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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Representative Pelosi:

I am writing to express support of H.R. 2728, the "Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act," and encourage all Members of the House of Representatives to support this important bill.

Alaska has effectively regulated the oil and gas industry in our state. Our land, wildlife and marine resources have been protected over the decades of statehood. In fact, many species have experienced increases in population after oil, gas and mining resource development.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has established regulations that ensure that necessary precautions are taken to safely develop energy while at the same time protect the environment. The Alaska Legislature and state department regulators are committed to protecting our environment in addition to developing our natural resources to provide needed economic growth and job creation for our citizens. The potential for delaying natural resource development would have a serious negative impact on Alaska in terms of reduced employment, economic growth and federal mineral revenues.

H.R. 2728 allows those regulators who know the community best to be the one's leading oversight of those communities. It would eliminate the potential for duplicative regulations whose only goal would seem to be to delay the production of natural resources on public lands. Existing state regulations are already in place and as technology improves, development should not be hindered by extended regulatory delays brought on by the federal government.

Sincerely,


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