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[EXTERNAL] oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to not allow oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Allowing oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain would degrade critical habitat for many species including caribou, polar bears, muskoxen, and hundreds of species of migratory birds that travel from all 50 states and 6 continents.

This area includes the calving and post-calving ground for Porcupine Caribou, an important subsistence resource for the Gwich'in Nation and one of the reasons why the refuge was established. Furthermore, there is a treaty between the U.S. and Canada to protect the herd which needs to be upheld.

Not only would allowing oil and gas extraction in the Arctic Refuge be counter to the intent of establishing the Refuge it would exacerbate the effects of climate change, the impacts of which would be felt not just in the Arctic but globally as well.

I respectfully ask that the impacts from all stages of oil and gas development (seismic activities, leasing, exploration drilling, and any related infrastructure or other activities) be fully considered as well as those that will extend well beyond the footprint of any actual developments harming the wildlife, water, subsistence, and other values the Arctic Refuge was set aside to protect.

Thank you,

Ann Dorsey