

February 11, 2019

Ms. Nichole Hayes, Project Manager
Coastal plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
BLM Alaska State Office
222 W. 7th Avenue, Stop #13
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

Subject: My testimony in support of opening ANWR to oil and gas leasing

For over thirty (30) years, I have offered written and in-person testimony, during numerous public hearings, in support of opening the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration and leasing. If I were to add up all the testimony I have submitted over the years, I'm sure my name is on over one hundred documents. I've testified in Washington DC in front of a Senate hearing, in Juneau many times, in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Homer, Kenai Peninsula and in various North Slope communities.

With development of numerous technological advancements in the oil industry and over the forty-plus years of successful operations in the North Slope fields, nothing has ever occurred to change my supporting position for opening ANWR. In spite of many, many years of dire threats by the opposition which have proved to be untrue, operations on the Slope have progressed and proceeded in an environmentally-safe manner.

I am not going to waste either your time or mine by going into all the details, which I'm sure you already know by heart. I just wanted to add my voice – again – in support of opening ANWR.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Phillips".

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