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[EXTERNAL] Protect the Arctic Refuge

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To the BLM,

I am writing to you as a concerned Canadian to express my extreme opposition to the proposed opening of the Arctic Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the last great wilderness areas and is home to the Porcupine Caribou Herd and numerous wildlife, the Gwich'in people, and their future generations.

In 1987 you entered a international treaty with Canada to protect the Porcupine Caribou Herd, the people who depend on it, and the unique and irreplaceable wilderness that is their home. I respectfully urge the BLM to coordinate with the Canadian government and indigenous nations on this treaty's requirements, and to continue to protect the herd and their habitat.

I am also requesting that you extend the EIS and public comment period to at least 60 days beyond the current closing date. These are public lands and there needs to be more national consultation, at a pace that allows people to be properly informed of the proposed changes and impacts that oil and gas development would have on the Porcupine Caribou Herd, the Gwich'in people, and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge lands.

Sincerely,

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