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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I urge you to do everything that you can to oppose efforts to develop an oil and gas program in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a critically important area for people, birds, animals and plants. The proposed development may have some short term economic benefit however the long term damage to the arctic ecosystem will be irreparable. There is absolutely no justification for oil exploration in this fragile environment.

In addition, before any development can take place, the Department of the Interior is required to examine the science and fully evaluate the impacts at every stage of energy development on the Refuge's wildlife, water, subsistence, and other values for which it was created. Prior evaluations have determined that there is no benefit for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Trump administration has indicated an intent to expedite the review process and hold lease sales by next year. Even if it is decided to undertake the required evaluation yet again, this rushed timeline will not allow for the full analysis required under the law and which is necessary to meet the Department's obligations to responsibly steward one of the crown jewels of the nation's National Wildlife Refuge System.

I urge you to end this foolish process and ensure that the Refuge remain a place in America's Arctic for birds and wildlife seeking refuge from the pressures of climate change and development.

Sincerely,
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