



February 8, 2017

Representative Dean Westlake
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Rm 24
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Westlake:

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) would like to express our strong support for House Joint Resolution (HJR) 5, which urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas development.

The mission of the Alaska Chamber is to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. We represent hundreds of businesses, manufacturers and local chambers from across the state. Each year the Alaska Chamber members meet to set its legislative priorities. The top legislative priority for Alaska Chamber members is supporting oil and gas exploration, and eventual production, on the coastal plain of ANWR. The responsible development of the oil and gas resources found here represents thousands of high-paying jobs for Alaskans and a considerable injection of revenue into Alaska's economy.

Thank you for introducing HJR 5, its passage will be a valuable tool for Alaska's congressional delegation as they continue to push to open ANWR to responsible resource development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curtis W. Thayer', written over a white background.

Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO