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[EXTERNAL] Public comment on opening Arctic Refuge1 message

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Secretary Zink,

At our dinner table last night, our family were discussing the prospect of opening the Arctic Refuge to oil and gas leasing. "Who do we know who lives there?" asked our children. We told them that the area is home to millions of birds, a couple hundred thousand Caribou – and described Caribou -- polar bears, grizzlies, wolves, and many other creatures.

"Why would someone want to ruin their home?" they wanted to know.
"Basically, for money," my husband said.

At breakfast this morning, our eight year-old daughter, Jensen, handed me a sheet of composition paper on which she had written,

*Each life is special,**From the littlest bug to the tallest tree,**Each life has a reason to be**So there will always be beauty on earth to see.**We have enough people and dollars already.*

She asked that I please send it to whoever could help the beautiful creatures keep their home. I think she meant you.

Best,
Sandra Swanson