



June 19, 2018

Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
222 W. 7th Ave, Stop #13
Anchorage, AK 99513

Re: Support for oil and gas exploration and development in Alaska's federal areas.

To whom it may concern;

The Alaska Chamber supports the Bureau of Land Management moving forward in the process to prepare the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

The Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1953 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large business representing hundreds of employers and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ over 100,000 hard-working Alaskans. We have long supported resource development that is both done in a responsible manner and brings economic opportunities to Alaska and its residents.

A long-standing top federal legislative priority for Chamber members is supporting oil and gas exploration within Alaska's federal areas, and the eventual production from those exploration activities. The responsible development of the oil and gas resources found in the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) represents thousands of high-paying jobs for Alaskans and a considerable injection of revenue into Alaska's economy.

In a survey of Alaskans taken earlier this year it was found that 68% of the people living in this state support oil and gas exploration in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This support has remained strong through the years since this question was first asked almost 30 years ago. This shows Alaskans understand how vital it is for Alaska to develop its resources, and that development can take place in a responsible manner.

The Alaska Chamber supports BLM's efforts to move forward in this process and to the eventual positive lease sale in the 1002 area of ANWR.

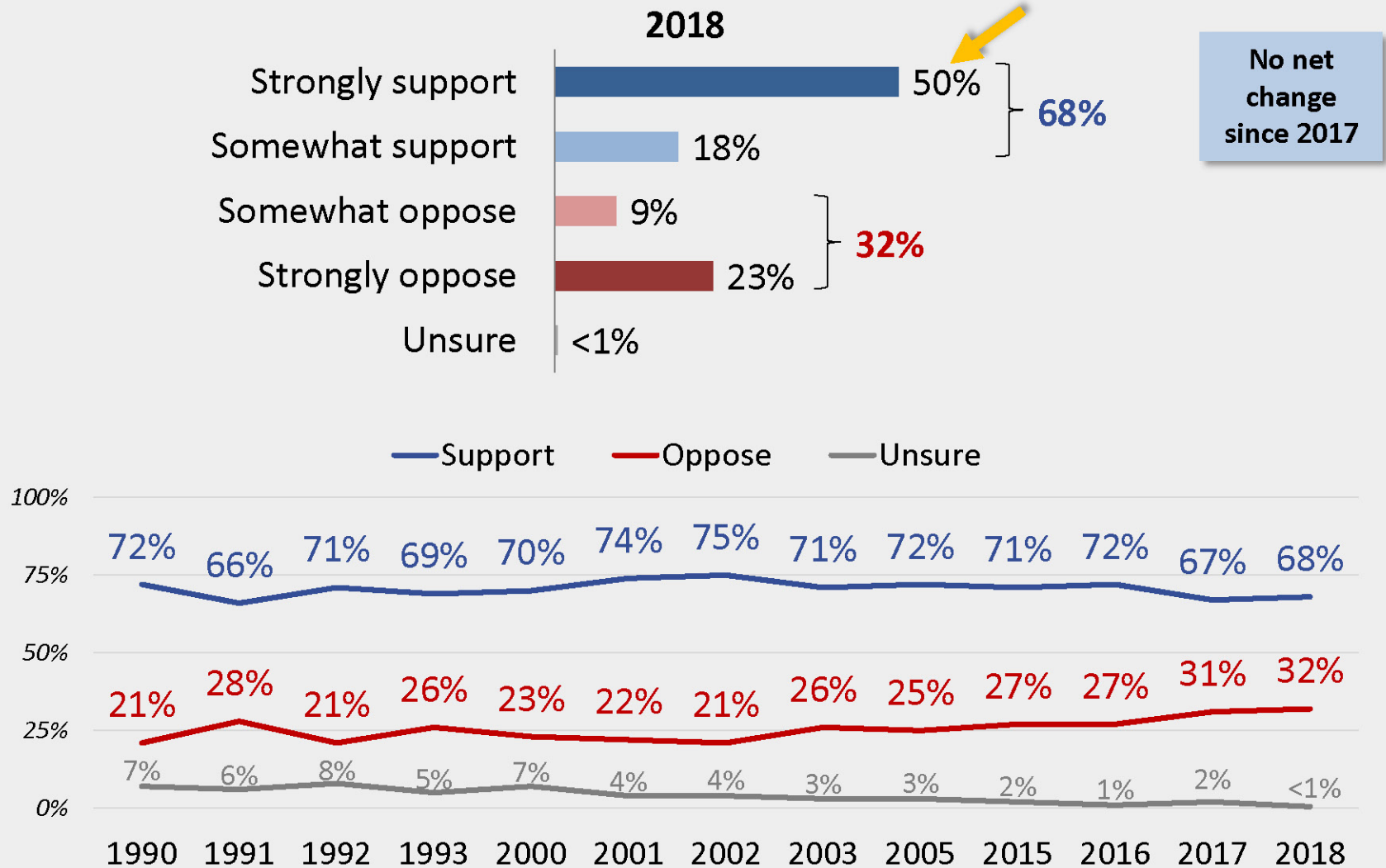
Best regards,

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Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO

ANWR Exploration & Production

Do you support or oppose exploration and production of oil and gas in a portion of ANWR, that is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?



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	Support	Oppose
Overall	68%	32%
Location		
Anchorage	65%	34%
Southcentral	78%	22%
Interior	71%	29%
Southeast	58%	40%
Rural	57%	43%
Age		
18-34 yrs old	58%	41%
35-44 yrs old	66%	33%
45-59 yrs old	70%	29%
60+ yrs old	71%	28%
Party		
Democrat	27%	72%
Republican	90%	10%
Non-Partisan	64%	36%
Undeclared	66%	33%
Union		
Public employee	56%	43%
Other union	81%	17%
Non-union	69%	29%

Gender	Support	Oppose
Male	80%	20%
Female	55%	44%

Time in Alaska	Support	Oppose
0-9 yrs	48%	51%
10-20 yrs	62%	38%
20+ yrs	71%	28%

Education	Support	Oppose
High school/GED	71%	26%
Some college	74%	26%
College graduate	70%	29%
Graduate school	52%	46%

Household income	Support	Oppose
<\$40K	59%	39%
\$40-60K	67%	31%
\$60-80K	62%	37%
\$80-100K	71%	29%
\$100K +	73%	26%