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**[EXTERNAL] Continue the USA's Arctic Refuge protection**

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I am a Canadian Resident and Taxpayer. I admire the USA for having amazing foresight in establishing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in north eastern Alaska over one hundred years ago. Today I hear, however, that the USA's Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing to open the area to oil and gas exploration.

I would like to remind the BLM that the destructive interference of oil and gas exploration is contrary to the intent of the Arctic Refuge.

The Arctic Refuge provides important habitat for polar bears, muskoxen, wolves, caribou, amongst others as well as hundreds of species of migratory birds that travel from 6 continents.

Additionally, the Arctic Refuge is across the border from two Canadian National Parks. There is a treaty between Canada and the USA to protect the Porcupine Caribou herd, habitat and migration, which is one of the original reasons why the Arctic Refuge was established. Oil and gas exploration would have significant impact on this at-risk species.

We, each one of us, has a moral and ethical responsibility to protect the world's environment and species for the future. The next generations are entitled to grow up with the same diversity of life as we have enjoyed.

Please do not allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain. Our children and their children deserve and demand it.

Thank you.

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