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Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support ANWR 1002 Area exploration and development

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Cantwell and Committee Members:

Please vote to open a limited portion of the non-wilderness area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) known as the "1002 Area" or Coastal Plain, to oil and gas exploration and development.

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. Jobs, contracts, and tax revenue are all benefits Alaska receive that has not come at the expense of people, our land and our wildlife. In fact, the industry often serves as a model for health and safety of their employees and environmental stewardship.

Additionally, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), is now running at three-quarters empty. New oil production from ANWR has the potential to increase throughput in TAPS, a vital component of American energy infrastructure that is currently jeopardized due to low volumes of crude oil that have been transported in recent years.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce is a business advocacy organization that represents over 700 members from all over Interior Alaska. Through the work of our Board of Directors and our Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee, we focus on the economical delivery, production and end-use of energy for our residents by advocating for the development and use of Alaskan's natural resources. The Chamber strives to have a working knowledge of technical, financial, and political aspects surrounding development.

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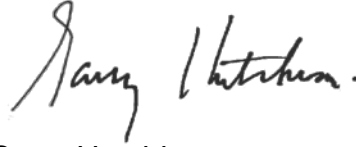
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We believe that ANWR can be responsibly explored and developed. We ask that you vote for the budgetary provision that would open a portion of its Coastal Plain. Alaska and the nation needs the energy security, jobs and economic activity.

Respectfully,



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President/CEO  
Fairbanks Chamber



Garry Hutchison  
Board Chair  
Fairbanks Chamber

Cc: Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources  
Honorable Daniel Sullivan, U.S. Senate  
Honorable Don Young, U.S. House of Representatives  
Honorable Bill Walker, Governor of Alaska  
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