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To Senate Resources Committee

Via email: senate.resources@akleg.gov

RE: House Joint Resolution 12 –

I am writing in support of the HRJ 12 which urges the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management to honor the recent lease sales and proceed with permitting in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; urging the President of the United States to defend the 2020 Record of Decision approving the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing designation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a National Monument; and urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to uphold sec. 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

I moved to Alaska as a college student in 1993, fell in love with this beautiful state, found a good job which made it possible for me and my family to call Alaska home ever since. In addition to my work as an Alaska manager of a geo-data company, I also serve on boards of civic, scientific and trade organizations, including the Alaska Sister Cities Commission, the Anchorage Community Development Authority, the Federal North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) Science Technical Advisory Panel. Currently, I serve on the US BLM Alaska Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and on the Alaska Resource Development Council.

While I acknowledge President Biden's administration desire to stop development of hydrocarbons, there are huge unintended consequences of this policy that have national and state-wide ramifications some of them include:

Without limited oil development on the coastal plain, America will be forced to again increase its reliance on foreign imports. At the beginning of COVID pandemic, we have seen first-hand what it means to lack internal capacity to produce needed resources. With limited development in ANWR, America and Alaska can continue to grow the economy and reduce dependence on foreign oil and stay in control of our future.

Alaska's economic lifeline, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), is running at one quarter capacity. New oil production from the coastal plain has the potential to increase throughput in TAPS, extending the useful life of this vital component of American energy infrastructure.

Alaska became a 49th state with an explicit mandate to use its resources to support local government, which it has done responsibly and sustainably. Our 40-plus years of North Slope oil production during which time many wildlife populations have grown or remained stable demonstrates this point. In addition, Federal government has benefited greatly from oil and gas lease sale revenues. Curtailing state of Alaska's ability to develop its resources for the benefit of all Alaskans whether on state or federal lands, would cause the decline of our economy, migration and other social and economic hardships.

Sincerely,

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