



July 9, 2018

Hon. Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Dan Sullivan
United States Senate
702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Don Young
Congressman for All Alaska
2314 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Congressman Young:

The Alaska Chamber applauds your successful legislative efforts to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas leasing.

The Alaska Chamber's mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Alaska Chamber strongly supports oil and gas exploration and production in Alaska's federal areas; including the Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, NPRA, Cook Inlet, and the "Section 1002" (Coastal Plain) area of ANWR. The Chamber encourages Congress to enact revenue sharing for the benefit of Alaska and local communities. We strongly advocate for responsible development of these valuable resources, while the Chamber commits to actively support and participate in the education and advocacy efforts.

Further, we understand that aligning the royalty rate to match current royalty rates on most new federal leases will make more revenue available for the State. This will also provide additional revenue for the equitable revenue sharing provision for Alaska Native people that has been adopted by the House Appropriations Committee because of your efforts. We see these actions as constructive and productive steps forward to enhance the business environment in Alaska.

Thank you for your leadership regarding these issues and for your continued commitment to advancing Alaska business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Curtis W. Thayer', written over a horizontal line.

Curtis W. Thayer
President and CEO