

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1980

Dear Senator Dole:

Today you and your colleagues in the Senate begin debate on the most important conservation issue which will come before the Congress this century: the Alaska Lands bill.

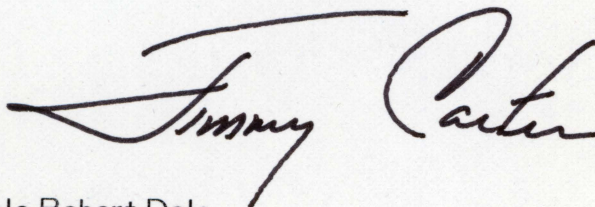
I urge you to support the amendments offered by Senator Tsongas and others that will improve the Committee bill in several critical respects.

These amendments will help assure the integrity of Admiralty Island and Misty Fiords National Monuments, the protection of the William O. Douglas Arctic Wildlife Range, and the proper stewardship of a host of other magnificent, unequalled areas in Alaska. The amendments will also help establish the proper balance between conservation and development. With the adoption of these added protections, 95 percent of the onshore and 100 percent of the offshore oil and gas potential areas would still remain available for development. More than 60 percent of the hard-rock mineral areas would be open to exploration and mining. More than 90 percent of the state would be open to sport hunting. Timber harvest levels and timber-related employment could be maintained and increased.

During the past two years, I have used the power of the Executive to assure that we did not lose our historic opportunity to make farsighted, balanced decisions about the future of federal lands and resources in Alaska. It is time for the Senate to act in the interest of all Americans now, and of generations yet to come.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "J" and a distinct "Carter" at the end.

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510