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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Leasing in Coastal Plain
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BLM,
I attended the hearing in Anchorage on the subject of leasing for gas and oil on the coastal plain of ANWR. I very much favor moving ahead with leasing and development in that region.
Attached is the testimony I had hoped to give in person. I was unable to testify because of the long list of people signed up to testify and because some speakers spoke for a very long time.
Thank you for considering my comments.
Cynthia Henry
Fairbanks

BLM,

Please accept my testimony in favor of allowing the proposed oil and gas lease sales in the 1002 area of the coastal plain of the Arctic Wildlife Refuge.

First, let me say that I have lived in Alaska for more than four decades, but have never worked in the oil or gas industry. My two occupations have been high school English teacher and owner/manager of retail stores. So, while I have not worked in the oil industry, I have certainly benefited from all that the industry has provided the citizens of our state. Our quality of life, including an economy with good jobs, good schools, a fine university would not have occurred without the industry.

There are three primary reasons I support allowing leasing in the 1002 Area of ANWR:

1. The oil industry has a proven track record of responsible development in protecting the environment and wildlife.
2. The proposed area is located near existing industry infrastructure; this minimizes potential environmental impact.
3. Energy independence is good for America. Responsible oil and gas development in the small fraction of ANWR proposed for leasing will help ensure America's energy security for decades.

Finally, I am in Alaska for the long term. I have two adult sons who live and work in Anchorage and an eight-year-old grandson. I care about the future of our great state and would never advocate for something which would risk Alaska's environment. This project passes the test and I hope you will grant approval.

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