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**[EXTERNAL] Please don't lease the coastal plain, or anywhere in the Arctic Refuge**1 message

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I have been to the Arctic Refuge twice and both times was impressed with the vast wilderness and abundant wildlife. No wonder President Eisenhower first set this aside as a wildlife range to be protected in perpetuity. I also was involved in the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act which provided additional protection to the refuge. Attaching an amendment to a giant tax bill to mandate leasing and development was a backdoor trick by Alaska and the oil companies to gain access to this pristine wilderness. But it must be resisted. With oil so plentiful in developed areas in the Lower 48 there is no demand, no security reason, and no economic reason to develop this area. We are not so poor that we must develop our last best wilderness for profit and risk the Gwit'chin culture and the caribou. As you conduct your studies you will find that there is no way that you can develop the area and preserve its wilderness character and abundant wildlife. Please recommend against development to preserve the Arctic environment and nature sustainable culture.

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