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James Kendall, Regional Director
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Re: Support Revised Draft SEIS, LEASE SALE 193 Chukchi Sea

Dear Mr. Kendall,

Your agency is preparing the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea. I urge you to affirm the lease sale so environmentally responsible oil and natural gas development can begin as soon as possible.

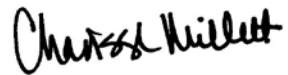
While I applaud and encourage efforts to develop alternative and renewable forms of energy, the fact remains that our country will have to rely on non-renewable energy sources for decades to come.

Alaska's Chukchi Sea OCS is the most promising unexplored offshore basin the United States. It holds up to 29 billion barrels of oil and 209 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. That amount of oil can refill the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and energize the country with tens of thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars in new revenue for decades to come.

OCS development will also help heal the country's spiraling debt crisis. The federal government stands to collect an estimated \$167 billion in new revenue.

Now is not the time to rely on foreign countries like Brazil to meet our future energy needs. It is time to meet our energy needs with plentiful and safe domestic oil and gas reserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charisse Millett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "M".

Rep. Charisse Millett