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To Whom It May Concern,

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of our nation's most beautiful and mysterious wildlife refuges and it deserves our most stringent and comprehensive legal protections. The Coastal Plain is essential habitat for the Porcupine Caribou upon which the Gwich'in tribe depend on for their sustenance and cultural identity. Drilling in the coastal plain is a direct assault on their way of life and ours.

An immense wilderness, bursting with biodiversity that defines ecosystem health beneath the awe-inspiring Brooks Mountain Range, the Arctic Refuge is pristine. For more than 50 years, America has remained committed to protecting this vital landscape, particularly its sensitive Coastal Plain, and we want to make sure that it remains off-limits to the devastation of exploration and development for future generations to experience.

Two-thirds of Americans are opposed to drilling in the Refuge, with a majority "strongly opposed."

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge mustn't be opened up to oil leasing.

Sincerely,

Howard Garrett

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