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[EXTERNAL] Do Not Drill in Arctic Refuge

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Ted Murphy,

I am writing in strong opposition to holding an oil and gas lease sale and conducting seismic exploration in the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Recent scientific research concludes that Arctic oil and gas reserves must remain in the ground to avoid dangerous levels of global warming. Alaska is already warming twice as fast as the rest of the nation and experiencing harsh impacts, from community relocation to permafrost melt to wildfires, that will only be exacerbated if more fossil fuels are extracted and burned.

As one of our last pristine wild places, the Arctic Refuge is just too special to drill. It is home to endangered species and considered sacred by the indigenous Gwich'in people, who have for centuries depended on these lands to sustain themselves and their culture. Oil and gas drilling would have devastating and irreversible impacts on our climate and on the people and wildlife that call the Arctic Refuge home.

Drilling and exploring for oil and gas in any part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is irresponsible and unnecessary at a time when we should be transitioning to a renewable energy future. I proudly stand with the Gwich'in and the vast majority of Americans in opposing drilling on the Coastal Plain and defending the Arctic Refuge.

Thank you for your consideration.

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