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Hello Ms. Hayes,

I am writing to submit formal comments about the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS on behalf of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. Please find our comments in the attached letter.

Thank you!

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March 4, 2019

Ms. Nichole Hayes, Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Hayes,

We encourage the Bureau of Land Management to move forward with Option B proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

Under any of the three development alternatives, the footprint of production and support facilities will be limited to no more than 0.01 percent of ANWR's 19.3 million acres. However, we feel that Option B provides the best balance of benefit to Alaska and the nation while protecting wildlife populations.

For years, Alaskans have supported the opening of ANWR to oil and gas development. Alaskans from all walks of life including business, labor, native Alaskans and Alaska Natives have seen the positive impacts of the oil industry in our state. Benefits to Alaska such as jobs, contracts, and tax revenue have not come at the expense of people, our land or our wildlife. In fact, the industry often serves as a model for health and safety of their employees and environmental stewardship.

Oil development on a fraction of the coastal plain would create thousands of jobs nationwide, generate billions of dollars in government revenue for public services, keep energy prices affordable for American consumers, and further improve energy security for decades into the future.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 700 business members throughout Interior Alaska. We work to advocate for the best business environment, promote economic strength and growth for Interior Alaska, and to develop the resources and networks enterprising people use to share knowledge.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marisa Sharrah".

Marisa Sharrah
President/CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Dean".

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cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski and Senator Dan Sullivan

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