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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS1 message

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Dear Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office:

Having lived in Alaska for 30 years, we have appreciated the need to grow our economy, educate our youth and adults, and maintain the services we all need to live in this beautiful state. We support extracting oil in the NPR area OUTSIDE the 1002 section. This 1002 area is more valuable to us as Alaskans in its present undeveloped wilderness state. We both visited this area a couple times in the past and believe it to be the most beautiful place on earth. We do not want to see it desecrated. We want others to experience the vastness of pristine wilderness without roads, artificial lights, noise pollution, and thousands/millions of people. The silence or sounds of nature were priceless.

There are plenty of other places in America and Canada to drill for oil without having to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The return on investment is not high enough to justify destroying the land.

We both support developing jobs in the renewable energy field without destroying ANY land in ANWR. It makes more sense to create more avenues to bring money to the state than just rely on oil and gas extraction. Besides, we should be focusing on using less fossil fuels to combat global warming/climate change.

The Porcupine Caribou herd in the 1002 area will either not survive if there is development there or they will move on which will negatively impact the Gwich'in people and their subsistence lifestyle. The caribou calving grounds can not be compared to the Western Arctic herd and will not act the same way. The Western Arctic herd do not have to deal with pesky mosquitoes during their calving, like the Porcupine herd. We know what we are talking about, hiking through this area with thousands of mosquitoes swarming around our bodies non-stop.

Please consider studying:

- the negative effects of roads, airstrips, pipelines, pads, and noise pollution on the wildlife, birds, and tundra.
- the subsistence lifestyle changes for the Gwich'in people.
- the melting permafrost which already is occurring in the Refuge and how that will impact future water supplies and land movement.

Thank you for your consideration and diligence in reviewing all aspects/view points of this potential development for current and future Alaskans/Americans.

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