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[EXTERNAL] Submission on consultation for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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Dear US Bureau of Land Management,

Please accept this submission for your scoping on the sale of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I would like to register my deep concern regarding these plans, due to the likely impacts it will have on the Porcupine Caribou Herd. Caribou are resilient, but they are also sensitive to disturbances within their calving grounds. The science shows that if drilling is allowed to proceed within their calving grounds, it could drive the herd to calve in less hospitable areas - this could reduce their reproductive success and in time, decimate the herd.

The porcupine caribou herd are one of the few healthy barren ground caribou herds left in the world. Anything that threatens their sustainable should be roundly rejected. I say this as a resident of the Yukon, where the herd spend their winters and as someone who supports the Gwich'in people of Old Crow and Alaska. Please reject this proposal.

Kind regards,
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cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna
House of Commons

cc: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

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