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I am writing to strongly request that you act to maintain federal protections that preclude the oil and gas industry from exploiting and likely destroying the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

This refuge is extremely important as one of the last truly wild places left on earth. That is why our government has taken deliberate action to protect this space as a sanctuary to an incredibly diverse array of wildlife, many of which are gravely endangered species. It also protects this unique ecosystem for today and future generations. To consider allowing a private industry to profit -- at the people's expense -- is unconscionable.

At a time when renewable energy is not only economically viable, but a proven path for the future, there is simply no justifiable reason to spoil and forever damage this beautiful, and needed wildlife refuge. There is no question that paving roadways, and permitting the exploration, drilling and transportation of fossil fuels through this pristine landscape will take an enormous toll on air, land and water quality. Any oil spill, which is virtually inevitable, will devastate this natural area for generations to come.

The environmental impacts from all stages of oil and gas development, including seismic activities, leasing, exploration drilling and development must be avoided at all costs. I urge the Department of the Interior to uphold all protections for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

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