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Governor Sean Parnell  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to provide a letter of recommendation for Caring for the Kenai (CFK), an innovative youth education program in Alaska.

Twenty-one years ago, the community of the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska created a unique partnership that is a model for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. The concept of the CFK program represents a collaborative effort towards environmental awareness where individuals, industry leaders, educators, government officials, and students work together toward common goals.

This innovative education program has received numerous national awards. Last year, I signed alternative energy incentive legislation (SB 220) which included an amendment introduced by a high school freshman who was a CFK environmental awareness and disaster preparedness competition winner. The power of using student ideas to positively impact our environment is just one of the many benefits of the CFK program.

CFK has now developed into a national program that is available in your state. I would encourage you to take a close look at what this program can do for your community.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Governor