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Hon. Steve Cowper, Governor  
State of Alaska  
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Dear Gov. Cowper:

As you may be aware, the Register-Herald newspaper in Beckley, West Virginia, ran a front page article recently under the headline: "Tell Rahall it's time to drill, Alaskan says." The article discussed your efforts to gain favorable Congressional consideration for legislation allowing the development of the ANWR coastal plain.

I thought you might be interested in the results, to date, of your lobbying effort. The article has generated three constituent letters to my office; two opposed and one favorable to oil and gas leasing on the coastal plain.

Some of the comments made in these letters may also be of interest. One of the letters opposed to your position states: "The only exploration needed in Alaska is whether this Governor has any brains." Another states: "Though Governor Cowper's lobbying efforts are slick and would make Hollywood envious, I respectfully request that you consider voting against this measure."

The letter supporting your position was from a company involved with the oil industry.

Please keep in touch.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress