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I am vehemently opposed to drilling on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Refuge, one of our hugest natural gems - home to nearly 200 species of migratory birds that migrate to six continents and all 50 U.S. states, iconic and imperiled polar bears, caribou, musk oxen, wolves, ^{in an area} which extends on to include marine mammals - Walrus, Beluga whales and countless other species. It's home, also, to an indigenous population, the Gwich'in people who also oppose the drilling.

I'm reminded of a song written by Woody Guthrie, "This land is your land, this land is my land." If Trump knows the song, I'm sure he's changed the words to say, "This land is my land, this land is my land. The land ^{for} the wealthy, the land ^{for} the greedy."

I feel ^{we are all being} ~~personally~~ victimized and affronted by this attack on our natural National lands brought on by Trump and his henchmen, Zinke, Pruitt and Sen. Murkowski, too. I value life, wildlife and natural pristine beauty much more than some corporation's or wealthy persons' financial gain - those powerful few who suck life away from the less powerful or those unable to speak for themselves. Our one-of-a-kind Arctic refuge is a priceless treasure as it stands now, in need of protection.

Once greedy corporations get hold of it, strip it of its beauty, suck it dry and kill the magnificent creatures that live off the land - the corporations will grab their profits and leave it for dead. All the while, it will drive us further into global warming and move us backwards from a focus on a sound quest for natural clean and renewable energy.

It's all about greed and we are the victims, and wildlife even more so, as we lose what we hold dear and sacred. Once it's gone, it's gone.

I understand from a documentary I saw, ~~that~~ it's estimated that the reserve holds enough oil to maybe supply our country with about 4% of what we consume in a year, and it wouldn't be available for ten years. It coined the Arctic as a "breathing place on Earth," and described the mission of big oil corporations in Alaska to exploit. Extract. Extinguish.

This land is your land, This land is my land —
and it appears now that we have to fight for it!