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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing EIS-Scoping

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To Whom It May Concern;

I, like many Alaskans, am opposed to oil and gas drilling on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I am writing to ask that you seriously take into consideration, the original purpose and intent Congress stated in ANILCA for the Arctic Refuge as the scope of the EIS comes before you.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is just that; an extremely sensitive ecosystem that supports a unique and diverse range of wildlife and fauna. It truly is, a gem of the arctic; the largest and probably one of the last "wild" places that offers wildlife space unmarked by roads and other infrastructure.

Allowing oil and gas leasing in the 1002 Area will go against the provisions put for by ANILCA;

- it would undermine protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which Native Alaskans rely on
- it would effect and most likely reduce the diversity of wildlife in the refuge. (birds, mammals, etc)
- it would have a tremendous visual impact and possibly effect the quality of water on the plain.

It is important that we think beyond our lifetime and realize that the resource of this magical, wild place be preserved.

Thank you,
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