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Dear Mia,

We are writing you this extraordinary letter because of grave concerns regarding your true place of residence. As candidates for State House District 20, voters expect us to actually live in the district, a requirement we do not believe you meet.

Repeated canvasses of the neighborhood by both of us have failed to turn-up any evidence that you live at 5512 Yukon Charlie Loop. Of the people who live in the homes around this house, only one --the neighbor directly across the street-- even knew who you were. For over half a year, we have driven by at all hours of the day and night and have seen no evidence that either you or your family use 5512 Yukon Charlie Loop as your home, to wit:

-the driveway often went unplowed in winter	-there were no tire tracks in the snow;
-the house lights are always off	-there is no sign of children;
-you are unknown to neighborhood residents;	-neighbors assume that the house is empty and for sale;

As mothers, we know it is all but impossible to have young children and somehow remain invisible: 'Ariana's mom' and 'Liam and Stephen's mom' are known by all in our respective neighborhoods. Yet you, an elected official, remain a non-entity in an area full of stay-at-home families, an area where you claim you live with your husband and two young sons. How is this possible?

The answer may be quite simple: you do not live at 5512 Yukon Charlie Loop. Of the two other properties you own, we believe you probably reside at 2100 Esquire Drive, which is in House District 19.

If you still plan on running to represent our Jewel Lake/Sand Lake/Campbell Lake area of Anchorage, basic decency and honor requires you to live here. If you are not willing to move into the home we understand your mother bought you on 5512 Yukon Charlie Loop, we must insist you withdraw your candidacy.

Sincerely,

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cc: Alaska Division of Elections, Anchorage School District, KTUU, Anchorage Daily News, Associated Press, Alaska Dispatch, Alaska News Nightly