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[EXTERNAL] The overwhelming majority of U.S. citizens want you to be visionary by protecting the Arctic Refuge coastal plain

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To: blm_ak_coastalplain_eis@blm.gov

Dear BLM Alaska,

The world is watching and an overwhelming majority of U.S. citizens are racing against time to ensure that visionary decisions are made to protect the Arctic Refuge from oil drilling.

We know that the Department of the Interior just began the environmental review process for a lease sale in the Refuge, and that Trump and Interior Secretary Zinke are rushing to get drills in the ground before a new administration can reverse their decision to open America's last great wilderness to Big Oil. Oil rigs can never be allowed in the Refuge.

With Alaska warming at twice the rate of the rest of the country, wildlife populations are already threatened by climate change, and more drilling will only compound these risks. The area is also sacred to Alaska Native tribes like the Gwich'in Nation, whose way of life is tied to the migration of the Refuge's Porcupine Caribou herd. This fragile area is already threatened by climate change, and would never recover from the permanent damage caused by oil drilling and seismic blasting.

For over 40 years, millions of activists have worked hard to protect the Arctic Refuge from corporate greed, and we know that the coming year will be more critical than ever. It is time to make the visionary decision to protect the Refuge. America's last great wilderness should stay protected!

The Arctic Refuge is a symbol of what we want for our future -- the preservation of a way of life, climate justice and wild places for future generations.

Sincerely,

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