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[EXTERNAL] Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS1 message

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Interior Department Bureau of Land Management,

It is difficult to say whether I am more shocked or outraged. Both are appropriate responses to this administration's decision to destroy the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge with drilling. There are some places drilling doesn't belong, and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of those places. Oil and gas activities should not be allowed on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge.

The Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is of cultural and natural value to all Americans, especially to the Gwich'in people of Alaska and Canada. Polar bears and caribou give birth there, including the Porcupine Caribou Herd that sustains Gwich'in and other indigenous people.

Rushing to sell off one of our most treasured public lands is irresponsible and reckless. The Administration needs to comply with all the important legal protections that are in place to protect caribou, water, subsistence, and other sensitive resources of the Coastal Plain.

I oppose oil and gas activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or any other piece of land in this country. I stand with the Gwich'in to demand that the Coastal Plain of the Refuge remain protected for future generations. I am sure no one is even reading any emails from citizens any longer; those of us in the 99% have been demoted to the dustbin of history. But if anyone is listening, I implore you to think about your country, all of its people, and its precious natural resources, before engaging in more greedy, unethical, and often illegal actions.

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