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[EXTERNAL] I oppose lease sales in the Arctic Refuge1 message

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To whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong Alaskan who stands in solidarity with the Gwich'in Nation, who says no to oil and gas development in the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Lizhik Gwats'an Gwandaii Goodlit, or "The Sacred place where life begins" is the Gwich'in name for the sacred birthing ground of the porcupine caribou herd, which they rely on to practice traditional substance activities. Oil and Gas development will disrupt the birthing of the caribou, not to mention the hundreds of other species that live there. This is a human rights issue, because this will threaten the Gwich'in way of life.

As you prepare for the EIS and public hearings before leasing starts, I urge you to consider:

- The impacts of oil and gas development on the subsistence rights of the Gwich'in people. In your study, please include Traditional indigenous knowledge of the land, migratory practices and substance harvest practices.
- Other scientific knowledge about climate change and the environmental impacts of oil and gas drilling
- potential for spills and leaks which are frequent occurrences at any development site.

Not all Alaskans want oil and gas development.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Rohrbacher