



Secretary Jon

Stewart

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[INSERT DATE]

Dear [INSERT STAKEHOLDER/INTEREST GROUP],

I would like to invite you and other members of your organization to a hearing on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Northern Alaska. I have a critical decision to make with regards to this region and our need for oil. Before I make such an important decision that has the potential to impact a great number, including the American people, I would like information that is accurate and vetted in realistic terms.

As you all are well aware, ANWR covers more than 20 million acres of pristine wilderness and supports wildlife of more than 160 bird species, 36 kinds of land mammals, nine marine mammal species and 36 types of fish. In addition, ANWR is a breeding ground and habitat for caribou, polar bears and other animals.

However, I have been informed that there is possibly between 5-10 billion barrels of oil beneath the coastal plain of ANWR. At this time, we import roughly 60 percent of our oil from foreign sources, especially those in the Middle-East. Therefore, maybe this potential oil source would help lessen our dependence on foreign oil sources.

Members of Congress have asked me to consider opening approximately 1.5 million acres within a portion of ANWR for oil exploration and drilling.

I would appreciate your organization considering this proposal and presenting to me and other members of Congress on the impact that exploring and drilling in the 10-02 area would have on the economical and social constructs of your communities. The hearing will be the week of April 13-19, 2010. I highly encourage someone from your organization to represent your view on this topic. I will be making a decision immediately after the hearing – either issuing a permit allowing exploration and drilling in ANWR or prohibiting this action to preserve the wildlife and communities in the area.

Specifically I would like for you to consider the following questions in your presentation and discussion:

[INSERT KEY QUESTIONS FOR EACH STAKEHOLDER/INTEREST GROUP]

Thank you for your time and advice in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Secretary Jon Stewart

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