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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

We are writing to you again in strong support for legislation to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to energy production, which is now being moved in the defense appropriations legislation. This is an issue of both national and economic security for America. Our country depends on foreign sources for almost 60 percent of the oil Americans consume. In a world that continues to be plagued by instability in many of the oil-producing regions, this type of dependency should be of concern to all of us.

The Alliance for Energy and Economic Growth (AEEG) is a broad-based coalition whose members develop, deliver, or consume energy from all sources. With more than 1,200 member organizations and businesses, AEEG is seeking to build a national consensus for a comprehensive U.S. energy strategy that balances supply and demand, without compromising environmental safeguards, so that we can fuel America's dynamic economy and support our quality of life.

Our members believe that ANWR is one more critical part of securing America's energy future. While ANWR alone can't provide us with all the domestic energy we need, combined with the rapid development of other domestic oil and natural gas supplies ANWR would make a tremendous difference, especially when coupled with greater energy efficiency, conservation and diversification. In addition, we must protect those Americans most at risk by supporting full funding of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

ANWR's Coastal Plain holds the nation's greatest potential for another Prudhoe Bay-size discovery. Conservative estimates from both the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Energy Information Administration peg technically recoverable crude oil reserves at approximately 10 billion barrels. That is enough to provide the United States with 1 million barrels of oil a day for 30 years.

Oil production on the North Slope of Alaska is handled with the greatest care possible for the environment and with the least possible disturbance of wildlife. To ensure continued environmental protection, House and Senate language on ANWR development requires the application of the best commercially available technology for oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

Now more than ever it is time to increase access to areas containing vast domestic reserves of energy—such as ANWR. As we have stated in the past, energy is the lifeblood of our nation's economy. While Congress has taken a number of steps over the past two years to improve the nation's energy policy, we still urgently need to increase domestic supplies of oil and natural gas. Our members, who represent the agricultural community, manufacturers, small and large businesses, labor and the energy industry, all recognize that additional supplies of oil and natural gas are critical to this nation's energy security and more affordable energy is needed to support economic growth.

We urge you to support the bill and the rule (in the House) that contains legislation to open ANWR.

Sincerely,

The Management Committee of the  
Alliance for Energy and Economic Growth