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By attaching the rider for the EIS gas and oil lease to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Bill I feel like the will of the people has been circumvented. ANWR was created back in the day of Mo Udall and has remained untouched despite the efforts of the oil industry up until now. When polled the American people say they want ANWR left as is so the only way this was possible was by Murkowski adding it as a rider. This is politics for the benefit of big oil and a blatant run around the citizens because she knew they would vote against the opening if asked. It makes me furious.

I'll add my protest here one more time by saying please do not allow this lease program to go through and open the coastal plain to drilling. I lived in Fairbanks for 26 years (still own a remote parcel outside of town) and worked much of that time north of the Brooks Range. I oppose the lease because if oil and gas drilling goes ahead on the coastal plain its rich ecosystem will be changed forever. The trade of this wild land for oil and gas we do not need is a bad bargain. We stand to lose the ecosystem, the traditional lifestyle of the Gwich'in people, and an expanse of untouched wilderness that is becoming more and more rare in this crowded world. Climate change is happening at an alarming rate in the Arctic and I can not fathom why we would want to muck around on more tundra in an effort to get more fossil fuels to make climate change happen even faster. What is wrong with the idea of leaving something for the future generations? Why are we in such a hurry to leave them a trampled, exploited world that suffers from climate change? We need to take a longer view and leave some places untouched for the future citizens of our country.

The American people voted for ANWR all those years ago because we wanted to know that wilderness and the wildlife in it was going to be allowed to continue being as it had always been. Now one political hat trick threatens to take it all away. I appreciate BLM allowing us the chance to comment. It seems that the citizens voice is being squeezed out these days with shortened and unpublished comment periods. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

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