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[EXTERNAL] ANWR Drilling

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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

The Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a precious natural resource. For centuries, Americans have prided themselves on their pristine environments and beautiful wildlife. In school we learn about our natural parks and get to experience everything we learn about by taking field-trips to them. Our generations have benefitted so much from these experiences, it's only fair future generations get too as well. So many creatures and unique ecosystems are already threatened--or have disappeared--from the earth, we need to continue protecting those we have so far preserved. The benefits from drilling are temporary, extinction is forever. The profits from drilling go to only a few, everyone can love a wildlife refuge. Whatever short term benefits drilling may bring is not worth endangering whole species and destroying one of the last untouched homes these special ecosystems. Not only will drilling destroy a source of national pride, but the coal extracted will go on to further climate change--a problem the US is contributing to more than any other nation--in a time when it is both necessary for the future of the planet and economically more efficient to focus our efforts on creating new sources of clean, reusable energy. More and more economies are switching away from coal for both the environmental and economic benefits. When colonists first came to the US they were shocked by its natural beauty, like the healthy forests stretching as far as the eye could see. From the beginning of America as a country our natural resources have been a source of pride, and something shared by all generations. I don't want to be the last generation to experience this. We need to continue to protect these sources of pride, and say no to drilling.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen (class of 2019).