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[EXTERNAL] oil and gas leasing in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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I am writing about my concerns for the proposed oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. But I hardly know where to start, it's such a preposterous idea, and such a horrific prospect. This Refuge was created, and is the only Refuge so designated, "for the purpose of preserving unique wildlife, wilderness, and recreational values." For nearly 60 years it has existed, and been managed, for these purposes. To add and "provide for an oil and gas program on the Coastal Plain" 6 months ago, in a tax cut bill, is so counter to the purposes for which the Refuge was created and has been managed for 60 years, it's preposterous!

How will you gather the baseline data, let alone the environmental impact data, on all possible impacts on the immense diversity of fish and wildlife (most notably the Porcupine caribou herd and polar bears, but so many other species!!), and on all aspects of their habitats, including any that could possibly affect our international treaty obligations, and on the opportunity for continued subsistence by local residents?? And in the incredibly compressed timeline allotted?? It boggles the mind. And yet, the law dictates that you must address all this in an EIS.

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely,

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