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[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge1 message

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To Whom it May Concern-

I respectfully ask that all considerations to open up the Arctic Refuge cease. Immediately. At the most practical level, we need to demonstrate to the world that we are seeking to move away from oil and taking the global issue of climate change seriously. We cannot afford the greed of a few to devastate us all.

On the issue of climate change, the Arctic is one of the most rapidly changing ecosystems. Why would our government create further stressors on the delicate and amazing ecosystem given the rapid change, but the greed of a few? Have you ever been to the Arctic? Have you ever watched a documentary of the amazing creatures that live there? Or perhaps read the book series, "Seekers" by Lynn Hunter to your kids? Even one of those activities would help any individual understand why NOT to consider drilling or roads in the Arctic Refuge.

We have already lost caribou in the lower 48 states. We should do everything in our power to ensure that the Porcupine caribou herd and their calving grounds are conserved now and forever. We should be working with Canada to conserve this borderless herd that inspires children and adults around the world, and we should care about the indigenous communities for which this herd is cultural heritage.

Please ensure that you are thinking about now and future generations and not the relatively few who would benefit from drilling in the short-term at the expense of us all.

Sincerely,
Jodi Hilty
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cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna
House of Commons

cc: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

cc: Ms. Nadine Sander-Green