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Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:44 AM

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Thank you for considering my voice,
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From: Serene O'Hara-Jolley [<mailto:oharajolley@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:54 PM

To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>

Subject: Testimony on 01/26/17 HJR5

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Thank you,

Rose O'Hara

From: Ronald Yarnell [<mailto:ronaldyarnell@icloud.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki <Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Subject: Re: ANWR - HJR 4 & 5

Scott,

Thank you for getting back to me. I am sorry I was so upset about yesterday. But I had testified already the day before at the Arctic Policy Committee & was informed about this Natural Resources Committee hearing.

Things had gone so fast the day before, and I had things to do, so was I stress because I was wasting my time.

I am leaving tomorrow to help pack sections of the Yukon Quest trail that aren't ready yet for the mushers, so I will not be able to do more about this next week.

It is so sad how little our legislators appreciate our special areas & how little they acknowledge that tens of thousands of Alaskans appreciate these areas.

I am so thankful we have the federal government that normally does so much better job protecting areas like this than the states do.

I have heard good things about Andy. I really did appreciate the the general tone of the hearings & the questions that Andy & Geran asked. They were very respectful & did truly seem to be interested in our opinions.

I also appreciate you calling me out if you think I have the wrong opinion about someone.

I really do appreciate all the work our politicians do. It is a tough job. Not everyone is going to be pleased. In fact usually quite the opposite. But the people's business needs to be done and someone has to do it. I admire everyone who tries even if I disagree with them wholeheartedly.

I purposely took out the lines in my messages to all of you to not support this resolution. I am a realist. To get elected here each of you probably has to vote for this thing.

I would just prefer it was dropped entirely. And I also want our legislators to quit saying all Alaskans are in favor of opening up the Arctic Refuge.

At all the hearings they have ever held in this state on this issue there has always been well over 50 percent, often closer to 90 percent, for protecting the Refuge.

Thanks again Scott for getting back to me.

Ron Yarnell

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lily Cohen [<mailto:lily.rachel.cohen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Subject: I oppose HJR5

Representative Josephson,

Please attach my testimony to the HJR5 resolution.

I am writing to oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife refuge and HJR5. Despite being on a work trip in Portland, I tried to call in and testify to the committee on Thursday- though I had to return to work before they were able to call on me. While I waited I was nearly brought to tears listening to the testimony of the three native women who are working to protect their people, their way of life, their daughters, and their grandchildren.

As a researcher who has spent time on the oil fields on the North Slope, I have seen first hand how much oil extraction changes the area.

I stand with the Gwich'in Nation who oppose this bill, and I believe that listening to the voices of Native Alaskans should be a priority for our representatives.

Lily Cohen
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From: Claire Todd [<mailto:claire.c.todd@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Subject: Opposed to HJR-5

Hi,

I'm a concerned Alaskan that is opposed to HJR-5. The tundra is an extremely fragile ecosystem that we want to protect!

Thank you,
Claire

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From: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:48 PM
To: Ronald Yarnell <ronaldyarnell@icloud.com>
Cc: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Subject: RE: ANWR - HJR 4 & 5

Hi Ron...I spoke with Andy who is also on the email right now.

He said that there will be ample time to hear the testimony. An option is to write letters, but this is in addition to (not in lieu of) your personal public testimony. It will be heard...sjk

p.s. Andy's credentials on resource/environmental issues are second to none in this Legislature. He has been working with me on BOG appointments and is our leader on oil and gas/mining issues.

From: Ronald Yarnell [<mailto:ronaldyarnell@icloud.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:12 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Scott Kawasaki <Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Guttenberg <Rep.David.Guttenberg@akleg.gov>; Rep. Adam Wool <Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov>
Subject: Re: ANWR - HJR 4 & 5

Dear Representatives Josephson & Tarr,

I want to let you know how disappointed I was today when I went to the Fairbanks LIO to testify in front of your Natural Resources Committee on HJR 5.

I arrived early & was fifth on the list.

After a considerable delay your committee finally started allowing testimony. Six people testified from Anchorage, then they started with Fairbanks.

After waiting two hours, testimony was cut off right in front of me. Let me assure you there were 20 other people in that room that were at least as angry as I was.

Some other method of recording testimony needs to be allowed so that people don't feel like their time was wasted. A lot of people just gave up & left even before testimony was halted.

State legislators don't understand how much opposition there is to opening up the Arctic Refuge to oil development. Even here in Alaska there are thousands of people that feel we need to make a stand and not allow oil development in our nation's treasures.

These areas have been set aside to protect what makes Alaska such a special place to live. Why is it that our leaders always want to destroy what makes Alaska so special.

The state legislature needs to drop these two resolutions. There are other areas west of Prudhoe Bay that are far less controversial that can be developed to help fill our pipeline.

The petroleum industry already has access to most of the rest of north slope of Alaska, or it is being opened up as we speak. (That's 95% of the north slope.)

It is highly unlikely that I will be able to testify in front of the committee again next week. I have other commitments, as I did today. I cannot afford to waste my time when it doesn't seem to matter anyway.

I appreciate our public servants, including our politicians. You all work very hard. I assume this wasn't anyone's fault, although it certainly looked like it was intentional.

People want their legislators to listen to what they have to say on these issues. When they take time off from work, or from their busy schedules, and then get cut off from testifying they have a right to be disgusted with the process.

This discourages democracy.

I urge state legislators to drop both these divisive resolutions. Let's concentrate our time on developing our resources in areas that are less controversial.

Sincerely, Ron Yarnell

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 27, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Ronald Yarnell <ronaldyarnell@icloud.com> wrote:

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Dear Representatives,

Find attached a slide show I put together from my 40 years of leading wilderness trips into & across the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

I have led hundreds of Alaskans as well as people from all over the world on rafting, backpacking & nature trips to this very special area.

I am one of several dozen Alaskan companies that operate hunting, fishing & wilderness travel trips in the Arctic Refuge.

This area is not only a national treasure, but it a treasure to many Alaskans.

The coastal plain is the heart of the Refuge. This is where we see most of the wildlife. Without the coastal plain the Arctic Refuge would just be mountains.

There is nowhere on Alaska's north slope where you can float out of the mountains, across the coastal plain to the Arctic Ocean in such a short distance. Everywhere else it is at least a hundred miles or more from the mountains to the sea.

I and my clients have witnessed tens of thousands of caribou crossing rivers such as the Hulahula, Okpilik, Jago & Aichilik. We have seen the bands of musk oxen that make the coastal plain their home. Each year we witness hundreds of thousands of birds that migrate to the coastal plain from most continents of the world to breed, rear their young & rest.

As has been proven at least several times this winter there are areas west of Prudhoe Bay that are far less controversial, that we can develop to add more oil to our pipeline.

As Alaskans do we really want to sacrifice the wilderness of the coastal plain for more oil when there are other less controversial areas available? Are we really so poor that we are willing to sacrifice what makes Alaska such a special place to live?

Yesterday we were asked why we aren't willing to compromise? The answer is we have already compromised.

Practically the entire coastal plain on the north slope of the Brooks Range is already available to oil exploration or is being opened up. The 1002 area in the Arctic Refuge is the only place on Alaska's north slope presently protected from development.

In other words 95 percent of Alaska's north slope will eventually be explored. Do we really want to develop this one place where we have the potential to protect the coastal plain from the mountains to the sea?

Some people say developing 2000 acres of the 1.2 million acre 1002 area will not affect the area. I can assure you that is not the case! No matter how far apart you spread the infrastructure the area will no longer be wilderness.

If developed, float trips across the coastal plain will be bisected by roads, pipelines, airports and other industrial development. The wilderness of the coastal plain will be no more. It will just be like Prudhoe Bay. People don't go to Prudhoe Bay to experience wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely, Ron Yarnell (Fairbanks)

From: Kathryn Daly [<mailto:kmdaly@alaska.edu>]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Subject: ANWR

Hi Andy,

I saw your email listed through the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition and wanted to write with my concern regarding the recent legislation to open ANWR to development.

The Refuge is sacred for humans and other animals. Globally, America 'owns' only a small portion of the tundra, but ours represents a unique type of tundra because of the Bering Land bridge - what we have is historically and ecologically priceless.

If it is opened to development, it will never be the same.

Thank you for your consideration of this opinion.

Sincerely,
Kathryn

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From: Dan & Marjorie Dunaway [<mailto:dlgdunaway@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:45 AM

To: Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Dean Westlake <Rep.Dean.Westlake@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Parish <Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Representative.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>

Subject: HJR 6 thanks for supporting

I want to thank you for supporting Mr. Edgmon's resolution for the King Cove road.

I support building the road and the positions of the Aleutian East Borough and other supporters.

The road should be built properly and I believe it can be done without undue harm to the important wildfowl areas and eel grass beds.

I lived in Sand Point from 1978 to 80, Unalaska 80-85 and again Sand Point 85-89. I worked for ADFG in crab management and research so passed thru King Cove about 2 to 3 times a year, winter and summer. I spent quite a bit of time in Cold Bay too, hunting, driving the roads, working. I have experience tying up to the Cold Bay dock - when weather allowed. I've spent quite a few days anchored in Leonard Harbor when weather was too rough for work.

I sailed the waters from Kodiak to Sand Point, King Cove, False Pass and Unalaska nearly every year of living in the area.

I have flown in and out of King Cove and been weathered in and out of King Cove as well. It can be very scary. I've experienced last minute aborted landings into King Cove's airstrip. They deserve a road.

If the previously proposed land exchanges are needed to make the road possible, I support that as well - the refuge would gain substantial lands.

I had hoped to testify in support on January 27 but the change in order the resolutions were taken up caused me to miss the opportunity.

I would like you to add my comments here for the record and to pass on with the resolution as it makes its way to the floor.

thank you

Dan Dunaway

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