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[EXTERNAL] ANWR

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Dear Ms. Hayes:

I write to register my opposition to opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration and drilling. We visited Alaska last year for the first time, partly to see for ourselves what so many have long fought to preserve. We came away convinced more than ever of the importance of these wild places. We don't need the oil or gas as much as we ANWR to remain one of those wild places. Not only is this a good unto itself, we also must reject the kind of backward-looking thinking embodied in this proposal. Oil is not the energy of the future, near or distant future — at least not if we wish to have a future. And we have no need for additional natural gas reservoirs, none so compelling as the need to nature preserves. For nearly 40 years, we have left ANWR alone, including during times of energy scarcity. This current effort makes no economic or ecological sense. It is merely an effort to enrich a handful of people. That's not democracy. Our precious wild places should not be for sale.

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