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Dear Ms. Hayes

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the area 1002 of the Arctic Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

While there are strong emotions to not allow any exploration on the Coastal Plain the option to do nothing is not a realistic approach and should not be considered. More reasonable minds recognize that we must continue to explore and develop resources in a reasonable manor. Yes, we must take the lead in responsible resource development continue to lead the world in how resources should be developed and mitigate harm to the environment, wildlife and those peoples that live in the Arctic and rely on the bounties of the Arctic to support their way of life.

Congress has recognized the importance to the Nation and Alaska and had selected the area 1002 for resource exploration. I support this decision and look forward to responsible development of the area. The sensitivity of area 1002 has been recognized through the process with alternative "B" appearing to be the alternative that would have the least potential impact considering footprint for exploration and wildlife disturbance. I support Alternative "B" and look forward to lease sales of Coastal Plain area 1002.

Thank you

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