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Dear Land Managers,

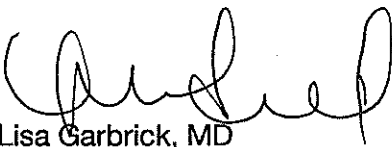
I am writing to express my objection to drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The current leases and permits in the rest of the country are underproducing, there are technological advancements that will put renewable energy in an ever better position to make us energy independent, and the cost of losing this wilderness is unmeasurable.

It is undeniable that we rely on oil and gas, but we desperately need to reduce that reliance. As it is, the Alaskan fisheries are facing a bleak future from the consequences of warming and acidifying seas. Our current needs for petroleum are being met by reserves that are already accessible. The US Military has reported that they see decreasing reliance on oil and gas as a strategic necessity, and we should support that. As our world warms and changes, this wildlife refuge is a precious resource that will only become more valuable. We don't need to use it up, and preserving it is well within our power.

The claim that drilling can be done safely is absurd. Spills will happen, and they will hurt. And before the first drilling (much less transporting), roads and infrastructure would be required to access sites, and this development alone would cause irrevocable damage to the area and its wildlife.

Wilderness should not be lightly sacrificed. We don't have much left, and once it is gone, we don't get it back for ourselves or future generations. It is my sincere hope that you will act responsibly and NOT permit the destruction of America's last truly wild place.

Emphatically in favor of preserving the wilderness.



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cc: Senator Patty Murray