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[EXTERNAL] NO! oil and gas drilling in ANWR!

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Gentle persons: For nearly 60 years, with bipartisan Congressional support, the Arctic Refuge has been safeguarded, protected as befits our nation's last truly wild place. There is no compelling reason for that to change... and there are many compelling reasons for those safeguards to persist. Say NO to oil and gas drilling in ANWR.

There is not a compelling reason to drill: The oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. Less than half of federal acreage currently under permit is producing. And the most promising oil is still in the Lower 48. Economically, opening up ANWR for drilling doesn't make sense.

There are compelling reasons to NOT drill: The primary reason is destruction of one of the most sensitive and pristine places on the planet. As concluded by US Fish and Wildlife Service in 2015, the web of roads, requisite infrastructure and inevitable spills would cause irrevocable damage.

We should not be a nation that trades away its children's future for spurious benefit to a handful of investors. We are better than this.

Our planet deserves better than this.

In closing: NO drilling. There's no good reason to do so and ample good reasons to not do so.

Many thanks for your consideration,

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