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House Resource Committee

House Joint Resolution 20 Public Testimony

Chair McKay, and members of the House Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. For the record, my name is Kari Nore and I serve as the director of external affairs of the Alaska Chamber. I testify today in support of House Joint Resolution 20, urging withdrawal of proposed Bureau of Land Management regulations affecting the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and urging meaningful engagement with tribes, local governments, and affected communities.

The Alaska Chamber was founded in 1953 and is Alaska's most diverse statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, directly representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

The Chamber has a longstanding Federal Priority to support oil and gas exploration and development in Alaska's federal areas, including in the National Petroleum Reserve or NPR-A.

The NPR-A was set aside and designated specifically for petroleum development, balanced with conservation, to ensure America's national security through access to energy. At a time when oil prices continue to rise and global supply can be easily constricted by foreign governments, investing in domestic oil production is a matter of national and energy security.

Responsible development in the NPR-A creates enormous economic benefits. Diminished oil production from the NPR-A would result in diminished production tax and other tax revenue for the State and local governments in Alaska. This means less revenue for the State of Alaska to provide services to Alaskans.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.



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