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**[EXTERNAL] ANWR Proposal**

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

Dear BLM,

We cannot go through with the proposed actions outlined by the ANWR. The whole issue boils down to a simple question: do we value the welfare of our wildlife or the wealth of this country more? In my opinion, this is a very easy question to answer. Without question we should have the welfare of our wildlife in the front of our minds, rather than the wealth of the United States. It is not at all surprising that the Trump administration would make this move to open up areas in Alaska for drilling, considering the views of the president on the government and the American people. While it is true that the proposed actions would help create a lot of jobs, we need to weigh this need against the needs of the wildlife. If we give more direct attention to the issue of jobs, it is very possible that we could create new jobs elsewhere. We cannot combat the problem of jobs by creating an even bigger problem, damage to the wildlife. After the oil rig disaster 10 years ago in the Gulf Coast, we as Americans came together with the goal to be better than we have with the environment. If we do not treat the environment better, then it will start to hurt us in massive ways. On top of that, we are drilling on some of the last great untouched nature found in the United States. We have relentlessly logged and drilled almost every mile of land in this country, and we should be better than this. This issue represents our last chance to make some reparations to nature in a way. Not only are the proposed drillings morally wrong, they are also wrong when it comes to the law. Many laws in this country do not fit with the proposed actions. We need to do all that we can so that this issue may go deep in court and hopefully in the end get rejected. On top of all these issues, the issue of global warming is affected, as always. Drilling in these areas would undoubtedly cause incredible pollution and would only contribute to the massive growing problem of global warming. The time is now to act. We cannot wait on future generations to undo what we have done.

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