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Please do not approve the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing request. First and foremost, this land is a refuge. It was put aside decades ago to be just that: a refuge.

This is a matter of HUMAN RIGHTS and FOOD SECURITY. The Gwich'in consider this land where their ancestors have dwelled for centuries, to be sacred. It is also critical to their subsistence lifestyle, and any drilling activity is GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT on the wildlife, especially on the Porcupine Caribou Herd, on which they subsist greatly.

It will also potentially have an impact on water quality. After many accidents on coastal areas by petroleum efforts, and given the Arctic environment is fragile, putting in more oil drilling along the coast of Alaska is asking for disaster.

Polar bears are already facing challenges because of climate change (ironically brought on by the greenhouse gases of oil burning/cars/etc.). Putting in another effort on the coast will stress their living environment more, not to mention the continued dependency on this greenhouse gas producing fossil fuel.

Arctic birds and migrant birds will also be impacted, and as many other parts of the EIS, the impact on them is understated. You would think at this time when we're facing many species extinction and potential collapse, that we would put some efforts into NOT impacting safe refuges such as ANWR.

Ultimately, this is wrong, and I beg you please to NOT approve this EIS for the opening of ANWR to oil exploration.

Sincerely,

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