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Dear Mark,

I understand you are in Washington, D.C., to hold a fundraiser for your campaign tomorrow. I hope that you will also find the time while you are here to help address Alaska's and America's energy needs.

Although you have been hesitant to admit this, Alaskans know that for 40 years most Senate Democrats have routinely blocked efforts to explore and develop our state's resources. In 1995, after the Congress passed legislation allowing exploration in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), President Clinton vetoed that measure. Time and time again, your party has stymied our Congressional Delegation's efforts to promote and approve a comprehensive plan that would mean cheaper energy costs and thousands of good-paying jobs for Alaska families.

I recently outlined a series of energy initiatives that would greatly benefit Alaska, but they are being opposed by the Senate Democrats who are backing your campaign. These include:

- Opening the Arctic Coastal Plain to exploration and development, with 100 percent of federal revenue being directed towards alternative and renewable energy projects, as well as efficiency and weatherization programs. You may be aware that members of your party, including Senators Joe Biden (who also voted against the oil pipeline), Barack Obama, Maria Cantwell, and Charles Schumer, have introduced a bill to declare the 10-02 Area of ANWR as a permanent "wilderness" area. Not a single Republican co-sponsored that legislation;
- Allowing Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenue sharing, with 37.5 percent of Alaska OCS receipts to the federal treasury being directed to Alaska. Coastal communities neighboring the offshore development areas would directly receive 25 percent of this revenue;

- Expanding tax incentives and grants to nuclear power producers, manufacturers, and suppliers; and
- Establishing mandatory, expedited judicial and administrative reviews for energy cases. As you know, extensive litigation that delayed the Alaska oil pipeline finally came to a halt when the Senate passed the amendment I wrote to close all federal courts to any additional challenges. After my amendment passed, Senator Biden remained one of only five Senators to vote against final passage of the legislation that led to the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

Sadly, the leaders of the Democrat Party have refused to allow the Senate to vote or even debate these measures despite overwhelming support by Alaskans and Americans from coast to coast. For the last six months, Alaskans have heard you say that you will get Senate Democrats to reconsider their objection to natural resource development in Alaska (though I note that when Senator Jon Tester visited Alaska earlier this year you admitted that you did not raise the ANWR issue with him).

I urge you to start today. When you have free time in D.C. or during your fundraiser, talk to the members of the party you want to join in Washington and get them to publicly announce they will support exploration of the coastal plain. Get them to agree to allow a vote on opening the OCS to drilling and providing revenue sharing to states. My request is simple: as you spend time in Washington, D.C., and take campaign contributions from Senate Democrats and their supporters, please try to convince them to remove their objections to developing the full potential of our state. Alaska holds the key to America's future energy security if your party will allow it.

To help you, I have provided a list of all the Democrat and Independent members of the Senate who oppose ANWR development. I notice many of them have donated to your campaign through their campaign committee or leadership PAC. On behalf of hard-working Alaska families, I ask that you meet with these Senators opposing development in Alaska. Convince them to publically support allowing our state to take the lead to meet our nation's energy needs and to limit endless litigation that threatens the economic growth of our state. Alaskans, myself included, look forward to hearing your progress on not just taking money from those opposing our state, but standing up to them and convincing them to support Alaska.

If you need any assistance with this effort while in Washington, D.C., be it a place to work or help navigating the Capitol complex, please do not hesitate to ask my office.

Sincerely,

Ted Stevens

Checklist of Democrat/Independent Senators Who Oppose Opening ANWR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Max Baucus, D-MT | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Evan Bayh, D-IN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Joe Biden, D-DE (VP Candidate) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jeff Bingaman, D-NM | Campaign committee donated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Barbara Boxer, D-CA | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sherrod Brown, D-OH | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Robert Byrd, D-WV | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Maria Cantwell, D-WA | Held a fundraiser for you |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ben Cardin, D-MD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tom Carper, D-DE | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bob Casey Jr., D-PA | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hillary Clinton, D-NY | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kent Conrad, D-ND | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chris Dodd, D-CT | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Byron Dorgan, D-ND | Leadership fund donated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Richard Durbin, D-IL | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Russ Feingold, D-WI | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dianne Feinstein, D-CA | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tom Harkin, D-IA | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tim Johnson, D-SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ted Kennedy, D-MA | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | John Kerry, D-MA | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Amy Klobuchar, D-MN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Herb Kohl, D-WI | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pat Leahy, D-VT | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Carl Levin, D-MI | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Joe Lieberman, I-CT | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Blanche Lincoln, D-AR | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Claire McCaskill, D-MO | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Robert Menendez, D-NJ | PAC donated to your campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Barbara Mikulski, D-MD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Patty Murray, D-WA | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bill Nelson, D-FL | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ben Nelson, D-NE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Barack Obama, D-IL (Presidential Candidate) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mark Pryor, D-AR | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jack Reed, D-RI | |

- Harry Reid, D-NV
- Jay Rockefeller, D-WV
- Ken Salazar, D-CO
- Bernie Sanders, I-VT
- Chuck Schumer, D-NY
- Debbie Stabenow, D-MI
- Jon Tester, D-MT
- Jim Webb, D-VA
- Sheldon Whitehouse, D-RI
- Ron Wyden, D-OR

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