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The Honorable Mike Hawker
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Dear Representative Hawker,

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This letter is in support of and urging your fellow member's support of HJR 4, *'A resolution urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development and production'*.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the nation's best source for domestic energy production, while creating thousands of high-paying jobs and creating substantial revenues for both the federal government and the State of Alaska.

The coastal plain of ANWR represents the largest known on-shore reserve of oil resources in North America. The State of Alaska has a proven track record as a world leader in oil exploration, with over 40 years of environmentally responsible production. This positive record will continue, as "ANWR will require the tightest environmental standards ever imposed," as noted by U.S. Secretary of Interior Gale Norton.

Alaskans know that we can develop our resources responsibly and with concern for our natural environment. In fact, over 75% of Alaskans support the responsible development of ANWR.

In addition, the residents of Kaktovik, the *only* village located within ANWR, support responsible development of their lands so that they too can benefit from their resources in the form of jobs, public infrastructure, and a strengthened rural economy.

The United States is alarmingly dependent upon foreign oil; with over 63% of our petroleum energy needs coming from abroad. This represents over \$174 Billion (\$174,246,000,000) that exits our economy only to enrich other governments. ANWR oil production can directly replace the imports from Saudi Arabia for over 30 years.

We as Alaskans understand that responsible exploration of a small portion of ANWR can take place while gaining the benefits of thousands of jobs, increased revenue to the state government, production of a safer domestic energy supply, and the ability to further the economic life of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).

I urge you to support this call to Congress for the opening of ANWR. Join the majority of Alaska residents who support the responsible use of our resources for the benefit of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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