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Municipality of Anchorage

June 9, 2010

The Honorable Mark Begich
144 Russell Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Via fax: 202-224-2354

Dear Senator Begich:

Last night the Anchorage Municipal Assembly at the request of the Mayor passed Assembly Resolution AR 2010-178, A Resolution that the Anchorage Assembly Encourages All Members of Alaska's Congressional Delegation to Support and Vote in Favor of S. J. Res. 26. It was approved by the body and signed by Chair Dick Traini on June 8, 2010.

A copy is attached.

Sincerely,

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2010- f78

1 A RESOLUTION THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGES ALL
2 MEMBERS OF ALASKA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AND
3 VOTE IN FAVOR OF S.J. RES. 26.
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6 **WHEREAS**, On April 2, 2007, the Supreme Court found that greenhouse gases are
7 air pollutants covered by the Clean Air Act;
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9 **WHEREAS**, air pollutants have historically been regulated by the Environmental
10 Protection Agency (EPA) only after Congress has acted to provide appropriate
11 regulatory authorities;
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13 **WHEREAS**, the EPA should be charged with implementing the policies enacted by
14 Congress, not writing policy that will have a massive effect;
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16 **WHEREAS**, Alaska is dependent on resource development for its financial well-
17 being;
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19 **WHEREAS**, Alaskans are largely in favor of opening the Arctic National Wildlife
20 Refuge (ANWR) for responsible oil and gas development and Alaskans are eager to
21 see construction of a natural gas pipeline;
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23 **WHEREAS**, proposed regulations by the EPA would result in tremendous additional
24 uncertainty for development of ANWR and may significantly deter or halt progress
25 altogether on a natural gas pipeline;
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27 **WHEREAS**, the EPA intends to regulate greenhouse gas emissions at levels that will
28 increasingly hamper the ability of businesses in Alaska to compete in the global
29 marketplace and will have a chilling effect on capital investment in Alaska;
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31 **WHEREAS**, the United States Senate is expected to vote Thursday, June 10, 2010
32 on a bipartisan disapproval resolution, S.J. Res. 26, that would block the EPA from
33 enforcing greenhouse gas regulations under the Clean Air Act;
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35 **WHEREAS**, S.J. Res. 26 is sponsored by Alaska's senior Senator Lisa Murkowski
36 and has so far earned the support of 40 other senators;
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38 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this body encourages all members of
39 Alaska's Congressional Delegation to support and vote in favor of S.J. Res. 26;
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to Senators
2 Murkowski and Begich, and Congressman Don Young.

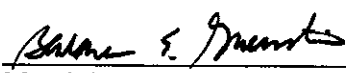
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4 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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6 **Section 1.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
7 approval by the Assembly.

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9 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of
10 June, 2010.

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15 Chair of the Assembly

16 **ATTEST:**

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20 Municipal Clerk
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