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[EXTERNAL] Arctic Wildlife Refuge

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To The Bureau of Land Management:

I have had the great pleasure of visiting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and observing how fragile the ecosystem is and how important it is to the Porcupine Caribou herd, polar bears, Grizzlies and other wildlife.

I strongly feel that the Refuge is the wrong place for industrial development. I am very concerned about the prospect of drilling in this unique land. Drilling will inevitably result in degradation of freshwater resources, threats to the Porcupine Caribou Herd, elimination of public access, disturbance of polar bears in maternal dens, and many, many, other damages to the environment.

Furthermore, drilling will generate large quantities of fossil fuels that will be burned to create greenhouse gases that will accelerate destruction of the planet by climate change. Rising temperatures in the Arctic will release large amounts of methane stored in melting permafrost. Methane is about 90 times worse in the short term than carbon monoxide so the release of methane will further increase temperatures and release more methane. This positive feedback loop will rapidly take the planet beyond the tipping point from which no recovery will be possible. We need to leave the crude oil in the ANWR and elsewhere in the ground and use existing available and rapidly improving technology to convert to an all electric, renewably sourced electric economy.

Please do not destroy the wonderful ANWR and the wonderful planet by foolishly drilling in a sensitive and precious place. Preserve it for future generations of people and animals to enjoy. Destruction of ANWR for the short term profits of the worlds most profitable and corrupt industries is inexcusable.

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