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Comments:

MY NAME IS RYAN MCGOVERN AND I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING UA LOCAL 375 PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA. LOCAL 375 REPRESENTS MORE THAN 400 PLUMBERS, PIPEFITTERS, WELDERS & HELPERS IN ALASKA, MANY OF WHOM WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES IN THE COASTAL PLAINS OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS. BORN AND RAISED IN ALASKA AS WERE MY PARENTS BEFORE ME, I'VE GROWN UP FISHING, HUNTING, AND ENJOYING A GREAT MANY BENEFITS AVAILABLE HERE IN ALASKA THAT AREN'T AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE. SOME OF THOSE BENEFITS INCLUDE ACCESS TO WORLD CLASS ~~HUNTING~~ HUNTING/FISHING/WILDLIFE OBSERVATION/ AND RECREATIONAL AREAS THAT SIMPLY DON'T EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE. WITH THE MANY VALUABLE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ALASKANS, COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THOSE RESOURCES IN A WAY THAT BENEFITS ALASKAN RESIDENTS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, WHILE PROTECTING THE WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT FROM THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS THAT CAN ACCOMPANY IRRESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT. SINCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAPS PIPELINE, THE INDUSTRY HAS MADE GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY THAT

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WILL HELP MINIMIZE NEGATIVE EFFECT, AND SURFACE IMPACT INVOLVED WITH OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT. I'VE SEEN FIRST HAND THE WILDLIFE AND PRODUCTION ON THE NORTH SLOPE EXISTING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH MINIMAL IMPACT ON EITHER. IN PRUDHOE BAY WORK STOPS WHEN ~~THE~~ OPERATIONS AFFECT WILDLIFE HAVING WANDERED INTO A BUSY AREA, UNTIL THOSE OPERATIONS CAN BE CONTINUED W/O IMPACTING WILDLIFE. OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS ~~WILDLIFE~~ ^{OIL DEVELOPING COMPANIES} ~~HAVE PRACTICES THAT~~ ~~HAD~~ ^{HAD} A GREAT DEAL OF PRACTICES WORKING TO MINIMIZE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE SURROUNDING DEVELOPED AREAS AND MANY METHODS & PRACTICES USED TODAY DO A GREAT JOB OF THAT. WITH THE DECREASING AMOUNT OF OIL BEING TRANSPORTED THROUGH THE TAPS ~~REPEATING~~ ^{INCREASING} YEARLY IT'S BECOMING MORE & MORE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THE REPEATING ^{ENSURING} IT REMAINS OPERATIONAL. DEVELOPING NEW AREAS OF EXPLORATION SUCH AS ANWR, WOULD HELP PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL FLOW NEEDED TO SLOW THAT DECREASING TEND, WHILE HELPING PROVIDE ALASKANS WITH MUCH NEEDED REVENUE THROUGH ADDITIONAL JOBS AND OIL ROYALTIES FROM ~~LEASE~~ SALES & OIL SOLD PROVIDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH FUNDING NEEDED TO PROMOTE CARIBOU PROTECTS, AND FUNDING FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS SUCH AS SCHOOL FUNDING, ROAD BUILDING & MAINTENANCE, AND MANY OTHERS ADVANTAGES THAT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT. AS A SECOND GENERATION ALASKAN (BORN & RAISED), AND AS A SECOND GENERATION LOCAL STS MEMBER I AM IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT IN ANWR.

~~VERY~~ SINCERELY,

Ryan Melrose - AN LOCAL STS