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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing EIS for ANWR

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To: "blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov" <blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov>

Dear Ms. Hayes, or to whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my sincere opposition to the current plan to sell oil leases in the 1002 Area on the coastal plain of Alaska. At a time when we are exporting a surplus of gas, it seems senseless to me to permanently destroy such a delicate and unique habitat. As a veterinarian and an animal lover, I am particularly concerned that this activity will be very disruptive to the polar bear denning and migratory bird activities that occur in this area. Also, this activity will be very detrimental to the native population the Gwich'in Nation and their ability to hunt caribou as is their tradition and way of life.

There is no safe or environmentally friendly way to perform seismic and drilling exploration, development, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain without permanently damaging the delicate ecosystem and the ability of the native peoples to survive. The land, water and animals in this area cannot withstand these activities without irreparable harm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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