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[EXTERNAL] Letter for Comments

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Please see attachment, a letter for comments.

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City of Wainwright

Attn: Coastal Plain oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
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June 19, 2018

My name is Amos J. AguvlukNashookpuk. As a resident of the North Slope, I realize the positive impacts that money from the oil & gas industry has had on my community through improvements in infrastructure, public safety, health care, and education (including higher education and career and job training). Please understand that the lifeblood of our local economy is the oil and gas industry and the opportunities it provides including jobs, investments, shareholder earnings, and oil and gas support industries. Development of Native-owned lands on the coastal plain would provide significant benefits to Alaska Natives on the North Slope and throughout the state through ANCSA Corporation revenue sharing.

I understand that the scoping stage of this process helps the Bureau of Land Management and cooperating agencies to determine the issues that should be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide my comments to this process in to ensure that potential future development is done in a way that is respectful of our culture and environment.

I believe that as you move to create the draft Environmental Impact Statement, the following issues should be of particular focus.

The BLM should read "In This Place: A Guide for Those Who Would Work in the Country of the Kaktovikmiut" *and* include recommendations that those who would participate in any lease sales for the Coastal Plain review the document. Village Health Assessment should be a part of this process to provide a baseline measure of the health of the community to ensure that the health of Kaktovik is not negatively affected should any development occur. Also, ensure that any adverse effects to wildlife and subsistence resources are thoroughly studied and protected require that those who buy leases in the 1002 area attend cultural and environmental seminar given by Kaktovikmiut. Community trails, campsites, and subsistence use sites used by the community of Kaktovik should be identified and protected in the EIS and should not be included in a lease sale. Impact Aid has not been addressed; Kaktovik needs to know that they will receive assistance for their community.

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