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SUBJECT: **ANWR Equitable Revenue Sharing**

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(Anchorage, AK) The Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA), representing 176 Village Corporations created under ANCSA, supports the efforts of Congressman Don Young, Senator Lisa Murkowski and Senator Dan Sullivan to include an equitable revenue sharing provision in an appropriations bill pending in the U.S. House of Representatives, and a related bill in the Senate.

The provision would allocate three percent of oil and gas leasing revenues that may be generated from the Alaska Native Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA) Section 1002 Area/Coastal Plain to the Alaska Native Fund authorized in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) for distribution through Section 7(i) and 7(j) of that Act. ANCSA contains a unique provision, one that is based on the basic and profound historical and cultural value of sharing of resources among Alaska Native people. The provision is in concert with that value.

The delegation worked with their colleagues in Congress to increase the royalty rate for oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain to 16.67 percent to provide that the State share would be larger than it would have been had the royalty remained at 12.5 percent; while also allowing for a small percent for equitable sharing of such revenues through the Alaska Native Fund of ANCSA.

The opportunity to develop ANWR in an environmentally sound manner would not even exist today were it not for a strong majority of Alaska Natives supporting and working to achieve the enactment of ANCSA, without which the existing development on the North Slope would not have been possible—ANCSA was an enabler of North Slope development and without it, and the support of Alaska's indigenous people, ANWR's Coastal Plain resources would have been essentially stranded. The Alaska Native Community is once again united on this solution.

"ANCSA is a living law intended to meet the real and changing needs of Alaska Natives. It is our treaty substitute and embodies our relationship with the federal govt." Said Julie Kitka, President of Alaska Federation of Natives.

Alaska Native Corporations are unique economic engines in our State, they reverse the typical economic model of resource extraction and taking profits elsewhere. "It's what will allow our villages to remain untouched and living a traditional way of life; our ability to generate revenues by investing and operating

in other parts of the World and delivering those dollars back into our communities via dividends" said Hallie Bissett, Executive Director of ANVCA.

The revenue sharing solution makes ANCs and all of Alaska stronger. In FY 2015 alone, it was reported that around \$234 million in total was paid out in 7(i) revenue, generated nearly \$352 million and provided approximately 2,300-2,800 jobs, paying up to \$140 million in wages and salaries. Half of all 7(i) revenues are shared with village corporations, allowing village corporations to grow and invest in themselves, their shareholders, and their communities.

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ANVCA promotes the success of our Village Corporations and protection of our Native lands. The vision of ANVCA is to support the mission with projects and activities that provide: Education to Village Corporations, Advocacy for Village Corporations Outreach to and inclusion of Village Corporations statewide, and Village Corporation sustainability