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[EXTERNAL] Stop trying to develop oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge!

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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I strongly oppose efforts by the oil and gas industry to develop programs in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Department of the Interior must stop allowing ANY energy development on the Refuge, a place designated to protect wildlife, water, and native people's livelihood. A National Wildlife Refuge is intended to provide respite from the incursion of human activities, not a platform for resource extraction.

The Trump administration has indicated intent to expedite the review process and hold lease sales by next year. This rushed timeline will not allow for the full analysis required by law, and which is necessary to meet the Department's obligation of responsible stewardship in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

You know all the arguments on both sides of the debate, but the most basic of these is the need to protect this last bastion of wilderness for the health of the Earth and all its creatures. The North Slope of Alaska is already well developed for gas and oil; there is no need nor excuse to invade the sanctity of the National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,
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