

September 26, 2012

Dave and Janet Panebaker
31020 Fallen Falcon Trail
Oak Creek, CO 80467

Dear Dave and Janet:

I was very saddened to hear the news of your son's tragic death earlier this week, and I wanted to reach out to express my condolences.

I spoke with Alan many times in the hallways of the State House, where it was obvious he loved his job covering Vermont politics. He was such a likable person and a joy to talk with.

It always seems so unfair when a tragic event claims the life of such a talented young soul. As a parent myself, I also simply can't imagine losing a child. My heart goes out to you and your family.

I know Alan will be greatly missed by his friends, family and co-workers here in Vermont and out west. I, for one, feel very privileged that I was able to get to know him.

Sincerely,

Phil Scott