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Senator Gary Stevens
President of the Senate

Ms. Sharon Seim
Planning Team Leader
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101 12th Avenue, Room 236
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Re: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP)

Dear Ms. Seim:

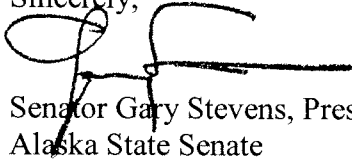
As President of the Alaska State Senate, I want to express the keen interest my colleagues and I share in the importance of developing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's (ANWR)'s 1002 area as envisioned in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The Transalaska Pipeline, once transporting over 2 million barrels of oil per day is now carrying only a third that volume. If the pipeline should cease operations due to low throughput in the next few years, Alaska would experience a social and economic meltdown. Introduction of the significant, onshore ANWR oil resources could extend the life of the pipeline for another half century. Extending this energy lifeline to America could also diminish the amount of foreign oil the country would have to import; this has dramatic, multi-trillion dollar economic impact on the Nation and accompanying social and environmental benefits.

Accordingly, I urge the Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain the Refuge designation and permit maximum multiple use policies consistent with the Refuge designation. I especially urge the Administration to oppose suggestions that all or part of ANWR be reclassified as a national wilderness area. After the recent Gulf of Mexico disaster, I feel it's imperative that we concentrate on areas where drilling can take place in an environmentally safe manner, such as ANWR. Please also consider that restricting access to ANWR's oil and gas resources would injure Alaska Native village and regional corporations created under the Alaska Native Claims

Settlement Act, which would create negative effects on America's economy and harmful impacts for all of Alaska's citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of these points and I encourage you to contact me if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Stevens', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Senator Gary Stevens, President
Alaska State Senate