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[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge drilling

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Please DO NOT ok the drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

This would affect terrain and animals found only in this part of the world and there would NEVER be a second chance if anything goes wrong and the environment is damaged. This area is one of the most sensitive and pristine places on the planet.

We are not needing further oil and gas at this time. There is a surplus of oil and gas leases and permits already and less than half of federal acreage under lease is currently producing. Last year industry bid on just 7 percent of the leased at auction, the lowest share in the past 10 years. There is plenty of more oil and gas in the lower 48.

As there is no justifiable pressure to get more oil and because this would cause irreversible damage to one of the final areas of the world with the calving grounds for caribou, habitat for polar bears and home to more than 200 species of migratory birds, and would jeopardize the interests of Alaska Native communities who rely on the refuge for subsistence and cultural practices, I urge you most strongly to VOTE NO on granting oil and gas drilling rights in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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