

June 15, 2018

RE: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

Dear Bureau of Land Management:

Please do not pursue destructive oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This pristine wilderness, established in 1960 by President Eisenhower, belongs to all Americans. Millions of birds from six continents migrate to the refuge every spring to raise their young. It is the only denning site in the United States for the endangered polar bear and it is the breeding grounds of the porcupine caribou. The impacts of fossil fuel extraction would be costly and have serious adverse biological consequences that can never be undone. Even my own U.S. Representative, Republican John Faso sent a letter to Congressional leaders opposing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has also recommended that the refuge remain designated as wilderness. Only a small amount of oil is retrievable from the refuge, yet the intense drilling operations necessary to obtain it would devastate the coastal plain forever. Please do not let that happen. Our children and their children deserve to see this environmental treasure protected.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shirley Schue".

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