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Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
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Greetings:

I am writing in regards to oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and strongly believe the case for doing so is weak, and the potential for irreversible damage to the coastal plain should continue to be avoided at all costs.

This unique and pristine area continues to need protection from oil and gas development, which would bring its web of roads, infrastructure lights, and noise to the detriment of the animal populations along its magnificent coastal plain.

The US Government has NOT MADE a case for drilling in the AWRN. For example, last year sale of 10 million acres in the US's National Petroleum Reserve, one of the best indicators of the industry's interest in the North Slope, brought in on less than one percent of the acres offered and generated only \$1 million. Secondly, Alaskan Native communities who depend on the refuge for subsistence and cultural practices would be negatively affected by oil and gas exploitation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Lastly, the AWRN is an irreplaceable asset. It is a treasure. What would we say to our children should it damaged and ruined by development ? There is simply no need to exploit it. Please do what you can to stop or forestall any leasing in the Arctic Wildlife National Refuge. We as US citizens have a responsibility to preserve it.

Very truly yours,



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