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[EXTERNAL] Do NOT open the Arctic Refuge to drilling!

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Hello,

My name is Sarah and as a citizen of the United States, it is heartbreaking to witness one of the last remaining refuges for wildlife in America that is especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change to be sacrificed for short-term profits. Everybody knows that fossil fuels are a limited, unsustainable resource and that it makes no sense to permanently destroy ecosystems for a quick buck (that doesn't even profit the average American, to say the least). It's obvious that this is being done to pad the pockets of Big Oil execs and the legislators they've succeeded in lobbying.

Protecting the Refuge is also a matter of human rights for Alaska Native tribes like the Gwich'in, who consider the Refuge sacred and rely on the Porcupine Caribou herd for over 80% of their diet. Oil exploration would impact the birth rates and migration patterns of the caribou, which would threaten the tribe's food sources and way of life. I stand with the Gwich'in Nation in defense of the sacred coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge. By rushing to open this land to destructive oil drilling, the Trump administration is blatantly prioritizing profits over people, and disregarding tribal sovereignty for the sake of corporate greed.

Allowing drilling in the Arctic Refuge would also worsen climate pollution, harming communities already bearing the brunt of the changing climate as they are forced to adapt to rising seas, melting ice, and changing migration patterns.

The Arctic Refuge is a symbol of what we want for our future -- the preservation of a way of life, climate justice and wild places for future generations. I urge you to protect it from drilling at all costs.

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