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[EXTERNAL] PLEASE - NO drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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I agree with Sally Jewell who wrote: **"As a former petroleum engineer, businesswoman and Secretary of the Interior, I can say with confidence there are no justifiable reasons that we must drill for oil in America's last truly wild place, the Arctic Refuge."**

She went on to say that: "The administration says that drilling in the refuge is an important component of their so-called "energy dominance" strategy, necessary to bolster our nation's energy portfolio. But that claim simply doesn't stand up to scrutiny. Right now, the oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. Less than half of federal acreage under lease is currently producing. Last year, industry bid on just 7 percent of federal acreage offered for lease at auction — the lowest share ever over the past decade."

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is such an environmentally sensitive habitat, home to caribou, polar bears and more than 200 species of migratory birds. It seems so short-sighted to actually contemplate drilling there and causing harm to such a wonderfully wild area when there is no reason to do so. This is a location that should be treasured and protected for all future generations and not given over to the greed of the oil industry.

Please, NO drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge!

Sincerely,
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"Any worthwhile adventure begins with a detour!"