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[EXTERNAL] Oppose ANWR development

1 message

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Hello,

My name's Jeff Chen. I live in Anchorage, and I oppose oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The coastal plain 1002 area is a thriving ecosystems that support some of the greatest biodiversity in the world including humans and communities that have relied on this area since time immemorial. The Arctic Refuge supports the porcupine caribou herd, and any development in the 10-02 area will dramatically degrade the balance in place.

Development along or near the coast will have a tremendous impact on the porcupine caribou herd and all other coastal species, including marine, avian, and terrestrial species. This proposed development will have incredibly negative impacts on the Gwich'in and Inupiaq people, through changes in land access, cutting off opportunities to participate in cultural traditions, and creating tension in and across communities.

BLM must analyze the full impacts on the caribou herd and human impacts of those who rely on the herd, and this information must be prepared in Inupiaq and Athabascan languages.

One way to mitigate negative impacts is to not drill in a wildlife refuge. Renewable energy is one of the fastest growing job sectors and the BLM needs to explore that as an alternative.

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