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[EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Leasing on the Arctic NWR1 message

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This letter opposes oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain. The nation does not need any oil and gas from this splendid Wilderness and Wildlife Refuge. Such leasing and development is a short-sighted effort to enrich energy companies, while helping to destroy one of the last great wild areas on Earth. Oil and gas development will exacerbate climate change and warming of the Arctic. Wildlife will be negatively affected. The Arctic Refuge and the adjacent Arctic Ocean provides habitat for 700 kinds of plants, 200 species of birds, 47 mammal species and 42 fish species. This a diversity unmatched anywhere else in the northern hemisphere. Native peoples and their way of life will also suffer. Wildlands and wildlife, and native peoples should be not degraded purely in pursuit of corporate profit, especially when the oil and gas is available and already being developed elsewhere. This land belongs to all Americans. It should be preserved in its wild and wilderness state for future generations of Americans, and other citizens of our world as well.

Thank you.

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