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February 1, 2017

Representative Dean Westlake
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 24
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Westlake:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) to express our unequivocal support for HJR 5, which urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas development. AOGA is a professional trade association whose members account for majority of oil and gas exploration, development, production, transportation, and refining activities both onshore and offshore in Alaska. AOGA's members are proud of our history of partnership with the State of Alaska and its citizens, endeavoring to provide revenue, economic opportunities, and infrastructure to the Arctic region. By affording Alaskans the opportunity to access the coastal plain of ANWR, we can ensure that that partnership continues unabated in the future.

Responsible development in the 1002 area of ANWR would provide an invaluable boost to America's energy security and bring much-needed economic growth to Alaska, at a time when it is desperately needed. Such access is also vital to ensure the long-term viability of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

ANWR has incredible potential for oil and gas, with government estimates placing the reserves at approximately 10 billion barrels. The development of such a massive reserve would create thousands of high-paying jobs for Alaskans. With an industry-wide Alaska hire rate of roughly 70%, these family-sustaining jobs would mostly serve to benefit Alaska residents, who would spend wages in our communities, boosting both the state and local economies.

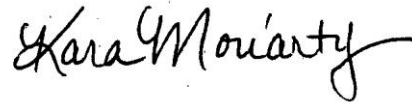
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Finally, the vast majority of Alaskans continue to offer support for opening the coastal plain of ANWR for oil and gas development. I thank you for introducing a resolution that reflects most Alaskans' desires, and offer our whole-hearted support.

Sincerely,

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KARA MORIARTY
President & CEO
Alaska Oil & Gas Association



February 8, 2017

Representative Dean Westlake
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Rm 24
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Westlake:

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) would like to express our strong support for House Joint Resolution (HJR) 5, which urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas development.

The mission of the Alaska Chamber is to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. We represent hundreds of businesses, manufacturers and local chambers from across the state. Each year the Alaska Chamber members meet to set its legislative priorities. The top legislative priority for Alaska Chamber members is supporting oil and gas exploration, and eventual production, on the coastal plain of ANWR. The responsible development of the oil and gas resources found here represents thousands of high-paying jobs for Alaskans and a considerable injection of revenue into Alaska's economy.

Thank you for introducing HJR 5, its passage will be a valuable tool for Alaska's congressional delegation as they continue to push to open ANWR to responsible resource development.

Sincerely,

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Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO

-----Original Message-----

From: Ralph Samuels [<mailto:ralphsamuelsak@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 3:48 PM

To: Rep. Dean Westlake <Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov>

Cc: Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chuck Kopp <Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov>

Subject: ANWR. HJR5

Dear Representative Westlake,

Thank you so much for sponsoring HJR 5, supporting responsible development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

As a lifelong Alaska, I have seen firsthand how responsible resource development has improved the lives of all Alaskans.

As Alaskans we know that we can develop responsibly, and benefit not only Alaska and our people, but indeed make the United States more energy independent, which helps all Americans.

Thanks for your work.

Ralph Samuels
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Sent from my iPad



February 8, 2017

The Honorable Andy Josephson, Co-Chair
The Honorable Geran Tarr, Co-Chair
Alaska State House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Co-Chair Josephson, Co-Chair Tarr & Members of the House Resources Committee:

I write to you today on behalf of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) in strong support of HJR 5, *Endorsing ANWR Leasing; Related Issues*. ASRC is owned by and represents the business interests of the Arctic Slope Iñupiat. Since opening enrollment in 1989 to Alaska Natives born after 1971, the corporation's shareholder base has nearly tripled, growing from the 3,700 original enrollees to around 12,000 today. ASRC owns approximately 5,000,000 acres of land on the North Slope.

Part of ASRC's land ownership includes 92,000 acres of subsurface estate on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Together with the surface estate owner Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation (KIC), we represent the only major private landowners on the 1.2 million acre coastal plain. We are and have always been advocates for the exploration and development of the coastal plain of ANWR.

ASRC, Kaktovik and the North Slope Borough for decades have been solidly in support of leasing and exploration of the coastal plain of ANWR. We know collectively that exploration can take place with no harm to the environment. Only by leasing the coastal plain for exploration will we understand the location and quantity of resources to be found there. Part of this exploration would include the testing of the potential of the Native-owned lands near Kaktovik. We are currently prevented from developing these lands unless Congress acts.

ASRC supports HJR 5 not only because it is aligned with our mission to enhance Iñupiat economic opportunity while protecting subsistence freedoms for our region but it also provides economic stimulation and job creation for the entire state of Alaska and beyond.

ASRC has been and will remain committed to developing resources in a manner that respects Iñupiat subsistence values, protects culture and ensures proper care of the environment; the potential development in ANWR would be no different. The people of our region are dependent on subsistence hunting for our food, economic development for our infrastructure and for an improved quality of life in Alaska's harshest environment.

We respectfully urge your support of HJR 5 and sincerely appreciate your consideration of our testimony. If you or the members of the committee have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION



Richard Glenn

Executive Vice-President

Lands & Natural Resources

