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Mr. John Goll, Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region
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RE: Chukchi Sea Draft SEIS Comment - Support Access to Alaska's OCS Oil
and Gas Resources

Dear Mr. Goll,

I respectfully write in strong support of development under Lease Sale 193.

Alaskans are in a dangerous place: America faces a financial recession that has cut off many at the knees — home foreclosures, job layoffs, and the mental stress that comes with financial troubles are taking their toll on the country. It won't be long before the full force reaches Alaska.

In order to survive, Alaska needs a real self-sustaining economy to not only support itself and its residents, but to also support our nation. As you well know, Alaska occupies a key strategic location, not only for Arctic trade routes, but also as the primary home for America's missile defense sites protecting our country and our valued allies. In order to support the infrastructure that makes carrying out these important tasks possible, a grounded population base rooted with good-paying jobs and a stable economy is absolutely necessary.

Please support development of Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea. Both America and Alaska will benefit by a positive, and responsible decision.

Sincerely,



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