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**[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge**1 message

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To reviewers of potential drilling in Arctic Refuge,

For many years I had the privilege of assisting the people of Old Crow negotiate their land claim in Yukon Territory. In this role I became very aware of the significance of the Porcupine Caribou herd to this community and other communities also dependent on the herd in Canada and Alaska. As part of the overall work I also flew over the Refuge and have first hand experience of its terrain and the importance to the herd.

Given this direct experience I believe I am qualified to ask that drilling permits not be issued for the Refuge given the sensitivity of caribou on their calving grounds which would be disrupted by the drilling and the necessary ancillary infrastructure.

I believe both the US and Canada should honour the intent and terms of the existing Porcupine Caribou Herd Treaty

Kind regards,  
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cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna  
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cc: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

cc: Ms. Nadine Sander-Green