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**[EXTERNAL] Comment on Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska**1 message

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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly disagree with the leasing, development, production, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Although establishing our nation's energy independence is important, so is protecting the human and environmental importance of this ecosystem. As for one example, the Gwich'in people have relied on the Porcupine Caribou herd for thousands of years, and this project will likely threaten the herd that is so central to their way of life. We are all interdependent, and if we destroy this tribe—as we have so many others—that culture is something that can never be reproduced. It would be an act of staggering violence. Let's learn from our history, and try to steward a better world for our children, one that does not sacrifice the planet to the greed for oil.

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