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**[EXTERNAL] Scoping Comment on Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS**

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The attached petitioners share deep concerns about the possibilities of oil exploration in the Coastal Plain of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge. Bi-partisan concerns for these sensitive arctic ecosystems and the lifestyles of the indigenous people who live there led to the earlier enactment of strong federal legislation protecting them.

Oil companies have expressed reluctance to fund expensive efforts on the largely unknown reserves there. Oil shale development in the lower 48 states and technological advances in renewable solar and wind energy have rendered unlikely substantial economic returns from drilling in the harsh climate conditions in these areas of problematical access.

The "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" represents the largest one-time reduction in the corporate tax rate in U.S. history which may significantly increase the federal budget deficit and, hence, our national debt. Those two results are anathema to fiscal conservatives.

In an effort to address those two concerns GOP legislators at the last moment inserted into the "must-pass" Act a rider that not only allowed drilling in the fragile coastal plain of the Refuge but mandated it under an expedited leasing process. Currently bi-partisan efforts are underway in both the House and the Senate to repeal the drilling rider.

For the reasons expressed above the attached petitioners urge the Bureau of Land Management to reject initiatives that would permit oil exploration or exploitation in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Respectfully, Denis Rydjeski and Betsy Eldredge

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