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[EXTERNAL] ANWR - NO DRILLING!!

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I am writing to voice my strong objection to any drilling, fracking, seismic or geological exploration of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. You see, it's a REFUGE, not for Shell and Exxon-Mobil, but for the animals, particularly polar bears so stressed already by habitat loss, and the entire arctic ecosystem. Leasing the ANWR for pennies-per-acre to the most massively profitable corporations on earth does nothing to benefit the Treasury, and nothing to alleviate the burdens on the average taxpayer.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com>

"refuge" **noun** ref·uge \ 're-(.)fyüj also -(.)fyüzh \

Definition of refuge

1 : **shelter or protection from danger or distress**

2 : **a place that provides shelter or protection**

3 : something to which one has recourse in difficulty

The ANWR was created as a refuge for animals, not oil companies. Just to be clear, there is simply no reason to touch the ANWR for any reason. It's asinine that we could even be talking about "protecting a refuge."

We don't need what oil and gas may be there, and from a geopolitical standpoint, drilling/exploring in the ANWR would send the wrong message to, the Russians who have themselves turned the arctic into an environmental disaster zone, a nuclear dumping ground, and the rest of the world. The US must be on the right side of preserving the arctic, not causing further "danger or distress" to this critical and extremely sensitive ecosystem.

I am not some bumper-sticker-covered Prius driver, I have pick-up trucks, and SUV's for work reasons and others. Fuel prices effect my business, and I heat my home in New England with oil my business with gas, lower fuel prices benefit me, but I cannot agree with any geological exploration in the ANWR.

I am not willing to trade lower fuel prices and higher oil company profits for reduced geopolitical morality, or risking the arctic ecosystem for those short-lived goals.

I most vehemently oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge!

And for my elected officials, I am sick and tired of this country being "sold" to corporate and special interests. I pay more than my fair share of taxes to allow billionaire corporate executives to continue to be enriched by the most beautiful, special places in our country for some near-term "shareholder value" equation that benefits only those executives with their massively below-market stock options.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter of governance.

Sincerely yours,
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