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**[EXTERNAL] Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS**

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Interior Department Bureau of Land Managment,

Oil and gas activities SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge.

The Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is of cultural and natural value to all Americans, especially to the Gwich'in people of Alaska and Canada. Polar bears and caribou give birth there, including the Porcupine Caribou Herd that sustains Gwich'in and other indigenous people.

Rushing to sell off one of our most treasured public lands is irresponsible and reckless. The Administration needs to comply with all the important legal protections that are in place to protect caribou, water, subsistence, and other sensitive resources of the Coastal Plain.

I oppose oil and gas activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and stand with the Gwich'in to demand that the Coastal Plain of the Refuge remain protected for future generations.

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