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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain**

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

As a citizen of the United States, I strongly oppose oil and gas leasing in the ANWR coastal plain.

The oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. Less than half of federal acreage under lease is currently producing. Last year, industry bid on just 7 percent of federal acreage offered for lease at auction — the lowest share ever over the past decade. The most promising oil plays are still in the Lower 48, primarily on state and private lands. Any economist would tell you that adding to the glut of supply at this time doesn't make good business sense.

Furthermore, as our representatives in Congress are well aware, this particular area of Alaska is a pristine wilderness, one of the last and most extensive of such places in all our country. It has been set aside as a wildlife refuge, and with good reason, as it is one of the most environmentally sensitive areas on earth. We know from experience that the web of roads, requisite infrastructure and inevitable spills would cause irrevocable damage to one of the most sensitive and pristine places on the planet. This isn't just my opinion: It's what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded in 2015 after a multiyear review that included more than a million public comments, including from scientists, biologists and Alaska Native communities.

Senator Murkowski is trying to make a quick buck by destroying a pristine and irreplaceable part of her homeland, a disgraceful and shortsighted attitude. Perhaps American voters would rather repeal and replace Senator Murkowski. Thank you for taking my public comments under consideration.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen who VOTES,

Nancy L. Andon