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The Honorable Nicholas J. Begich III  
U.S. House of Representatives  
153 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Begich:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of H.J. Res. 106, which would repeal a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) rule that significantly restricted American energy development on more than 3.6 million acres of land in Alaska. Repealing this BLM rule is an important step in ensuring small businesses have access to affordable and reliable energy.

NFIB represents approximately 300,000 small and independent American businesses. In NFIB's most recent *Problems and Priorities* survey, small businesses ranked the cost of natural gas, propane, gasoline, diesel, and fuel oil as their 6<sup>th</sup> most pressing issue.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, in a recent NFIB member ballot, 88% of NFIB members agreed that Congress should "streamline regulations to facilitate the production and transport of oil, natural gas, and other energy sources in the United States."<sup>2</sup>

Unfortunately, BLM's rule to restrict access to US energy sources in Alaska is the opposite. The rule will make it more expensive to extract domestic energy, more difficult to construct necessary pipelines, and will provide no relief to small businesses suffering from high energy costs.

NFIB supports repealing this burdensome rule that increases production costs and makes energy less affordable and reliable for small businesses. We look forward to working with you to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Bertolotti", with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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Principal, Federal Government Relations  
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<sup>1</sup> Holly Wade & Madeline Oldstone, Small Business Problems & Priorities, NFIB Research Center, July 2024. <http://bit.ly/40uXas5>.

<sup>2</sup> NFIB Member Ballot, Mandate, vol. 582., March 2023, *Should Congress streamline regulations to facilitate the production and transport of oil, natural gas, and other energy sources in the United States?* (Yes: 88% No: 6% Undecided: 6%)