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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Notice to Prepare EIS for oil and gas leasing

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I am an Alaskan resident familiar with parts of ANWR based on my travels within ANWR. I want to express my view that I do not believe it appropriate to open up ANWR for oil and gas leasing as it is inconsistent with the purpose of ANWR to provide a wildlife refuge and wildlife ecosystem intended to protect and allow indigenous wildlife species to thrive. I believe the infrastructure that would be needed to support oil and gas extraction would expose the wildlife within the refuge to health and safety risks not justified by the benefit of oil and gas extraction in this area, especially in light of the current oil and gas surplus. Energy policy in the arctic should focus on bringing to market existing sources of natural gas rather than drilling in this area of sensitive and critical habitat.

Thank you for your consideration,

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