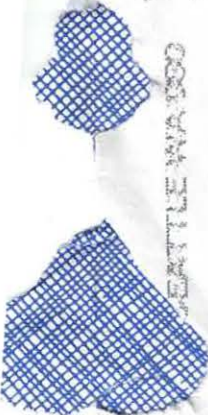


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Sirs:

I am writing to protest any kind of search or drilling activities in any part of the Arctic Refuge. The word "refuge" means what it says – a place where the totality of that ecosystem can escape to and be safe from interference.

The livelihoods of the people who live in the area would be irrevocably decreased and destroyed. The permafrost would be melted and that would release literally tons more of its stored CO₂ making global warming accelerate. Any spills or leaks would permanently harm the plants and animals that live there. The seismic testing is already interfering with the sea animals' abilities to find food. How hell bent are we humans on creating a planet where we can no longer survive because of polluted land and water resources; where we can no longer feed ourselves and if you think immigration is big now, just wait till famine does its dirty deeds.

Other health risks are the release from melted permafrost of ancient disease causing microbes for which we have no current remedies. Fresh water supplies, which are in short supply now would be impacted and possibly destroyed. This would lead to the death of all kinds of life that depend on it, among them human.

The fossil fuel companies have been lying to us for many years just as the tobacco companies did and for the same reasons. Greed and power! The need for money and power can just as easily be satisfied by these same companies putting their research and development dollars into clean energy. It is the fastest growing economic developer now going with a much longer future ahead of it. The fossil fuel companies have never put their research dollars to work to find a workable and environmentally safe way to clean up and recover environments that have suffered from a leak or a spill. The Gulf coast is a prime example. The shrimp fishing has still not fully recovered. There are still so many mangrove mini-islands where natural fish nurseries used to be. Many livelihoods were instantly destroyed.

The fact is that spills and or leaks are not “ifs” but “whens”! The history of the whole of the fossil fuel recovery has and is demonstrating that. Falsified and twisted environmental reports are the norm and cannot be taken at face value. Again, their history has proven that. Oil fields on land are barren and will be possibly for centuries because of the contaminants from the drilling.

I am, in the strongest way possible, asking you to deny any and all kinds of fossil fuel activities in the Refuge! Allow it to be what the name implies, a safe place for all forms of life that depend on it to live, including human.

Thank you for being willing to read and include in your decision making
what I've been saying in this letter. I know I'm no alone in my protest.

Sincerely
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