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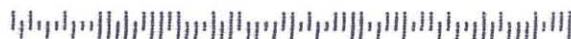


Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

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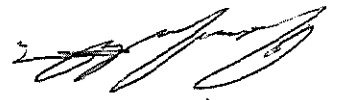
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To: The Bureau of Land Management,

My name is Deepak Dathathri and I live and work in California in the Marin Headland as an environmental educator. I care deeply about the health of our natural world and the amazing wild places in our neighborhood and the precious flora and fauna they harbor. I was moved by the story told by Milio Akala in her film, "Gwich'in Women Speak," a filmmaker I have worked closely with. It was apparent that the Arctic Wildlife Refuge is at risk of being harmed and that includes the livelihood of the peoples living there, who consider the land sacred. Therefore, I strongly urge you to protect the coastal plain from drilling, at all costs!

Sincerely,



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