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**[EXTERNAL] Protect the Alaska Arctic Refuge**

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

Dear U.S. Bureau of Land Management,

As I'm sure you know by now, the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge includes the area where the Porcupine Caribou herd go to calve their young and where they migrate between Canada and Alaska. Disturbing the sensitive calving grounds through oil and gas drilling will have disastrous effects on the health of the herd and the Gwich'in communities of Canada and Alaska that rely on it for their culture and subsistence.

The importance of the Arctic Refuge transcends borders with many species crossing back and forth into Canada. It is therefore critical that Canadian interests be included within the scope of this environmental review. As a Canadian, I urge you to ensure that the environmental review is rigorous and addresses all impacts using both western science and the knowledge of Indigenous people. Oil and gas extraction has no place in the Arctic Refuge.

I have faith that you will do the right thing,  
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Dava McKay,  
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