

in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter from the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation, dated December 3, 2025, expressing strong support for S.J. Res. 91 and H.J. Res. 131, joint resolutions providing for congressional disapproval of the Bureau of Land Management's 2024 Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program RECORD of Decision under the Congressional Review Act.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

KAKTOVIK INUPIAT CORPORATION,
December 3, 2025.

Hon. LISA MURKOWSKI,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

Hon. DAN SULLIVAN,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

Hon. NICHOLAS BEGICH III,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATORS MURKOWSKI, SULLIVAN, AND REPRESENTATIVE BEGICH: On behalf of the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation (KIC) and our shareholders, I am writing to express our strong support for S.J. Res. 91, the resolution disapproving the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 2024 Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision under the Congressional Review Act.

KIC is the village corporation for Kaktovik, established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA) to manage surface estate, support economic self-determination, and protect the long-term interests of our Inupiat shareholders. Kaktovik is the only community located within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and KIC holds significant ANCSA lands within the Coastal Plain lands that Congress specifically conveyed to our people so that local Inupiat not distant federal agencies, would have a central voice in decisions about our homeland.

For decades, KIC has participated constructively in every federal process affecting the 1002 Area. We have consistently supported responsible, science-based resource development because we live here, we understand this place better than anyone, and our community depends both on a healthy environment and a stable local economy.

SUPPORT FOR S.J. RES. 91 AND H.J. RES. 131

S.J. Res. 91, introduced by Senator Murkowski and co-sponsored by Senator Sullivan, and its companion measure in the House, H.J. Res. 131, introduced by Representative Begich, are identical resolutions providing for congressional disapproval of BLM's 2024 Coastal Plain ROD (hereinafter referred to as the 2024 ROD) and subsequent Government Accountability Office (GAO) conclusion that such record of decision is a rule.

These resolutions are necessary because the Biden administration's 2024 ROD undermines responsible resource development required by law, disregards ANCSA, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), and ignores the voices of the only people who live on the Coastal Plain.

BACKGROUND: THE HISTORY OF FEDERAL DIRECTION ON THE COASTAL PLAIN

The Coastal Plain has long been recognized by Congress as an area with substantial energy potential and is an area where development was explicitly authorized for mineral leasing under P.L. 115-97 (Tax Cuts and Jobs Act).

WHY THE 2024 ROD IS HARMFUL TO KAKTOVIK AND ANCSA RIGHTS

2024 ROD:

Ignores the statutory mandate for area-wide leasing.

Disregards congressional limits on habitat closures and surface disturbance.

Undermines ANCSA village lands specifically conveyed to KIC for local benefit.

Removes opportunities that Congress intended to support Inupiat economic self-determination.

Threatens the revenue streams, jobs, and infrastructure our community relies on.

Discounts Kaktovik's longstanding record of supporting environmentally responsible development.

Kaktovik—the only community in the entire Refuge—bears the full weight of the impacts. Yet our voice was minimized while outside interests were elevated over the rights and concerns of the people who live here and are the most impacted by these decisions. The process in the development of the 2024 ROD, disregarded our local indigenous knowledge, our rights to consultation and the Secretary for the Department of the Interior's own orders for meaningful consultation.

The 2020 Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program (2020 program) included robust protections for wildlife and sensitive habitats and was supported by the elected leadership from the North Slope and Kaktovik. The development of the 2020 program followed a transparent process that incorporated meaningful consultation with our community, recognizing the connection between economic self-determination, our community and our culture.

Restoring the 2020 program ROD and overturning the 2024 ROD as a rule is consistent with the FY 2025 reconciliation bill, which requires four lease sales over the next decade. Secretary Burgum has already reinstated the 2020 program ROD, and both the Senate and House measures ensure future administrations cannot disregard federal law or sideline our people and communities.

BOTTOM LINE: THE 2024 ROD MUST BE NULLIFIED

The 2024 ROD's restrictive approach is unlawful, unworkable, and deeply harmful to our people whose lands and livelihoods are directly affected.

S.J. Res. 91 and H.J. Res. 131:

Upholds federal law
Defends Congress's authority
Restores the 2020 program
Strengthens U.S. energy security
Respects Inupiat voices, including Kaktovik

Protects ANCSA rights and village corporation lands

Ensures a fair and functional leasing program going forward

KIC appreciates your leadership in standing with our community and ensuring that the laws governing our homeland are followed. We urge swift passage of S.J. Res. 91 and H.J. Res. 131.

Thank you for your continued support of Kaktovik and the Inupiat people of the North Slope.

Sincerely,

CHARLES LAMPE,
President, Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING 80 YEARS OF YOUNG'S GROCERY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Young's Grocery and the Young family of Earle, AR, whose remarkable commitment to serving their community has endured for more than 80 years.

Since its founding, Young's Grocery has stood as a local cornerstone, serv-

ing as a gathering place and a source of essentials for their neighbors. Generations of the Young family have carried forward this tradition, ensuring that their neighbors could count on their store not only for food, but also for kindness, fellowship and a helping hand.

Today, Charlie and Liz Young continue to uphold this proud legacy. Their dedication to serving others has strengthened the bonds of their community and exemplified what smalltown service looks like at its best. Through their daily interactions with neighbors and their willingness to boost local initiatives, the Young family embodies the spirit of service that underpins communities throughout the Natural State.

I had the privilege of visiting Young's Grocery several years ago and witnessed firsthand the warmth and hospitality that have made this store such a vital part of Earle. That visit reaffirmed what its residents already know: The Young family's work is not simply about running a business but about sustaining a tradition of care and connection.

That proud reputation was rightfully honored last month when mayor Jaylen Smith honored Charlie and Liz Young and their family for their outstanding contributions to the community. This recognition is a fitting tribute that represents countless lives touched while standing as a beacon of continuity and care for more than 80 years.

I am proud to join in celebrating the Young family and Young's Grocery. Their story is a powerful reminder that small, family-owned businesses are vital to the fabric of Arkansas, enriching our communities through service, tradition, and dedication.●

TRIBUTE TO CHAD WOLFE

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Chad Wolfe of Missouri. Over his life, Mr. Wolfe has consistently shown an outstanding commitment to serving his country and fellow Americans in all his endeavors. After enlisting in the U.S. Army in 2012, Mr. Wolfe served two tours in Afghanistan and demonstrated remarkable valor. After his exceptional service, he retired from the armed forces highly decorated, receiving multiple awards including the Army Commendation Medal and no less than six Army Achievement Medals.

After joining the civilian workforce upon his return to the States, Mr. Wolfe has continued his work to serve his fellow veterans with the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment, SLATE, where he provides crucial employment and support services to veteran households across St. Louis. As SLATE celebrates its 50th anniversary, I am proud to highlight both Mr. Wolfe and the entire SLATE team for their outstanding daily work to help our Republic's brave veterans transition to civilian life.

Chad Wolfe is truly an example of our State's Heartland Heroes. He has continually gone above and beyond to support his fellow Americans, and I am grateful for his ongoing commitment to helping the military community. I am honored by his devotion and wish him continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO DAN SINGLETARY

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. Dan Singletary and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. Over his remarkable 40-year career with Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative, Mr. Singletary has demonstrated outstanding dedication to ensuring top-tier service for the co-op's members. Not long after beginning his service with Howell-Oregon, Dan was selected to serve as the associate manager, then general manager of the organization, and can proudly claim to be the longest serving leader in the co-op's history.

In his free time, Mr. Singletary's selfless character continues to speak for itself. Outside of the workplace, he has volunteered his time for utility cooperatives across the State and has served on the leadership board of Missouri Electric Cooperatives Insurance Plan, Sho-Me Electric Power Cooperative, and the Associated Electric Cooperative. He has more than earned his place in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives' Hall of Fame. I am proud to call Mr. Dan Singletary a fellow Missourian, and he has done the Show-Me-State proud. I wish him all the best as he begins his well-earned retirement this coming January.●

TRIBUTE TO JADA BERRY

● Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Jada Berry for her hard work as an intern in my Bozeman, MT, office this fall.

Jada is a native of Sheridan, WY. She currently attends Montana State University, where she is studying to obtain a degree in political science. Jada has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Jada for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this fall, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

TRIBUTE TO KENADI McCULLOCH

● Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Kenadi McCulloch for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this fall.

Kenadi is a native of Missoula, MT. She recently finished her studies at The George Washington University,

where she obtained a degree in art history. Kenadi has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Kenadi for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this fall, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

TRIBUTE TO ELLA OWEN

● Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Ella Owen for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this fall.

Ella is a native of Hammond, MT. She attends The George Washington University, where she is studying to obtain a master's degree in political science. Ella has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Ella for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this fall, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

TRIBUTE TO RAPHI REBUCAS

● Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Raphi Rebuscas for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this fall.

Raphi is a native of Torrance, CA. He attends The George Washington University, where he is studying to obtain degrees in political science and peace studies. Raphi has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and his efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Raphi for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having him as part of our team this fall, and I wish him all the best as he continues to build a bright future for himself.●

TRIBUTE TO HAILEY STORY

● Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Hailey Story for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this fall.

Hailey is a native of Franklin, TN. She recently finished her studies at East Tennessee State University, where she obtained a degree in political science. Hailey has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Hailey for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this fall, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—PM 42

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 108 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 3043), I have enclosed the National Security Strategy of the United States of America.

This National Security Strategy sets forth the guidance and direction for my Administration's foreign policy and details the goals and objectives that will deliver a new Golden Age for America.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 2, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1005. An act to require public elementary and secondary schools to disclose certain funds received from, or contracts with, a foreign source, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1049. An act to ensure that parents are aware of foreign influence in their child's public school, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1069. An act to prohibit the availability of Federal education funds for elementary and secondary schools that receive direct or indirect support from the Government of the People's Republic of China.

H.R. 2965. An act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to ensure that the small business regulatory budget for a small business concern in a fiscal year is not greater than zero, and for other purposes.