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and

H.R. 770, Morris K. Udall Arctic Wilderness Act

Hello, my name is Morgan VanHatten and I'm the students body president at my school. I would like to start off by thanking all of you for being here to discuss this important issue about the 1002 plans. Personally I think that ANWR should be opened because I think that we as a community would benefit greatly from it. I also support the decision that we, Kaktovik need to make sure that we get the support and acknowledgment that we deserve as a community, especially during this time. If oil development does occur, then the Kaktovik people need to be involved because it is us who know the land best. It's also important the other people around the country as well as yourselves know that we are a community that use the land around us for everyday purposes and we care just as much about what happens and only want to see the best. It's our responsibility to look out for the interest in our community rather than a person who's trying to take over what is ours. I hope all of you see that whatever happens here, whether ANWR opens or not that we need to have a say and take part in the decision making. Thank you.