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[EXTERNAL] ANWR Oil Drilling

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The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the crown jewel of the National Wildlife Refuge System. It is the home to 37 species of land mammals, 42 fish species and more than 200 migratory bird species. At more than 19 million acres , **owned by the citizens of the United States**, it is one of the last remaining areas on earth that remains mostly uninfluenced by humans.

Please do not disturb this extremely fragile and ecologically ecosystems by allowing oil exploration and drilling. The oil exploration and drilling would occur on the coastal plain between the Arctic Ocean and the Brooks mountain range. It would have serious impacts on many mammals and migratory birds that use the area. An oil spill, no matter how slight, would have devastating effects for years. Oil related activities such as seismic testing, aircraft and vehicle noise, and the mere presence of humans would severely impact the life of the polar bears, the Porcupine caribou herd, and the breeding of the migratory birds.

Please do not allow oil exploration and drilling on such a fragile area.

Thank you for considering this.

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