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[EXTERNAL] Please DO NOT open the Arctic Refuge to Oil and Gas Extraction1 message

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have never been to the Arctic Refuge, but I hope to visit soon. The ability to lose oneself in the vastness of such a wilderness is extremely rare, as is the undisturbed habitat crucial to the numerous creatures and plants which call the Refuge home.

Oil and Gas extraction yields a temporary benefit for a few while robbing future generations of valuable life experiences and destroying scarce habitat. Even if the extraction of oil and gas could be done with minimal surface damage, consuming them will only exacerbate climate change. The environment of the Arctic Refuge are extremely susceptible to degradation from a warming climate.

The Arctic Refuge is simply worth more if left undisturbed and intact. I, for one, will not play a part in its destruction or vote for any standing or potential government official who lends support to its destruction.

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