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I urge the Department of the Interior to halt oil exploration and production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for three reasons.

First, since any oil extracted from this area would most likely be exported, all benefits would redound not to the USA, but to a few companies and already wealthy individuals.

Second, our oil reserves are needed for the production of fertilizers and plastics for which no practical current alternatives exist.

And finally, there is only one Arctic Wildlife Refuge. If we spoil it, which we most certainly will should oil production be allowed, we will lose one of the only truly wild places left on Earth, along with irreplaceable wildlife, flora, and water resources.

Our duty to manage the USA's finite natural resources must take precedence over the selfish interests of oil companies, their already-wealthy owners, and the hordes of parasites who lobby for and cater to their interests in Washington.

Sincerely,

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