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[EXTERNAL] Stop plans to drill in Alaska

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Dear Sirs:

It is a poor business plan to drill for oil and gas in Alaska when the oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. Less than 50% of federal acreage under lease is currently producing. Why then would we seek to open up Alaska when even industry has not been pressing to do this? It doesn't make business sense. Revenues from drilling in this area are also overstated, given the amount recovered in last year's opening up of areas in the North Slope.

Lisa Murkowski is pushing this because her state depends on these revenues to support the state budget. I suggest that this is not a good reason to open up this pristine area when reserves in the lower 48 are more efficiently used for resources. It's time for her state to come up with other ways of funding their needs and not impact this area which Congress has protected for nearly 60 years.

It's time for managers to act with the future in mind, and to show some business sense too.

Thank you for your attention to this.

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