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Dear BLM Reviewers:

The Arctic Refuge was set aside for protection decades ago because of its critical ecological value. It has always been off limits to oil and gas development and should remain that way permanently. This vast, wild place sustains 42 fish species, 37 land mammals, 8 marine mammals, and more than 200 migratory and resident bird species. It is also home to Alaska's indigenous Gwich'in people whose sustenance and culture would be threatened by drilling. They consider Arctic Refuge drilling a matter of human rights. The Arctic Refuge is a national treasure, and we have a moral obligation to protect it for our children and grandchildren.

The value of the potential oil and gas development is limited given the costs of extraction, the costs of remediation of the sites of extraction, the costs of the inevitable spills of toxic materials, the costs to the citizens of Alaska, and the unpredictable value of the extracted oil and gas.

Please hold this site in its pristine condition. Consider the oil and gas resources preserved also for our nation's future security.

Sincerely, Peter Hasler, M.D.

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