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DEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

On behalf of the 195 local energy utility members of the American Gas Association, which deliver natural gas to more than 56 million homes, businesses and industries throughout the United States, I urge you to support legislation that would open the Alaska Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to energy production, which will be included in the FY-06 defense appropriations bill scheduled to be voted on by Congress this weekend.

Allowing energy production in ANWR is a vital component to addressing one of our nation's more urgent public policy issues, namely the imbalance between energy demand and available supply, and the resulting high and volatile energy prices that America is experiencing. Increasing our access to domestic energy supplies is critical to enhancing America's energy security, sustaining America's economy and providing the American consumer with relief from ever spiraling energy costs.

AGA speaks on this matter not only as the representative of natural gas utility companies, but also as a voice for their customers who have been hit so hard financially because of higher natural gas prices. Whether it's a homeowner struggling to pay the heating bill, a small business facing significantly increased energy-related business costs or an industry being forced to move overseas in order to compete in the global marketplace, soaring energy prices have been a severe detriment to America's quality of life.

Thanks to new technological developments energy can now be produced without undue harm to the surrounding environment. Hopefully, this vote will be the beginning of a trend that recognizes America's energy needs can be met with adequate environmental protections.

Again, we urge you to support passage of legislation containing the provisions to finally open ANWR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David N. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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