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February 8, 2018

Governor Bill Walker
3rd Floor, State Capitol
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

**RE: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Draft Proposed Program
Letter of Appreciation**

Dear Governor Walker,

Kawerak was very pleased to hear of your statement to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke on the Alaska-specific offshore areas in the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) for Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing for 2019-2024 and your support for tribes in the process.

We applaud your recommendation for removal of potential sales in the Hope Basin, Norton Basin, St. Matthew-Hall, Navarin Basin, Aleutian Basin, Bowers Basin, Aleutian Arc, St. George Basin, Shumagin, Kodiak, and Gulf of Alaska from the DPP. Your recommendation aligns with our recommendation and we are pleased to offer our thanks and appreciation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
KAWERAK, INC.

Melanie Bahnke, President