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We are in a mass extinction of biodiversity, the 6th since 65 million years ago when a asteroid hit earth. Human activities are the cause this time. We need more wildlife refuges like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, not fewer.

Few people recognize this crisis of biodiversity lost that causes the loss of life support for all life including humans. One of the most eminent biologists of the second half of the 20th century, Edward O. Wilson, recent book Half-Earth provides the scientific evidence that we need to set aside half of the planet, land and marine, to provide the life-support humanity requires.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the greatest truly wild places left on Earth. It's sanctuary to some of the most diverse and magnificent wildlife in Alaska -- polar bears, wolves, musk oxen and vast herds of caribou -- and the oil and gas industry should not be allowed to trample its amazing landscapes and foul its pristine air and water.

The environmental impacts from all stages of oil and gas development, including seismic activities, leasing, exploration drilling and development must be fully considered. I urge the Department of the Interior to uphold all protections for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

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