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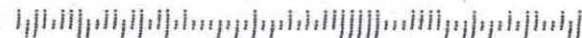
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Ms. Nichole Hayes,

I want to express my support for the oil and gas development of the 1002 area in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). The 1002 area is small fraction, no more than 2,000 surface acres, of ANWR's 1.6 million acres on the Non-Wilderness portion in the refuge's coastal plain.

The coastal plain was specifically identified by Congress, pursuant to Section 1002 of ANILCA, for its potential for oil and natural gas resources. Oil and gas from the Non-Wilderness portion of the coastal plain is an important resource for meeting our nation's energy demands and achieving energy dominance.

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 for American consumers affordable, and further improve energy security for decades into the future.

The continuing improvements in technology, practices, and oversight that the oil industry has demonstrated over the past 40 years proves that North Slope energy development and environmental stewardship can and do coexist. The industry has a proven track record of responsible development in sensitive areas, protecting the environment, wildlife and subsistence of local residents.

It is noted the advances in technology have greatly reduced the footprint of development in the Arctic. As much as 60-plus square miles can be developed from a single 12-14-acre gravel drill site. New drilling capabilities are being

developed that can increase the subsurface development from the same drill site to as much as 150 – plus square miles. The net effect is an ever-decreasing impact on surface resources and a reduction of impact on environment and wildlife.

The oil and gas development in ANWR will help ensure America's energy security for decades and allow Alaska – and our nation as whole – to realize the benefits that come from expanding energy production in Alaska.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karl I. Gohlke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karl" being more prominent than the last name "Gohlke".

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