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ARCTIC POWER SUPPORTS the PIONEERS Act HR. 3408

Arctic Power Members and the people of Alaska strongly support environmentally responsible development of the 10-02 Coastal Plain of ANWR as provided in the PIONEERS Act (H.R. 3408) now on its way to the US Senate. Arctic Power strongly encourages the passage of this legislation through Congress and signature by the President. Oil exploration and development of the Coastal Plain of ANWR could provide tens of thousands of jobs nationwide in the provision of equipment and services for decades to come. Oil production from ANWR would increase our domestic energy supply and replace costly imports affecting the daily lives of every American. The Alaska State Legislature in nearly unanimous votes has formally supported exploration of the Coastal Plain of ANWR with resolutions, HJR 9 and HJR 11 in 2011. Governor Sean Parnell of Alaska also strongly supports environmentally responsible exploration and development of ANWR's Coastal Plain in his campaign to bring 1 million additional barrels of oil to TAPS, the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. The Mayor of the North Slope Borough which includes all the Arctic onshore areas, as well as the Mayor of Kaktovik, ANWR's only settlement also strongly support exploration within ANWR's 10-02 Coastal Plain.

In Alaska resource development in the Arctic is not an either/or, man vs. nature debate. Concerns about protection of the environment in the Arctic are constantly mitigated in existing environmental regulations on a local, state and national jurisdictional level. These protections are further augmented by the wording of H.R. 3408 which states no negative environmental impact may result from exploration or development. As over 30 years of development at Prudhoe Bay and at satellite fields have shown, oil development and nature can coexist with no detrimental impact to the land, ecology or native culture. Caribou from the Central Arctic Herd migrate and calf within Prudhoe Bay oil fields, the largest in North America, every year. Their numbers have grown from 5000 animals in the 1970s to 66,000 animals today. This strong protection of the herd and all the ecology around the migration is one reason why the Inupiat people of the North Slope Borough including the village of Kaktovik strongly support development. They know it can be done right and 35 years of operational history has proven this to be the case. The Inupiat are the only private land holders within ANWR's 10-02, but are also the original stewards of this land subsisting and preserving their religious ties to the land. They would not support this issue if they saw potential for harm of their culture and sustenance.

As Congress has approved exploration on ANWR's Coastal Plain in 1995 and voted approvingly on the issue now 12 times in the House and 3 times in the Senate, and are further supported by a 1987 recommendation from the Department of Interior for exploration to occur, Americans deserve successful passage of H.R. 3408 and access

to their natural resources to better their lives. The US Geological Survey estimated in 1998 at a 37% recovery rate a mean of 10.4 billion barrels can be recovered from ANWR's Coastal Plain. At 2012 average price of \$100 per barrel that equates to over a trillion dollars being added to our economy and not lost on imported oil from abroad. In 2005 the USGS stated with modern technology an even higher amount can be obtained from the ANWR fields than estimated in 1998. The simple fact is ANWR Coastal Plain development would spawn tens of thousands of immediate jobs nationwide, with thousand more indirectly created from the sourcing of goods and services used in the development. These jobs would be long term high paying jobs covering the life of the fields. The result of 10-02 development would be our national economy would improve with more jobs; our national debt would decrease from less imports; and our national security would be strongly bolstered overall.

The Governor of Alaska, Sean Parnell has a goal to add one million barrels to the Trans Alaska Pipeline system as it is currently running one third full. Tapping oil from ANWR, the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A) and from offshore Outer Continental shelf (OCS) areas such as the Chuckchi and Beaufort Seas are integral to achieving this goal. If Alaska's pipeline closes due to lack of oil (all oil to date has been produced only on State land) then by law the pipeline must be removed and all oil, regardless of amount or location, will be stranded. ANWR oil is onshore and merely 20 miles from existing producing infrastructure. To Alaskans it is a "no brainer" to produce. It can be done safely, produce huge quantities of resource, and is easily accessible. To Alaskans and members of Arctic Power opening ANWR is the most common sense logical decision the nation could take to solving our energy needs.

Arctic Power is citizens based grassroots organization from Alaska and strongly recommends Congressional passage of HR. 3408 The PIONEERS Act.

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