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Ms. Hayes,

I am writing to comment on the leasing issue in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. My comment - my vote - is NEVER! NO!

As a long time environmental activist, this issue is one of many my husband and I were engaged in and thought that when this Refuge was established, it would remain as such. The Refuge must stay a real Refuge - we have seen the costs to many places in which pipelines and drilling have been permitted - the infrastructure effects and the ensuring problems over the years. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is unique and precious, not just to the Gwich'in people, but to the populations of wildlife - caribou, polar bears, birds, and oceans - and to each and every person in the United States with the comfort that we have left this area alone.

The rush to leasing is so blatantly being sold to people as more money in our pocket - more oil to sell here and overseas and more to use in those gas guzzling vehicles. Recently, the Miami Herald here in Miami, had a lengthy article reporting how we are "swimming" in oil - oil production has been very high, much is available and being sold, just at a time that we are supposed to be switching to renewables and sustainable energy. No doubt there is pressure from Alaska's new governor in wanting the annual dividend from oil to be increased for the residents of Alaska.

I urge you to see that all leasing action is STOPPED.

Thank you,

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