



December 15, 2023

Chairman Pete Stauber
Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Questions for the Record from Legislative Hearing on H.R. 6285 “Alaska’s Right to Produce Act of 2023”

Dear Chairman Stauber,

On behalf of the Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation, I appreciate the opportunity to follow-up with you and the subcommittee to address the impact of the Department's decision to cancel leases issued in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Below in bold is the question for the record, and below is my response.

“In 2016 the North Slope Borough received \$373 million in oil and gas property taxes, accounting for 97% of the \$386 million in total property taxes collected by the borough that year. In 2017, that number was 95%. How will the Department’s decision to cancel the leases issued in ANWR impact KIC and North Slope communities as a whole?”

While it is important to note that we cannot speak on behalf of the North Slope Borough, it is crucial to highlight the significant role that oil and gas tax revenue plays in sustaining public services and tribal initiatives in our region.

The decision to cancel leases in ANWR has direct implications for Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation and the North Slope community we serve. In Kaktovik, we rely on these oil and gas tax revenues to maintain essential public services and support tribal initiatives. These funds play a crucial role in providing essential infrastructure, healthcare, education, and other vital services that contribute to the well-being of our community.

Furthermore, the cancellation of leases jeopardized potential business opportunities for our corporation, impacting our ability to engage in sustainable, long-term ventures. The delay in realizing tax revenue from development is of major concern. It underscores the importance of a stable and predictable economic environment for local businesses and Alaska Native Corporations like ours, which benefits not only our local community but also shareholders worldwide.

In conclusion, the decision to cancel ANWR leases has immediate and long-term ramifications for Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation and the North Slope community's ability to sustain long-term self-governance. We urge thoughtful consideration of the broader implications and emphasize the critical role that oil and gas tax revenue plays in sustaining our local community and fostering opportunities for



our shareholders and residents of the only inhabited indigenous village in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Quyanaq (Thank you),

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charles C. Lampe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles Lampe, President
Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation