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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:

* impacts on subsistence ways of life for Indigenous people in the Alaskan Arctic.
As sea ice continues to melt and communities lost to erosion + unstable land, we need to support our indigenous people and lands.

I am concerned about these issues because:

Oil and gas development represents the destruction of Alaskan lands and a blatant disregard for the Gwich'in Nation and their rights.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

We will lose vital land, animals, and air/land quality. We need to respect the people who have always been here and trust that they understand what is best for the planet.

Sincerely,



Signature

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