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[EXTERNAL] No oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

We must begin to phase out fossil fuel development in favor of developing renewable energy. The oil companies know this. So this administration is deliberately planning to leave a wake of destruction just to reap the last profits for oil companies.

The Arctic Refuge must be protected as a place for birds and wildlife. By carefully collecting and considering the science, the Interior Department would show clearly that an oil and gas program does not belong in the Refuge. Energy development would permanently harm this fragile environment and leave scars on the tundra. Development cannot be measured as the footprint of each piece of equipment, because it creates a network that would make the calving caribou and nesting birds vulnerable to oil spills and increased predation. The science also must take into account the impacts of climate change and the fact that warming is changing the region's environment and already beginning to threaten species' survival.

Therefore, I strongly oppose the Trump administration's efforts to develop oil and gas in the Refuge. This irreplaceable region is not a place to fast-track environmental reviews to benefit industry (no place is!).

Sincerely,
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