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**[EXTERNAL] Drilling in the Arctic Refuge**

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To whom it may concern-

I have had the opportunity to visit the Refuge twice in the past 10 years and the experience has affected me profoundly. I cannot understand any good reason to develop this fragile area for oil exploration- It seems that it is merely a proposed concept to offset the current administrations massive tax cuts as laid out in the 2017 tax bill.

It seems that we are riding a headwind of bolstered economic numbers and as we stand on the forefront of a renewable energy revolution why is now the time to open drilling here? If we are drilling for oil in arguably the most sensitive of our U.S. ecosystems, when there clearly is no scarcity, the implications for conservation in all of our public lands is in great jeopardy. I am strongly opposed to the opening of The Refuge to drilling and feel that it exemplifies the most shortsighted energy plan we could be entertaining. If we drill in the Refuge, where **won't** we drill? It is unconscionable and unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Chris Figenshau, Photographer.

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