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**[EXTERNAL] Commenting on Coastal Plain Oil & Gas Leasing**

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To whom it may concern,

After reading a detailed editorial by Ms. Sally Jewel, former petroleum engineer and Secretary of the Interior, I do not support drilling for oil in the Article Refuge. She points out that the administration's purpose behind drilling is about an "energy dominance strategy" but this isn't necessary given that the "oil and gas industry has a surplus of oil and gas leases and permits". Any proposal that could potentially damage the coastal refuge is wrong; there is just too much at risk in terms of the wildlife, "critical calving grounds to caribou, a habitat for polar bears and home to 200 species of migratory birds". (Seattle Times, Sally Jewel)

I believe that there are other ways to increase energy that do not involve drilling in the arctic; as usual for this administration there is no thought about what legacy we leave the next generation. Just "drill baby drill".

Sincerely,  
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