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**[EXTERNAL] Comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

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Ms. Nicole Hayes,

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to recognise the extreme importance of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the Porcupine Caribou herd for calving their babies. Oil and Birth don't mix. It would be a crime against Mother Earth to drill in this sacred place. We must stop burning oil to avoid catastrophic Climate Change.

I am disgusted that the US government would even consider letting the Oil and Gas operations expand ANYWHERE now that Climate Change has caused so much human suffering. The 2018 UN IPPC report is clear, we need to leave it in the ground, especially Extreme-Oil, like that of the wild and pristine Alaska Coastal Plain. Aren't the wildfires of California, the global crop failures, the ominous and odd weather finally getting through to you people? Don't you care about future generations ability to survive ? To understate the importance of the Coastal Plain to the Porcupine caribou herd, and suggest that drilling would not cause the Porcupine caribou to decline, shows that the bureau of Land Management is a captured agency, captured by a greedy and elite Oil Lobby. It is shameful that you are letting that Orange-haired Fool in DC ruin your reputation as a sound and fairly run country.

Sadly, because of your Federal shut-down a US Volunteer will probably be forced to delete this letter. I really feel for our normally sound, interesting and kind neighbours to the South.

In closing, the review fails to acknowledge Gwich'in in Canada when determining what communities could be "appreciably affected" by changes to population patterns in the Porcupine caribou herd.

The U.S. Government must fully address the consequences of drilling on the Porcupine caribou herd and impacts to the livelihood of the Gwich'in who rely on the herd.

Thank you,

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