Sent: Monday, September 30, 2002 11:04 AM

Dear Mr. Cassidy,

The long-term future of the northwest economy is in your hands. You must accept proposals to offer contracts after 2006 to the aluminum industry. My job and thousands of others will depend on your support.

Aluminum has been an asset to this state for decades and now, on the turn of a dime, people are ready to cut us off at the knees.

Surely you must understand that these industry jobs are important. These jobs support families, communities and our state's economy. Our economy is slowing down and we should do everything we can to avoid eliminating more industry, especially those that operate in rural areas.

Please support long-term contracts for the aluminum industry in our state. Please preserve aluminum and working wage jobs in the Northwest.

Sincerely, Joe Granger