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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge EIS

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To whom it may concern,

I strongly urge the Bureau of Land Management to drop the prospect of drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, but, with great sadness, I know this is not realistic in our current Administration and with the current Alaska Delegation.

The 19-million acre Arctic Refuge is America's largest wildlife refuge, providing critical denning habitat for endangered polar bears. The Refuge is the calving ground of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which contains nearly 200,000 animals. These caribou are an essential part of the Gwich'in people's way of life and merit full protection in the EIS.

Oil and gas drilling would have devastating impacts on this pristine and fragile ecosystem, caused by the massive infrastructure needed to extract and transport oil. Drilling the Arctic would fragment vital habitat and chronic spills of oil and other toxic substances onto the fragile tundra would forever scar this now pristine landscape and disrupt its wildlife.

As an Alaskan, I ask you to please take great, urgent care with any and all plans for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that include resource extraction. The refuge is one of the last remaining wild and untouched places in the United States, and is incredibly important because of its precious wildlife habitat values alone and for the appreciation and enjoyment of future generations.

Thank you for considering my response to the EIS.

Sincerely,

Sarah Lewis, Juneau, Alaska