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WASHINGTON

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President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

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A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

If you have any questions, please contact John Payne, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, at (907) 271-3431 or <john_f_payne@blm.gov>.

Sincerely,

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