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**[EXTERNAL] Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska--Comments Dkt. No. 2018-08302 (83 FR 17562)**

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Dear Sirs:

I am commenting to state my opposition to oil and gas drilling in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It is obvious from your notice concerning the public scoping process for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that BLM and the Department of Interior and the Trump Administration intends to completely ignore the catastrophic impacts on wildlife that oil and gas exploration would cause in the coastal plain. The fact that your notice states that the EIS "may" consider the impacts of seismic exploration and transportation issues shows what a sham this whole process is. The coastal plain is the most important on-shore denning habitat for polar bears, which are becoming endangered due to climate change (largely caused by the use of oil and gas). The coastal plain is also a nesting area for hundreds of bird species from six continents and the entire United States including many endangered and threatened species and the calving grounds for the Porcupine caribou herd. Do you seriously think that seismic exploration will not impact these animals? The fact that BLM is carrying out this review with no input from the Fish and Wildlife Service is another sure sign that the EIS will be a joke.

There is no way that oil and gas drilling can be carried out in the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge without violating the Endangered Species Act and other environmental laws. The Arctic Refuge is one of the most important wildlife habitats in the world, it should not be sold to the highest bidder.

Sincerely,

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