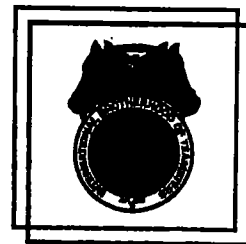


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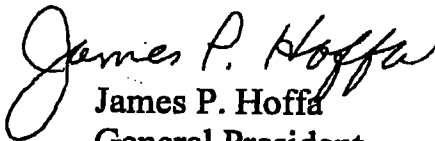
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 1.4 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I urge you to vote for the "Energy Policy Act of 2003." This bill advances the Teamsters' goal of creating a comprehensive national energy plan. In fact, a single provision will yield tremendous benefits for this Union.

That provision allows for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil production, creating hundreds of thousands jobs across the country – thousands of which will go to Teamsters in direct oil production jobs alone. Opening ANWR does more than simply create new jobs; it protects thousands of existing jobs that may be lost due to the decline in domestic oil production. In the past 10 years, 500,000 jobs have been lost in the petroleum industry.

You can reverse this trend. A vote for opening ANWR is a vote to create jobs for Teamsters, while a vote against opening ANWR is a vote against protecting current Teamster jobs. I hope that I will be able to inform Teamster members in your district that – on this important vote – you supported this Union and chose to strengthen our nation's hand as we confront the manifold challenges of a flagging economy, unstable energy prices, rising unemployment, continuing homeland security threats, and war.

Sincerely,


James P. Hoffa
General President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Laborers International Union of North America, I am writing to urge you to support incentives to allow oil and gas exploration in Section 1002 of the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) as part of a comprehensive energy package.

In a time of economic uncertainty and with war in Iraq, America needs now more than ever to build up domestic sources of energy. Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton calls developing ANWR, 'a matter of national security.' With gas prices rising, America cannot afford to ignore energy sources within our own borders.

The reasons for exploring ANWR are numerous. The Laborers and the Building Trades have a long history on the North Slope of Alaska training a highly skilled workforce, building a solid, safe and reliable infrastructure, deploying new drilling technologies and protecting the environment. ANWR development will create thousands of jobs in the construction industry, jobs that are sorely needed in a time of high unemployment in the industry. Finally, Alaskans themselves support ANWR development by a margin of 3-1.

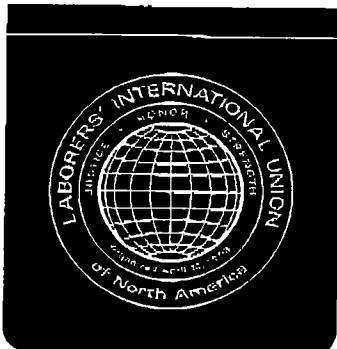
While exploration in ANWR is only one piece, it is a very important piece of a national energy policy that should include increased construction of new power plants, including nuclear facilities, oil and gas pipelines, refineries and renewable energy production facilities. A national energy policy will give a shot in the arm to the economy, while creating tens of thousands of jobs nationwide.

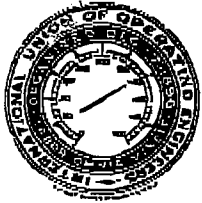
I strongly urge you to support opening Section 1002 of ANWR in an environmentally sensitive manner for exploration and development of oil and gas as part of a comprehensive energy legislation.

Sincerely,

TERENCE M. O'SULLIVAN
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SENT TO U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Representative:

The House of Representatives will have the opportunity to vote on an energy package on the House floor this week. As General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), I urge you to support a comprehensive energy approach which allows for increased energy production while balancing reasonable environmental concerns. The IUOE strongly supports construction of powerhouses, pipelines and hydroelectric facilities; fuel diversity as a source of energy, including nuclear; new energy technologies; and energy efficiencies and conservation. America must have an adequate supply of energy in order to maintain a strong and growing economy, and to protect our national security. While Operating Engineers support a clean environment and enjoy its many benefits, good paying jobs are the foundation of our individual and family prosperity. Building this country's new energy infrastructure is critically important to building tradesmen around the country.

One key aspect of a comprehensive energy program will be the development of a small section of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska. The Operating Engineers and other building tradesmen have a twenty-five year history of responsible development on the North Slope of Alaska. Unlike some of the interests opposing oil exploration on 2,000 acres of ANWR's 20 million-acres of wilderness, we have first-hand experience in successfully blending oil and gas development with wildlife cohabitation in Alaska. ANWR development is a technically feasible and environmentally responsible part of a realistic energy policy.

While all of our members are consumers and many hunt and fish for recreational purposes, first and foremost our members must have decent, good-paying jobs to meet their personal obligations. Job creation for IUOE members and other working families should be an integral part of our nation's energy policy. We will continue to support Representatives of either party who understand that paramount concern.

On behalf of the skilled heavy equipment operators of the IUOE, I urge you to support a strong energy policy, including ANWR development, when it reaches the House floor.

Sincerely,

Frank Hanley
General President