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[EXTERNAL] Alaskan coastal plain oil and gas leasing1 message

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Good morning,

I am concerned about the push for drilling leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. There have been overwhelming numbers of oil leaks and evidence of environmental degradation due to drilling. This area is the last untouched area that has uncontaminated water. As our country pushes for more fracking and drilling, clean water will become more of an issue. The reserve water sources need to be preserved.

In addition to the preservation of water, there are many other concerns for keeping these lands pristine. I won't go into all of the reasons here as I believe others will be emailing and writing about the other factors. I only ask that you listen to these people and not only from the businesses that would plunder the area and then leave. Their money should not count more than human life.

I have questions about the leases. Are the leases only granted to oil companies or can individuals bid on a lease? Also, what qualifies a business as a oil company? If you can not answer these questions then who can?

Thank you for your time,
Arlena Cooper