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AOGA's statement on passage of the U.S. Senate's Tax Reform Bill

ANCHORAGE – December 2, 2017- The Alaska Oil and Gas Association's (AOGA) President & CEO Kara Moriarty released the following statement today in response to the United States Senate's passage of the Tax Reform Bill, which includes a provision to open a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to energy development.

"The U.S. Senate's decision to include 2 leases sales in the coastal plain of ANWR in its tax reform bill is welcome news for the 70 percent of Alaskans who have supported development in the area specifically set aside for oil and gas, the '1002 area', for decades. We couldn't agree more with our fellow Alaskans, especially those who live in the region, who want and need the jobs, revenue, and opportunity provided by the bill. Allowing access to federal lands for responsible development increases the prospect for more oil flowing through the Trans Alaska Pipeline, Alaska's economic artery. We applaud the leadership and diligence of Senators Murkowski and Sullivan and Congressman Young on this long sought-after opportunity and we support the provision to be included in the conference committee."

AOGA is a professional trade association whose mission is to foster the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry in Alaska for the benefit of all Alaskans. More information about the organization can be found at www.aoga.org, on Facebook (AlaskaOilAndGas), and twitter (@AOGA).

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