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[EXTERNAL] No drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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I oppose oil drilling in our Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The oil industry already has the 22 million acre National Petroleum Reserve, that is enough. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge needs to remain in the hands of the people who care about its uniqueness as a pristine intact ecosystem.

The most important section or biological heart is the Coastal Plain. This area in particular must remain untouched by the oil industry so the caribou can continue to give birth safely -as they are doing right now. These very caribou in return give life to the Gwich'in people and their subsistence way of living.

The BLM will be making a very important decision to protect the Refuge or harm it. As author Terry Tempest Williams wrote, "The eyes of the future are looking back at us, praying that we see beyond our time. They are kneeling with clasped hands that we might act with restraint, leaving room for the life that is destined to come....." Please act with restraint and protect our communities, our natural heritage, and our clean energy future. My hard earned tax dollars have always supported the Refuge as it is and I want it kept that way. Halt your plans to hand over the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Big Oil.

Sue Bumbaugh