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**[EXTERNAL] Opposition to oil exploration in the Arctic Nat'l Wildlife Refuge**1 message

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

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> To Whom It May Concern,  
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> I am writing to express my strong opposition to exploring for oil in the 1002 area on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.  
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> I am convinced that industrial development on the coastal plain will inflict permanent and irreparable damage to the environment, and the indigenous communities that would be most affected, for only a modest, short-term gain.  
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> I sympathize with those Inupiat communities that believe oil development is necessary to continue funding their public services. I also understand the economic need to continue to find new oil source to keep the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline operating smoothly.  
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> But nothing convinces me that it would be a good idea to push ahead with oil development in this most fragile of ecosystems. Sooner or later, the oil will run out, and the same problems will still be there after all the oil has been tapped from the coastal plain. It makes much more sense to find other sources of energy and revenue before despoiling this precious landscape, which serves as a potent source of national pride and distinguishes America from other nations that have failed to protect their own wilderness regions.  
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> Transforming this vital habitat and birthing area for many species, including the Porcupine River caribou herd, denning polar bears, and flocks of migratory birds, would represent a permanent stain on our national consciousness and an abdication of our responsibility as stewards of the planet.  
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> Therefore, I urge you to reject this short-sighted, irresponsible proposal to lease the coastal plain for oil development.  
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> Thank you very much for your consideration.  
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> Aloha,  
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