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[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge1 message

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Hello,

I'm writing in hopes that our collective voices are heard in regards to the protection of the Porcupine Caribou's habitat in the Arctic Refuge.

Although the Arctic refuge is in Alaska, this is an issue that will deeply affect Canada. Loosing this area of land to development would be devastating not only to the caribou, but also to the Gwich'in communities who have sustained themselves off these animals for years. The health of this animal's population directly impacts their livelihood and well-being, not to mention their cultural identity in connection with this heard.

These calving grounds are a huge source of biological and cultural wealth. This is an area of land that cannot be reclaimed, or saved once development has occurred there. This isn't just an empty plot of land in the north. I was born and raised here in the north, and there are communities of people...families that you are going to affect with these decisions. Please do not destroy their way of life.

Please listen to our voices. Protect the Arctic refuge from development. It is far too sacred to be destroyed for oil and gas.

Sincerely,
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cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna
House of Commons

cc: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

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