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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.

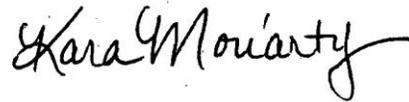
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Finally, the vast majority of Alaskans continue to offer support for opening the coastal plain of ANWR for oil and gas development. I thank you for introducing a resolution that reflects most Alaskans' desires, and offer our whole-hearted support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Moriarty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

KARA MORIARTY
President & CEO
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