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## [EXTERNAL] ANWR COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM Comments

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We are writing to express our concern and opposition to your planned leasing and drilling plans in the Arctic Refuge lands.

We are opposed to endangering the wildlife in the area in the move to drill in a very difficult environment where damage will remain long after the unnecessary rush to allow drilling passes. By this time the U.S. Government should be more than aware how much environmental damage can be caused by polluting our environment, and how difficult it is to remediate the messes that government programs can create under the pretense of needs for the economy. Of course, no need to remind the government of the costs created by our Departments of Defense and Department of Energy after creating major environmental disasters which now are very expensive and almost impossible to undo.

In case the Bureau of Land Management or the Department of Interior have not noticed, there are many previous examples of similar blunders with mines, petroleum contamination, exploration material contamination, and related disasters which are now, or will be in the future Superfund sites (or its future equivalents). No, we do not really know how to remediate environmental disasters well, or can do it efficiently or cheaply. Those plans which you propose are nothing but stealing from the future, and passing the costs to the environment and to future populations. The imagined economic benefits should be balanced by the much greater damage, the uncertainties which normally are ignored or minimized in the plans and cheerful speculation proposals, and there is no available present method in our government or financial structures to really expect major corporations to pay for the potential disasters that the proposal most likely will create.

We strongly oppose this concept, especially after it was approved in a hidden clause under an unrelated tax bill. This monstrosity would never have been approved if proposed as its own bill in the Congress.

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