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[EXTERNAL] Opposed to Oil and Gas Leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge represents an irreplaceable resource in its current state, and would be irreparably damaged should oil and gas leasing in the Refuge be permitted.

Few places in the world remain where ecological, cultural and spiritual values prevail, and there are no second chances when industrialization threatens to sweep them aside. It is unclear that the supposed benefits of drilling in the refuge outweigh these other forms of value, or that this action is supported by an informed majority of stakeholders and members of the public. Several years of environment impact studies are needed to gauge the full impact, and it would be irresponsible and partisan to proceed without this level of due diligence.

I strongly oppose oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and urge the BLM to thoroughly and objective assess the potential damage of, as well as the legal footing for, such an action.

Thank you for your consideration.

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