

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1973

Dear Bob:

As you know, the energy supply situation presently facing this Nation can be measurably aided by the availability of the vast domestic oil resources discovered on the North Slope of Alaska.

Today, in its consideration of the legislation to remove the present legal obstacle to construction of the Alaska pipeline, the Senate overwhelmingly rejected a proposed amendment which would have caused substantial further delay in that effort. I believe this action most clearly demonstrates the strong sense of urgency held by the Senate that Alaskan oil is vitally needed now.

As you consider these matters, I ask that you give your careful consideration to the enclosed letter which I sent to Senator Jackson yesterday expressing my views on the urgent need for this legislation.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure