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**[EXTERNAL] Comment on Leasing in ANWR**

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Dear Director,

I have lived in Alaska since 1981 except for 8 years of military duty rotations. I am a registered Alaskan voter. I choose to live here and have raised a family here, with 2 daughters choosing to remain and be Alaskans also. We all enjoy wildlife and wilderness and believe there is value to having wildlife in its natural habitat. Alaska has many special places, some of which have been recognized. Why would this recognized wildlife refuge be put at risk?

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge should remain as is, free of all the disturbances that would occur with any leasing for oil and gas exploration.

The value of an unscathed wilderness vastly exceeds and outweighs the speculative value of any subsurface resources minus the highly predictable damage that will be caused to the wilderness resources.

The "no action alternative" should be an honest "no action" or current status quo which means not going forward with leasing.

What is a wildlife refuge if it is allowed to have some development within it? Where does the line get drawn if this is allowed?

The trade off of wilderness for any value of projected oil resources are not needed at this time. It is better to leave the area unexplored and at no risk for damage that can occur from accidents. Industries are not perfect and there is always the risk of accidents – accidents that were not expected have happened in the past and caused damage. We do not need to take that risk.

I am in favor of protection of this wilderness resource.

Thank you for your consideration to protect this area for future generations.

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