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[EXTERNAL] Hands off the Arctic Refuge - Sustainable Energy is a better investment

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Dear BLM Alaska,

Sierra Club's extremely polite prepared message below is beautifully composed - and 100% on the money - however, drilling for more fossil fuels to burn is so far in the opposite direction from where we need to go as a nation that even discussing it seems some how ridiculous. Without undeveloped wilderness lands there is no place to sink or sequester the CO2 we've ALREADY released through burning fossil fuels. With the same investment into truly green, clean and sustainable energy (nuclear does not count) we could set the nation and economy back on track to once again be world leaders. Choosing to invest in sustainable energy isn't just the "nice" thing to do, its the best business decision. Respectfully, M. Silvestre Austin, TX and San Juan, PR

We stand with the Gwich'in Nation in defense of the sacred coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge. By rushing to open this land to destructive oil drilling, the Trump administration is blatantly prioritizing profits over people, and disregarding tribal sovereignty for the sake of corporate greed.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of America's last truly wild places, and the coastal plain is its biological heart -- home to the largest array of wildlife in the circumpolar north. Oil drilling would permanently destroy this sacred place.

Protecting the Refuge is also a matter of human rights for Alaska Native tribes like the Gwich'in, who consider the Refuge sacred and rely on the Porcupine Caribou herd for over 80% of their diet. Oil exploration would impact the birth rates and migration patterns of the caribou, which would threaten the tribe's food sources and way of life.

Allowing drilling in the Arctic Refuge would also worsen climate pollution, harming communities already bearing the brunt of the changing climate as they are forced to adapt to rising seas, melting ice, and changing migration patterns.

The Arctic Refuge is a symbol of what we want for our future -- the preservation of a way of life, climate justice and wild places for future generations. I urge you to protect it from drilling at all costs.

Sincerely,

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