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[EXTERNAL] Drilling in ANWR

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you to express my concern over the proposed oil and gas leasing sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This area is truly the last wild place left in the United States. There are plenty of areas that have already been approved for drilling in Alaska and those areas aren't even selling leases as expected. Our world is transitioning to renewable forms of energy and there is no need for us to drill in such a fragile area.

I have visited ANWR to see polar bears and it was truly a life changing experience. I have been many places in the world and have never been so impacted by the wildlife and native people as I was there. Polar bears and caribou are already under extreme pressure due to climate change and habitat loss. This would only exacerbate the problem. Polar bears have a likelihood of going extinct in the wild in our children's life time and that is our fault. We need to be better stewards to our environment and our natural resources.

Drilling in the Arctic is also extremely expensive and less attractive to companies due to shale oil production. Please do what is right and do NOT lease any of the 1002 Area to oil and gas development. History is watching and what we do now will greatly impact future generations and how our generation is remembered for handling climate change.

Thank you,
Kinsey Moench