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ARCTIC POWER SUPPORTS the American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act

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 American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act (H.R. 7). Arctic Power strongly encourages the passage of this legislation through Congress. 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. Governor Sean Parnell of Alaska also strongly supports environmentally responsible exploration and development of ANWR's Coastal Plain.

Resource development in the Arctic is not an either/or, man or nature choice. Concerns about protection of the environment in the Arctic can be, and are mitigated in existing environmental regulations effective in the area on a local, state and national jurisdictional level. Further the Coastal Plain development provisions of H.R. 7 state no negative environmental effect may result from exploration or development. As over 30 years of development at Prudhoe Bay and at satellite fields just outside the western ANWR border 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 every year and have grown in number from 5000 animals in the 1970s to 66,000 animals today. This growth occurring within the largest oil field on the North American continent. The Inupiat people of the North Slope Borough including the village of Kaktovik within ANWR's 10-02 area strongly support development. The Inupiat are land holders within ANWR's 10-02, but also are the original stewards of the land subsisting and preserving religious ties to the land. They would not support this issue if they saw potential for harm.

As Congress has approved exploration on ANWR's Coastal Plain in 1995 and voted approvingly on the issue 11 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. 7 and access to their natural resources. 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. In 2005 the USGS stated with today's technology an even higher amount can be obtained. At today's oil prices mean average ANWR oil estimates would cost the US over \$1.3 trillion dollars to import. A new influx of oil from ANWR would help

to fill the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) for many decades to come and stave off its potential closure from low throughput. The US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has estimated that immediate lease sale royalties from leases on ANWR's Coastal Plain could yield \$4-8 billion to the national treasury. Additionally OMB stated production tax revenues from oil flowing from the 10-02 could range between \$48 to \$296 billion dollars (@\$70 per barrel) all going to decrease our national debt. One barrel of oil produced at home replaces one we must import from abroad.

Arctic Power is citizens based grassroots organization from Alaska and strongly recommends Congressional passage of the American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act.

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