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**[EXTERNAL] Proposed Drilling in Artic Refuge**

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The most concerning claim of all is that the drilling can be done safely, without harm to the surrounding environment. The refuge's coastal plain, where development would take place, is brimming with wildlife — critical calving grounds to caribou, denning habitat for polar bears and home to more than 200 species of migratory birds.

We know from experience that the web of roads, requisite infrastructure and inevitable spills would cause irrevocable damage to one of the most sensitive and pristine places on the planet. This isn't just my opinion: It's what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded in 2015 after a multiyear review that included more than a million public comments, including from scientists, biologists and Alaska Native communities.

We should not be a nation that trades away our children's future for reckless, shortsighted political gimmicks. We are better than this.

I urge you to stop this proposal.

Thank you,

Pamela Irvine-Johnson