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[EXTERNAL] Drilling in ANWR

1 message

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to state my opinion that oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve is a very poor idea, for the reasons stated below, and request that it NOT be allowed.

These are the reasons:

- 1) This is our largest and one of our most valuable national resources for wildlife of numerous species, all of which will be extremely negatively impacted by oil and gas development.
- 2) Indigenous nations' rights will be negatively impacted, and these populations will continue to decline in mental and physical health.
- 3) Oil and gas development is the wrong energy for this time in the history of our planet. Instead, we have the technology to provide clean energy, and this is where our future energy needs should be sought.
- 4) Climate change, and the decline of Earth's habitability will only be accelerated by development of oil and gas energy. This is the most serious challenge facing humanity today, and oil and gas development is not a solution, but part of the problem. Keep it in the ground.
- 5) The economics of opening this refuge to oil and gas leasing is not compelling. The costs to our populations far outweigh the meager gains that are anticipated. This is a short-term solution at the expense of long-term viability.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

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