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**[EXTERNAL] NMS Comments re: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Draft EIS**

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am attaching a letter on behalf of NMS leadership and in support of an oil and gas leasing program within the non-wilderness portion of the Coastal Plain of ANWR as part of the BLM's comment period for the draft EIS.

Thank you,  
Megan

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Re: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Draft EIS

Dear Director Padgett,

NMS, a subsidiary of NANA Development Corporation – a wholly owned subsidiary of NANA Regional Corporation (NANA), supports an oil and gas leasing program within the non-wilderness portion of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

NANA is an Alaska Native Corporation formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and is owned by more than 14,300 shareholders. As the largest employer of NANA shareholders, NMS is committed to furthering the mission of our parent company, which seeks, in part, to improve the quality of life for its shareholders by maximizing economic growth and protecting and enhancing lands. NANA holds title to approximately 2.2 million acres of land in the Northwest Arctic – land that the Inupiat people have stewarded for millennia.

In more recent decades, that stewardship has included advocating for responsible oil and gas development in Alaska – an industry NMS has supported since our start in 1974, when we began providing food services to remote camps on Alaska's North Slope during the construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. Since that time, NMS has grown with the industry, as have many Alaska businesses, community non-profits and charitable organizations aided by oil and gas revenue. Our business, and indeed our state and way of life, is largely dependent on continual and successful resource development.

At NMS, we believe in responsible development that abides by one of our core values: the environment will be protected and sustained. To us, this means that any action includes consulting regional stakeholders and harnessing local knowledge to minimize environmental impacts and protect subsistence resources.

NMS supports an oil and gas leasing program within the non-wilderness portion of the ANWR Coastal Plain.

Sincerely,

Eric Billingsley  
Interim President