

# ***Leave ANWR as it is***

**To Congressman Don Young:**

I recently read the copy of the letter written to you by Mr. Frank Keim, and I agree with the gentleman wholeheartedly where he suggested leaving the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as it is.

Us Alaskans should look back to 1977 when oil first started to flow from the Prudhoe Bay oil field. It has been 12 years and the price of petroleum products has skyrocketed. The economy in Alaska will not change by tapping another reserve.

Politicians should realize that there

is too much raw material taken from our state, and in return us Alaskans have the burden with the high cost of living.

If the state continues to ignore this problem, the starving economic picture will always be there, no matter how much oil is being pumped or timber and fish harvested.

So as Mr. Keim has stated, the majority of people living in my area do not favor development, especially in the ANWR Coastal Plain.

Thank you,  
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