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**[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge**

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To whom it may concern,

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I've herd that the United States of America are possibly planning on installing an oil rig on your largest state. There is a good amount of oil there and I can see why you want to set up in that region. Let's take a look on what could be the consequences. Yes, I know you don't want any negativity on the project but it has to be done and its whether or not you choose economy over wilderness. Let's go over what is important about saving the wild.

Canada is one of the countries with the largest amount of caribou. So much so, that we have different names for different herds. But the ones I'm going to be talking about today are the famous porcupine caribous. To whoever is reading this letter, you may or may not, know about these caribou. So, let's go over a quick resume on who they are. Porcupine caribous are a large herd of, well, caribous. They walk in packs of more than thousands! They come from the northwest territory and make their way through the Yukon and into Alaska for breeding purposes... now Alaska is not part of Canada I know but the caribou are. They live most of their life in Canada, they just go to Alaska for breeding purposes. Now to whoever is reading this, understands that this is are problem to. I would suggest to do the oil rig further from all the caribou. There are many other places!

One more reason on why you should consider not drilling, is that there are a lot of indigenous people in Canada and Alaska. Obviously, but in case you didn't know the caribou is the most important part of their diet. Considering us Canadians want to save the caribou we eat them as well so, yes, the caribou's deaths can affect people as well. Not just Canadians but Americans, wolfs, bears and other predators... not just predators but prey as well "can" be endangered but this is complicated, all I can say is that if there are no more porcupine caribous that makes other preys that are already endangered more endangered because humans blew their cover. I'm not going to go further in this because I'm not 100% sure this is accurate but it is a theory to consider.

It is not a lot to add in a text for such an important subject, but I think you will look to try and put the oil rig someplace else (it can still be in Alaska). This is not a bad idea considering it can help your economy. Another solution could wind power or solar power. There is not a solution for every problem, but as human beings, we keep looking for the solution.

Thank you for reading!

From Gregory Poltorasky, To the US Government.

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