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[EXTERNAL] Opposition to oil and gas drilling in ANWR1 message

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This is to register my firm opposition to all oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

I spent several summers doing geologic research in ANWR in the late 1990s and early 2000s and I know its mountains and coastal plain well. I know ANWR for its geologic structure and petroleum potential, but I also know ANWR as one of the earth's last truly wild places. Oil and gas drilling -- and all of its associated infrastructure -- will forever ruin that irreplaceable wild character. We must not let that happen.

ANWR should remain wild. Drilling for gas and oil should be prohibited there in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

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