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**[EXTERNAL] No to drilling in the Arctic Refuge**

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I am completely opposed to any lease sales in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

My husband and I have seen first-hand the impacts of oil in pristine Alaska. Just a little more than a year after we were married and living in Prince William Sound, Alaska, The Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil. The months that followed were like none we've experienced then or since. While he worked tirelessly to protect millions of salmon babies, I traveled to villages to record the stories of the people who scooped up oil with their bare hands, protect their fishing or During that spring of 1989, Orca whales died, eagles ate oiled birds, the herring fishery collapsed and entire villages lost their livelihood. Now even 29 years later, oil still seeps from the beaches.

The cost to Muskoxen, Caribou, fish and 200 species of birds that migrate thousands of miles to breed in these wild lands will be irreversible. Imagine 169,000 Porcupine Caribou navigating a vast 2,000 mile spaghetti-like network of pipelines, drilling rigs and gravel roads to give birth in the one place they have calved for thousands of years.

No one wants to see oil spilling from a pipeline onto the pristine lands of the Arctic