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Senate Joint Resolution 24 Sponsor Statement

SJR 24 urges the Federal Administration and the United States Congress to utilize the energy resources of the State of Alaska to offset the import of Russian oil and gas. The resolution further urges the expansion of US domestic energy production to help fortify and secure the country as a whole.

As the United States and other democratic nations have seen so clearly since the beginning of the Russian invasion in Ukraine; we can not be reliant on authoritarians, dictators, and tyrants for our energy needs. There is a social, and humanitarian obligation to divest from these despot-linked energy sources while at the same time there is an opportunity to responsibly manage resource development here in Alaska.

I urge members of the Alaska Legislature to support SJR 24 and responsible resource development in Alaska.