th Congresses, the President has overridden the concept of checks and balances with several questionable executive actions. This recent shift towards unilateral governance is not consistent with our nation's principles and carefully designed separation of powers. In order to move forward as a country, we need to work together to expand opportunities that create jobs, develop bipartisan initiatives in the energy sector, and have a fair and healthy debate on critical legislation. Consensus-building is hard, but I am committed to moving forward on difficult issues through collaboration, thoughtful debate, and an open amendment process.

I am hopeful that the President will see the value of pragmatism over partisanship in his remaining time in office. Both parties created the challenges we face today, and the solutions can be found only through collaborative efforts. I encourage the President and his administration to work with Congress, represent all of America, and make a better tomorrow for our nation.

Hearing the perspectives of individual Alaskans is critical to my work in the Senate. Whether you write a letter, send an e-mail, or make a phone call, your voice is essential to all my decisions. As issues arise that are important to you in Alaska and D.C., I hope that you will contact me again to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
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