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[EXTERNAL] Opposition for ANWR Scoping & Drilling

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To: blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov

Dear Secretary Zinke,

The legislation addressing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is of eminent interest and concern to me. As a resident of California who is an active participant in fighting climate change on the individual and policy level, I find drilling on this land to be an incredibly irresponsible and embarrassing act against the native residents and already threatened wildlife of the ANWR. Wildlands like the ANWR belong to all Americans, as evident by the decades of bipartisan support for its protection.

This sentiment has even recently been echoed by investors managing \$2.5 trillion in assets who have strongly urged against drilling in the ANWR for business, reputational, and ethical reasons. Rushing to sell off one of our most treasured public lands is reckless. It's the administration's duty to act in American interest, which includes protecting water, wildlife, residents, and sensitive resources of the Coastal Plain.

With the rapidly increasing global demand for renewable energy, economic gains are unclear. Plans for open drilling in the ANWR should be rejected to protect the species and biodiversity of the ecosystem since the environmental consequences induced from oil drilling and development significantly outweigh potential economic benefits.

I oppose oil and gas activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and stand with the Gwich'in to demand that the ANWR remains protected and preserved for future generations.

Regards,
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