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[EXTERNAL] ANWR EIS Scoping Comments

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing with my concerns and comments regarding oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was established "for the purpose of preserving unique wildlife, wilderness, and recreational values." Oil and gas development is incompatible with this purpose and would be detrimental to the wildlife, recreational assets, and wilderness character of the refuge.

The geography of the mountains and the coastal plain in the 1002 area creates a pinch point and important wildlife corridor. In this area the coastal plain is much narrower than in other areas of the refuge which concentrates wildlife movement through this corridor. Adding oil and gas infrastructure to this key area would cut off wildlife movement through it.

Oil and gas development is also incompatible with the recreational values of the refuge. ANWR is a special place full of unique landscapes. People, including myself, travel to this part of our country to experience the wilderness and untouched landscapes that few other places in our county offer.

Finally, it is obvious that stated purpose of preserving wilderness in the refuge is incompatible with oil and gas development.

Thank you for your time,
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