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Arctic Access Essential for Energy Security

Dear Kevin,

Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is in the spotlight again, after actions from the Trump administration and Congress laying the groundwork to allow responsible energy exploration in the promising area. Misconceptions seem to arise any time ANWR comes up, but the facts demonstrate that safe energy exploration in the [vital region](#) can generate major economic growth and greatly enhance U.S. energy security without harming the environment.

That's certainly the conclusion of the Arctic Iñupiat, an organization with members from across the Arctic Slope region – including members from Kaktovik located inside ANWR. The group recently voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting oil and gas development in a section of ANWR. Writing in the [Alaska Dispatch News](#), Kaktovik Iñupiat Corp. President Matthew Rexford described the resolution as “an unprecedented show of unity from the community leaders of the North Slope, those who live in and around the coastal plain of the refuge, and should send a very clear message to America – we support the development of a portion of the coastal plain of ANWR.”

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