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Do not open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to energy exploration and development. ANWR provides essential habitat for caribou, polar bears and migratory birds. It is important to Alaska Native groups and it is the last great wilderness on land. BLM acknowledges that development will impact subsistence hunters and wildlife, cause water and air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, loss of permafrost and vegetation and reduced recreational activities. These reasons alone should be more than enough to deny any incursions into ANWR but the greatest threat not just to the Refuge but to the planet is the contribution it would make to climate change. Melting permafrost creates methane, a serious contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and the burning of fossil fuels extracted from ANWR would definitely push climate change to catastrophic levels. We all must stand against the energy companies that would destroy life as we know it in exchange for short term profits. Please stand with the people of the world, limit mass extinctions and stand up to Trump and the energy industries and stop any incursion into ANWR.

Respectfully submitted,

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