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**Re: Comments on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact
Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska**

Dear Ms. Hayes:

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain are an affront to the Gwich'in Nation's human rights and way of life. The Coastal Plain is vitally important to the Gwich'in People because of its importance as the birthing and nursing grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd. The Porcupine Caribou Herd has provided vital sustenance for the Gwich'in People for thousands of years. Oil and gas activities are a threat to the Gwich'in physical, spiritual, and cultural survival.

I am particularly concerned about the following areas and impacts that oil and gas activities would have on the Arctic Refuge and the climate overall:

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the last intact ecosystem on this planet. We are beyond lucky to have this ^{sacred} place in our country. It is worth more than money and must be protected.

I am concerned about these issues because:

I have seen all of the wilderness areas in the United States and can tell you that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the last piece of true wilderness we have left. I hiked across it in 2013 and witnessed the Porcupine Caribou herd migration. No roads, no pollution. It is perfect. Clean water, healthy animals. It is perfect and must be protected. ^{By} More importantly than all that it is home to the Gwich'in. Developing it. Threatening the caribou is

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

We will lose the last great wilderness in our country

Sincerely,



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