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**[EXTERNAL] Drilling in the Arctic Refuge**

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The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) was created to conserve natural diversity of wildlife and all that goes with that which includes untouched wilderness.

Designation of a national wildlife refuge is generally to protect the habitats of marine plants as well as land dwelling flora and animals so that they can propagate without significant human threat. Drilling will cause a huge human footprint and is entirely antithetical to what a wildlife refuge is intended to be.

Oil reserves in the refuge will meet about two years of our nation's needs if that. Is destroying a beautiful wildlife refuge worth a few years of oil especially since we should be developing other means of energy?

Opening the ANWR would be disastrous for the Alaskan environment threatening valuable plant and animal species that exist nowhere else in the world. How could we possibly justify this selfish decision to future generations?

Short term gains should not be used to justify long term devastation. Most importantly, threats to our environment and our planet due to drilling in ANWR may be irrevocable and irreparable.

Please no drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you. . .

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***"Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted." - Martin Luther King, Jr.***