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[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge1 message

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing because I am concerned that the U.S government is consider drilling for oil on the Arctic wildlife refuge in Alaska, which will affect porcupine caribou. This subject is important to many Canadians, but not every ne has the voice to speak up. I am writing you so that you hear our voices and our fight, so that we hopefully can make a difference in the lives of so many humans and creatures.

Porcupine Caribou are a vital part of so many people's lives. Many gwittchen first nations rely on them as a main food source to keep them through the winter. Many communities in the Yukon will be affected by such issues. You see; Canada will be deeply affected by such rash decisions, Yukoners lives will be disturbed and disrupted as well as the lives of your own people too, the Alaskans.

If you proceed with this rash plan, so many ecosystems will perish. The wolves that follow the Caribou will starve and die, the bears will succumb to hunger and will root for other sources of food. Hundreds of ecosystems will be destroyed and will affect our lives quite negatively, all because of the oil drilling on the porcupine caribou birthing grounds

Another reason for which oil exploration is a bad idea is that it can put the porcupine caribou's species in danger. If the drilling proceeds, it could diminish the population of these wonderful creatures that make such a wonderful difference in the north.

I see how the oil in that region could be important, how it could help boost the economy. It is needed for so many things; cars, petrol, plastic etc. But there are solutions. A solution is that a you could go somewhere else to proceed with oil drilling, or drop it all together. Alternative energy sources can be thermal energy, hydroelectricity, solar energy and wind turbine. There are so many wonderful possibilities, why choose the one that has so many consequences?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna
House of Commons

cc: M. Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

cc: Ms. Nadine Sander-Green