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[EXTERNAL] Public comment on ANWR

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I am writing to express my opposition to energy development in ANWR. These are public lands that belong to ALL Americans, not just Alaskan residents or energy companies. Even though I may never visit ANWR it is important to me as critical habitat for the Porcupine Caribou herd and to the Gwich'in peoples. It is the last vestige of wild wilderness and should be preserved for future generations. Ignoring the cultural connections of the Gwich'in peoples equates to cultural genocide. ANWR is more important preserved as wilderness than turned into an industrial wasteland so oil can be shipped overseas. Wilderness character will be irreparably harmed. The current administration needs to switch gears and focus on renewable energy development that is sustainable. I write this for my nephews, nieces, and grandchildren who deserve to inherit wild places, not industrial wastelands. Once wilderness is destroyed it can never be re-created.

Thank you for your consideration.

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