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Dear Senators,

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2020. Zurich Insurance Group shares your concern for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and we currently do not provide direct coverage for oil and gas projects in that region and we have no plans to insure future developments there.

At Zurich, we continuously assess our practices and policies to ensure that each transaction is conducted in compliance with our Corporate Responsibility guidelines and is consistent with our commitment to sustainability.

This commitment is far-reaching. Zurich signed the UN Global Compact in 2011, committed to the Principles for Responsible Investment in 2012, and was the first insurer to make the Business Ambition for 1.5 Degree Pledge in 2019. We are also a member of the United Nations' Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance, the Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment and an assortment of other multi-stakeholder platforms pursuing action on climate change. And we founded and fund – through the Z Zurich Foundation – the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance, a consortium of global NGOs, academics and risk experts helping hundreds of rural communities understand and address the growing threat of flooding.

Beyond these collaborative efforts we also recognize that we must act. Operationally, Zurich has consistently achieved ambitious emission reduction targets, becoming carbon neutral in 2014 and committing to using 100 percent renewable energy across our global operations by 2022. We also recently signed on to the EV100 pledge, committing to switch our entire global automobile fleet to electric vehicles by 2030.

Further, we understand that our role in the marketplace, as an insurer and investor, can have significant impact beyond our own operations. As an investor, we recently announced that we exceeded our \$5 billion impact investment target and became the first large institutional investor to reset its targets in terms of impact achieved not dollars spent. We have also worked closely



with peers to grow the sustainable finance market through groups like the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN), the Green Bond Principles (GBP) and others to help define the standards that will mainstream ESG investing.

Along with our impact investment initiatives, we announced a thermal coal policy 2017, which we have since expanded to include fuels produced from oil sands and oil shales. At the core of this policy is Zurich's commitment to reduce our exposure to the most carbon intensive fossil fuels and engage in risk-based dialogues over a period of up to two-years with companies that we insure or invest in that have significant commercial operations in the mining, or use of thermal coal, oil sands and oil shales. The aim is to drive a deeper conversation regarding the setting of science-based targets and their mid-to-long-term transition plans for reducing the carbon intensity of their operations.

Being a responsible, sustainable company is at the foundation of Zurich Insurance Group's (Zurich) business. Zurich has long recognized the risks associated with climate change, which is why we are leading the industry by engaging with stakeholders across the globe, reducing our own carbon footprint, and leveraging our investing and underwriting expertise to help our customers and society address the challenges that climate change presents.

Thank you for the inquiry, and we welcome an ongoing dialogue regarding the critical steps needed to address the climate crisis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin J. Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'H'.

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cc Senator Dan Sullivan
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Representative Don Young