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Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Coastal Plain Leasing EIS. I would like to first disclose that although not commenting on behalf of any organized group or organization I do have special interest. I have special interest in the wellbeing of Alaska, I have a special interest in supporting public safety, first responders, our public schools our roads and airports. I have a special interest for providing a future for those generations that will follow. I have special interest in all that Alaska has to offer, the grandeur the beauty and wildlife that we hold so precious.

What I do not have interest in are those that support regressive ideas that we should not do all we can to explore and develop those resources that Alaska has been blessed with. It is this generation's responsibility to provide for future generations with opportunities to be all they can be.

It is through the responsible approach to leasing exploration and possible development to the section 1002 of the coastal plain area that we can help provide those necessary resources for all Alaskans to live in the area of Alaska they may choose. Through a healthy Alaska economy those that may choose to live in rural areas may have the necessary support to live outside the metropolitan areas. Only through a State that is vibrant and financially secure will Alaska have the necessary resources to provide those public services we have grown to expect and often demand no matter where they may choose to live.

The coastal plain has been identified as an area in ANILCA that holds significant potential for oil and gas resources. The area being considered is well within the reaches of the Trans Alaska Pipeline which makes consideration for development a logical and responsible choice. The closer to existing infrastructure helps insure the necessary resources are close to minimize impacts and provide necessary responses should an emergency occur.

The operators of TAPS and the North Slope facilities have demonstrated the ability to operate in the harsh Arctic in an environmentally friendly way. Through operating the TAPS line there has been valuable knowledge learned on how to safely transport oil from the North Slope.

Let's not forget that we now live in a global economy and need to recognize we will be dependent on petroleum for many years. The development of alternative energy will take many years and in the intern we need to develop those recourses we can control and manage rather than to rely on those countries or regions that may not put forth the effort to develop resources as Alaska with its rigorous permitting and oversight. We must not cave to those interest groups that may work to deny development in Alaska only to turn a blind eye to those regions of the world that may not be as responsible.

I have difficult time placing a greater value on any of the Alaska's lands whether on the North Slope of Alaska or the forest of South East Alaska. I attended the EIS scoping meeting that was recently held in Fairbanks. I appreciate the process and the opportunities we as Alaskans have in participating in the process but my personal feeling and take away from the hearing was there is considerable special interest in not developing any of Alaska's resources no matter where they maybe, this is a narrow minded sight. By not developing our resources we will condemn our future generations to a life of dependency. It is very discouraging that there are those organizations that work to deny Alaska the opportunity to

develop and support itself. Let's us all work together, embrace Alaska's history and cherish its rich cultures but recognize that by not looking forward and developing opportunities working towards a future we will be robbing those that follow of their self-determination to pursue a life they may choose for themselves.

It is my request that you would pursue a leasing program on Alaska's Coastal Plain for the benefit of future generations, to insure our future generations have the Alaska that provides opportunities to live and prosper.

Thank you

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