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**[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge**1 message

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Dear U.S. Government,

As a citizen of the Yukon, I strongly oppose the idea of opening up the Porcupine Caribou's calving grounds to oil and gas development. The Arctic Refuge is a special place that deserves protection at a time when so few natural spaces have been left unaltered.

The transboundary impacts from development of that nature in the refuge could have on the livelihoods of the Gwich'in people who depend on the caribou across the north of both of our countries are unacceptable to me as a supporter of human rights. Other impacts on migratory birds and whales (from port and marine infrastructure for example) is unacceptable to me, as is the climate risk of burning more fossil fuel than scientists deem safe.

I request that you take the time to slow down and consider the complexity of this decision, as I have heard you are working under unprecedented deadlines and am worried that this would not allow you to review all impacts to the rigorous standard that this special place and the Porcupine Caribou herd deserve.

Kind regards from a Canadian,  
Joanna Jack  
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cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna  
House of Commons

cc: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

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