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[EXTERNAL] Please Protect the ANWR for our Descendants

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Dear BLM Alaska,

My wife and I stand with the Gwich'in Nation in defense of the sacred coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge. Please do not open this area to oil drilling. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of America's great wild places. Please don't let drilling permanently destroy this region.

My father was a "lifer" at Exxon, retiring in 1985 after several decades at the company's NY World HQ. He was heartsick over the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound until the day he passed. He and Mom became strong supporters of The Nature Conservancy in the process. We, too, remember the Exxon Valdez. We, too, value the contributions of the ANWR to our national quality of life. We, too, want to leave a lasting legacy for our descendants. The oil in the ANWR will come and go. The ecosystem will be destroyed, and Big Oil will move elsewhere. And our national heritage will be diminished forever. Please take the long view on this. Is the short-term gain worth the long-run pain? Think of the trade-off you are leaving your own descendants. When they look back on the decision you make now, what will they think? What would you want them to think?

I am a professional economist. I understand tradeoffs. I understand cost-benefit analysis. Do you really think the benefits of opening the ANWR to such drilling outweigh the costs? Or is this just about a few more votes this fall? Just about keeping Alaska's senators in the fold, so to speak?

This issue shouldn't be political. Please think of our country. Make the right choice. Don't let drilling happen

Sincerely,

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