

**THE WHITE HOUSE**

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Dear Senator Murkowski:

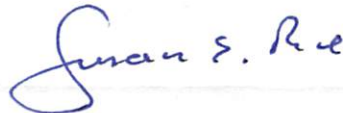
Thank you for your letter to the President regarding the significance of energy as it relates to our national security. The energy revolution has had an impact on both our domestic economy and our global position.

Energy is at the heart of the global economy, driving economic activity and determining wealth flows. As you mentioned in your letter, we are experiencing transformational energy changes at home. The United States has become the world's largest natural gas producer and is estimated to have become the world's largest oil producer in 2013. Our stronger energy position presents an important strategic opportunity for the United States at home and abroad.

That is why energy security continues to be an important priority for the President's second term, and I can assure you that we are examining the implications of this development as we develop the new National Security Strategy to be released this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if I can be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



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