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**[EXTERNAL] Save the Arctic Refuge**1 message

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Arctic Refuge was set aside for protection decades ago because of its critical ecological value. It has always been off limits to oil and gas development and should remain that way permanently. This vast, wild place sustains 42 fish species, 37 land mammals, 8 marine mammals, and more than 200 migratory and resident bird species. It is also home to Alaska's indigenous Gwich'in people whose sustenance and culture would be threatened by drilling. They consider Arctic Refuge drilling a matter of human rights. The Arctic Refuge is a national treasure, and we have a moral obligation to protect it for our children and grandchildren.

The targeted area is described by the [Sierra Club](#) as "the biological heart" of the Arctic Refuge - home to polar bears, caribou, and migratory birds - as well as vital lands and wildlife for the subsistence way of life of the [Gwich'in Nation](#). This could be the last opportunity to save a vast, intact wilderness.

Please do not allow the destruction of these precious lands that are the home to indigenous people and wildlife. This is an important pristine land to save for generations to enjoy.

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