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[EXTERNAL] Opposition to Arctic Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain Oil Drilling - Public Comment1 message

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To Whom It May Concern,

This comment is in firm opposite to opening the Arctic Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain to oil drilling. This is the "Sacred Place where Life Begins," a narrow band of coastal land--and the ***only*** place that the Porcupine Caribou herd calves. The Gwich'in people depend on these animals for their survival. As caretakers and custodians of our planet's welfare, this is an unacceptable action to take. The public is overwhelmingly opposed to opening this refuge for oil exploration. The only reason this measure was passed was because it was deceitfully piggy backed on a bill that didn't have anything to do with oil drilling. If it was by itself, it would have been defeated again as it has in the past, because this is ***not*** the direction our country or the local peoples want to go.

Given the pollution generated by cars, we need to take a long term approach and focus on creating an economy that is less reliant on oil. We need to be mindful of our actions on the eco system because there are very few places left that haven't been overwhelmed by humans. After weighing the cost to this proposal - decimating the Porcupine Caribou and the Gwich'in people for the sake of a dying oil industry - the answer is overwhelmingly NO.

Regards,

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