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**[EXTERNAL] Reject the plan to drill in the arctic coastal plain**1 message

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Ryan Zinke,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.

The Refuge has as its primary mission being a refuge! Drilling there for oil will have permanently damaging effects on the wildlife that are supposed to be protected there. It will also harm the Native Americans living there who depend on the caribou herd. Moreover, all of us, whether in the Arctic or far away, will suffer the increasingly destructive effects of climate change caused by burning the oil and gas.

We should not be harming the wildlife and human residents of that area, and we should absolutely not be harming them in order to produce carbon fuels that will damage the entire planet. There is no benefit to this proposal except for some short-term cash in a few corporate pockets. Meanwhile there is a lot of unremediable harm.

Please reject this destructive proposal.

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