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**[EXTERNAL] Protection of the Arctic Refuge**

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this to argue against the attitude that there is a need to bolster our nation's energy portfolio.

The Gas & Oil Industry has a massive surplus of leases & permits already. Less than half of the Federal acreage under lease is currently producing. The most promising oil plays are in state and private lands within the Lower 48. We need to protect not damage our Arctic Refuge. We need to give Alaskan Native communities support and the ability to rely on the Arctic Refuge for subsistence & their cultural practices. Gas & oil will development will not send \$1 billion to the US Treasury within 10 years. Lease-sale data from other places on Alaska's North Slope suggests the estimated number is closer to \$50 million.

There is no guarantee that drilling can be done safely. Roads, needed infrastructure and spills could cause damage to one of the most sensitive & pristine areas there is. The US Fish & Wildlife Service, in 2015, came to this conclusion after more than a million comments from scientists, biologists, the public & Alaskan Native communities.

Please pay attention to this conclusion.

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