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[EXTERNAL] Reject the plan to drill in the arctic coastal plain1 message

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Ryan Zinke,

The Seattle Times just printed a story about how scientists have learned that increasing Co2 in the atmosphere can change the genetic makeup of the food we eat, making it less nutritious. The studies were conducted on rice, which is critical for the protein intake of over 2 billion people on the planet. This is another good reason to stop putting more carbon into the air. Especially now, when renewable energy from wind and solar sources could literally replace the need for fossil fuels, it is foolhardy to go looking for oil and gas in fragile ecosystems like the Arctic.

Please reject the proposal to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.

Burning of the oil and gas produced from the coastal plain threatens to accelerate global warming, threatening wildlife and people across the globe.

Locally, drilling would have devastating and permanent impacts on the refuge's wildlife, as well as the Gwich'in people who rely upon its caribou herd.

Please reject this short-sighted proposal.

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