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**[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge**1 message

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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I grew up spending half years in southern California (where the state flag presents an extinct species of brown bear) and the Yukon, Canada. From my earliest years, I was aware of what true wilderness is, and how easily it can be lost.

As an American now living in Canada, I am taken aback by the speed of development, the polluting of our ecosystems, the struggle of indigenous cultures to retain their traditional ways, and the loss of our planet's natural habitat.

In this world we share today, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a last remaining intact wilderness which we simply must not sacrifice. It is critical for the well-being of countless species, and for our children's future. It is also the heart of aboriginal cultures which are in peril in this industrialized world.

I hope higher thinking and compassionate minds prevail, and that the Arctic Refuge will be preserved by my US government in recognition of its value, and out of respect for life, culture, and for a country to the north, Canada, which shares so much for the benefit of the USA.

This must not be seen as our American right to develop the Refuge, it must be an American responsibility to acknowledge the importance of natural and cultural integrity and well-being.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lien  
Y1A 6K8cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna  
House of Commons

cc: M. Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

cc: Ms. Nadine Sander-Green