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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been to the Refuge, and I was blown away by the pristine nature of this area. There are some places, like Yellowstone or Yosemite, that should just be left alone. This is one of them. The tundra is very fragile, and drilling in this area would have immense long term impacts. The plants would take a very long time to re-grow. The air and water would be polluted. The wildlife, from caribou to musk ox to polar bears to many birds we see in the lower 48, would be disrupted. These animals are having a tough enough time with climate change. What about the rights of native people living there? It is wrong to destroy their way of life. And what would we be destroying this area for? According to the government's own estimates, about 6 months domestic use of oil--hardly worth it, considering we could save that much if we just inflated our tires correctly!

Scientists tell us the planet is warming at an alarming rate, and that we have ALREADY discovered more oil and gas than it is safe to burn. Why on earth would we be searching for more? Like the wildlife mentioned above, many humans are already feeling the impact of climate change and their lives have been disrupted. I hope you will have the sense to recognize that drilling in the Refuge is not wise, and that you will not allow it to happen. This area should be treasured and preserved. Thank you--Dorothy Wolf