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[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge Lease Sale Notice of Intent (NOI)

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I am writing to provide comments on the NOI to initiate the environmental review process for oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge).

I am opposed to any oil and gas develop activities on the Coastal Plain of the Refuge. The Coastal Plain is biologically critical to the Refuge and provides key habitat for polar bears, caribou, musk oxen, and hundreds of species of migratory birds. Protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd was one of the original reasons why the Refuge was established. Oil and gas activities are not compatible with the protection of the wildlife and other values of the Refuge. The Environmental Impact Statement needs to consider the potential impacts of all stages of the proposed action including seismic activities, leasing, exploration drilling, and development.

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