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[EXTERNAL] Support Safe, Responsible Energy Development1 message

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Dear Coastal Plain Leasing Program EIS,

I am writing in support of the Bureau of Land Management's efforts to open a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to safe and responsible energy development. I believe America's natural gas and oil resources within the ANWR can be safely and responsibly developed to ensure generations of Americans have access to affordable energy. New advances and safety measures further strengthen the energy industry's track record of 40 years of safe energy development in remote regions of Alaska. This track record is a big reason why 70% of Alaskans consistently support energy development in portions of ANWR.

ANWR also represents more than twice the proven oil reserves in Texas and almost half the total of U.S. proven oil reserves. Developing our own natural resources will lessen our dependence on foreign imports while creating jobs and tax revenues for state and federal governments. It is a win-win situation when government and industry can find the right balance to develop our own energy. To make sure the industry protects the environment and the Alaskan way of life, they have partnered with scientists, biologists, researchers, engineers and geologists to make sure energy development protects the community and minimizes the impact to the environment.

Sincerely,
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