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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I'm Dane Wirotek a Junior at Ballard High School in Washington state. I am asking you to not open the National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil drilling.

That area is the last expansive wilderness left in America and is home to countless species of plants and animals such as seals, polar bears, and bird species that can't live in most other terrains.

The oil drilling will damage the ecosystem irreparably and won't revive the Alaskan economy the way it is supposed to. Big oil drilling companies will take most of the profit without leaving much left for people living there.

An alternate solution to helping the Alaskan economy is to help the salmon runs flourish. In the past the fishing industry was more profitable than even the timber industry in the state. The salmon fishing industry has declined due to environmental damages and this problem would only be increased by more oil drilling.

Reviving salmon runs and the local fishing industry would help create the needed jobs and inject some much-needed life into the Alaskan economy without greatly impacting the environment.

Sincerely,

Dane Wirotek