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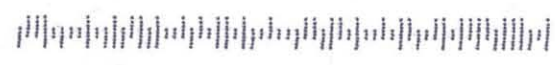
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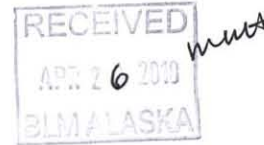
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Dear BLM Officials:

I want to add my voice to those who are writing to protect the Arctic Refuge from oil drilling. I oppose the Department of the Interior plan to lease the Arctic Refuge coastal plains for such drilling.


I believe the Administration's plan to open the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge to drilling will be destructive to that fragile environment and it disregards the tribal sovereignty of natives.

I know that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of America's last truly wild places, and the coastal plain is its biological heart. Oil drilling would permanently destroy this sacred place and put countless wildlife at risk. Protecting the Refuge is a matter of human rights for Alaska Native tribes who consider the Refuge sacred and rely on the Porcupine Caribou herd for over 80% of their diet. Drilling activities would negatively impact the birth rates and migration patterns of the caribou and threaten the tribe's food sources and way of life.

The Arctic Refuge is a symbol of what we want for our future. It is about the preservation of a way of life, climate justice, and saving wild places for future generations. Allowing drilling there would also worsen climate pollution, harm communities already bearing the brunt of the changing climate, and force them to adapt to rising seas, melting ice, and changing migration patterns.

Please protect the Arctic Refuge coastal plain from drilling at all costs.

Sincerely,


John R. Fergus