

United States Senate

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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Bernie,

I was disappointed to see you among the group of senators who sent a letter to financial institutions urging them not to finance development projects in the 1002 area of ANWR.

As your colleague, I was disappointed that you took this action—which will negatively impact my constituents—without the courtesy of directly discussing your concerns with me. We have worked together before on issues facing the peoples we represent, and I have always appreciated that we can treat each other with respect on the occasions in which we disagree.

Your letter demonstrated a lack of understanding of the voices of the many indigenous Alaskans who actually live in the area and who are committed to responsible and environmentally conscious resource development.

Enclosed is a recent *Wall Street Journal* op-ed written by Harry Brower, the Inupiat mayor of the North Slope Borough—an area larger than 39 states, including yours—so that you can read for yourself how important this issue is for my constituents. I hope this article helps you understand why I am so passionate in representing my constituents who call this area home.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further if you are so inclined.

Sincerely,

Dan Sullivan
United States Senator