

July 26, 2023

Re: oppose Sullivan-Murkowski NDAA amendment #971

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters nationwide, we urge to you to **VOTE NO** against amendment #971 to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This measure would expand federal subsidies for the massive \$38 billion Alaska LNG project, endangering our climate and communities while putting billions of our tax dollars at risk.

The Department of Energy (DOE) estimates the potential lifecycle emissions of Alaska LNG at 2.7 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide, more than ten times the climate pollution of the Willow Project. The same analysis indicates that these emissions could cause up to \$365 million in associated climate damages. The LNG it would theoretically export is more than a decade away, making claims that Alaska LNG would support allies or stabilize energy markets simply untrue. The project would instead lock-in fossil fuel production long after meaningful climate targets have passed, delaying the global energy transition and undermining US climate leadership.

The Alaska LNG project became eligible for a \$25 billion loan guarantee with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Amendment #971 would allow the credit subsidy fee for this loan guarantee to be paid with funds already appropriated into other DOE loan programs. This would undermine a key safeguard designed to protect against reckless investments and further displace the financial risk of the project onto taxpayers. The majority of the DOE's existing loans and loan guarantees have gone to support renewables and electric vehicles. Giving Alaska LNG access to these funds would allow fossil fuels to siphon investment directly from clean energy.

The oil and gas industry is expected to reap \$32 billion in federal tax subsidies over the next decade alone. These giveaways have remained intact despite the record \$200 billion in Big Oil profits in the year following the Russian invasion—a windfall that has translated into record buybacks and dividends for shareholders at the expense of consumers. It is past time for Congress to put an end to Big Oil subsidies, including by opposing new giveaways to Alaska LNG and any other fossil fuel projects. We urge the Senator to **VOTE NO** against amendment #971 to the NDAA.

Sincerely,

Action for the Climate Emergency (ACE)

Alaska Wilderness League Action

Better Brazoria: Clean Air and Water

Beyond Extreme Energy

Bold Alliance

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Oil and Gas Organizing

Clean Water Action

Earthethics, inc.

Earthjustice

Earthworks

Evergreen Action

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition

Friends of the Earth

Hip Hop Caucus

Interfaith Power & Light

Nuclear Information and Resource Service

League of Conservation Voters

Native Movement

Natural Resources Defense Council

Natural Capitalism Solutions

Northern Alaska Environmental Center

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