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[EXTERNAL] Opposition to Drilling on Alaska's North Slope

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Dear Sir:

I strongly oppose opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling. It is one of the last truly wild places left on earth. This land belongs to all of us not just the State of Alaska. The wildlife the area supports is irreplaceable.

To say drilling will not cause damage is a pipe dream. Have you ever seen what a herd of sheep moving over a high mountain trail does to the land? Destroys it. Likewise, walk through a clear cut looking for the virgin forest that existed before? Drilling on permafrost is much more destructive.

The lower 48 is awash in oil. If Alaska needs revenue, let the state explore other ways of raising revenue than leasing and drilling. ANWR belongs to us, the citizens, not Alaska.

I have traveled to and through Alaska twice and understand the pristine beauty and scope of wilderness in that land. I have a small feeling of the awe with which our forebears first walked through this land. We owe it to our children's children to save a small bit of what North America was really like before it all disappears.

Sincerely,
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