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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas leasing: Docket No. DOI-BLM-AK-0000-2018-0002-EIS

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the greatest truly wild places left on Earth. The title "Refuge" means it is a place where life forms are safe and protected and free to carry out their life histories. It has been and needs to remain a sanctuary to some of the most diverse and magnificent wildlife in Alaska--polar bears, wolves, musk oxen, and vast herds of caribou--and the oil and gas industry should not be allowed to trample its amazing landscapes and foul its pristine air and water.

Oil and gas drilling pads scattered across the frozen tundra; heavy trucks and machinery thundering down newly paved roads; acres of plant and animal habitat ruined to make way for human development; environmental impacts from the various stages of oil and gas development, including seismic activities, leasing, exploratory drilling, and subsequent development. All this--too disheartening to contemplate--must be considered in the EIS process.

We live in an age in which we're running short on nature, when species are going extinct every minute. our nation's most important and irreplaceable public lands is irresponsible, and this effort is wholly incompatible with your responsibility to move forward in a way that is compatible with protecting the wilderness and wildlife values of the refuge We citizens simply can't understand why the Department of the Interior is so blithely conducting business that is incompatible with protecting the wilderness and wildlife values of the refuge just for a little more oil. I urge the Department to uphold all protections for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

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