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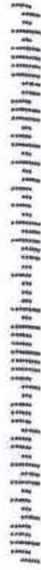
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Submitted via paper letter

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Re:  
Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Draft EIS

Dear Ms. Hayes:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Draft EIS.

I am an Alaskan resident for 38 years, and a concerned citizen, artist, farmer, outdoor recreation and wilderness enthusiast.

I am writing about my concern for the rushed pace of this Draft EIS, and its incomplete sections and underestimated items. This National Wildlife Refuge is very delicate, and any leasing will lead to irreparable harm to the Native Gwich'in peoples sacred land and traditions as well as the reproductive success and species survival for animals and birds that use the Arctic Coastal Plain. It is essential to take the time to get this environmental impact study done correctly, as there is no second chance to get it "right." The Tax Law of 2017 allows for four years for the first 400,000 acre lease to be offered so there is plenty of time to improve this draft in many ways and offer a lease in 2021.

This issue is important to me because the delicate Arctic environment will be forever changed by any development on the coastal plain: utmost caution and thoroughness of EIS is essential. I have always wanted to travel to ANWR to see it's abundant wildlife and birds in an Alaskan summer yet, but have been unable to do yet. When I finally go, I want to enjoy true wilderness beauty without any human visual or noise impacts from oil exploration.

I am also gravely concerned about global warming. The Alaskan Arctic is warming at very rapid rates. Now is the time to ask the question, and do the analysis, of the global warming impact of not only the proposed developments of oil lease infrastructure and activities, but the impact of all the oil brought to

world markets upon the global temperature. We have a moral responsibility to try and stop global warming while we have a chance.

I think many of the problems above can be resolved by returning again to the EIS process. First, fully consider and weight the religious and subsistence impacts to the Gwich'in people and the PCH. Second, complete more research and modeling for freshwater use during all phases of oil and gas development. Third, fully evaluate and account for migratory bird impacts. Fourth, fully model visual impacts of development for recreational users, both hikers and river users. Fifth, complete a thorough cost/estimated revenue analysis to determine if the underlying Tax Bill assumption of \$2 income is valid. Sixth, include a more complete estimate for all oil spills of all sizes, not just the large ones over 100,000 barrels. Seventh, create leasing options of smaller acreage, closer to the 400,000 mandated. And last, but certainly not least, complete a thorough carbon/CO2 analysis and global warming impact of not just development activities from leases, but also for the millions of gallons of oil anticipated to be brought to market from the proposed leases.

Your mandate is from a tax law inclusion, and I believe that directive itself needs more scrutiny, and is subject to change. Please keep Option A in the process as you move forward.

Thank you for taking the time to read and address the many comments you get during this Draft EIS comment period. I appreciate you exercising due diligence and careful thoroughness addressing these many concerns. There are still over two years before you are required to offer 400,000 acres for lease, and only one chance to do it wisely in this delicate, sacred and unique area.

Sincerely,  
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