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Ted/Erika,

FYI

Take care and have a wonderful day! :)

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A thought to consider "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, while you can!"

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From: Bill Mayben <bmayben@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 12:03 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLM Auction of artic drilling rights

Dear Assistant Director Nedd;

I recently heard of the auction of drilling rights in the Artic, sponsored by the BLM. As a concerned citizen; fifteen years ago I began to extensively research the science behind what we are hearing and reading about climate change.

In my research, I recently came upon the latest climate report ordered under the Bush Administration. They obligated our government scientists to report every four years on the state of the environment. I am attaching a link to this report below:

<https://www.globalchange.gov/news/release-nca4-volume-ii-and-soccr2-letter-acting-chair-subcommittee-global-change-research-and>

I came to realize that the start of any effort I make toward mitigating the effects of climate change; in my personal involvement to save my children and grandchildren untold grief based on my inaction; had to start with myself; my

involvements, my actions for or against our world weather. I will probably not be here when the worst effects of climate change take place. I am now sure it will be horrifying for my children and grandchildren.

Our BLM, in this regard is in a unique position to help or harm. It is common knowledge at this point, inarguably, that the burning of fossil fuels is damaging to our environment and all species, including humans. The point under consideration now, is whether it is in the best interests of American citizens, through the aegis of our government, to facilitate and promulgate commercial activities which damage our environment, our health, and threaten the future of our offspring. Objectively, it doesn't seem so.

I urge you to read the report by our own government scientists and make your assessment.

Briefly, let me describe a parallel situation. You are probably aware of the problem we have had with a growing hole in our ozone layer, and the radiation effects of losing our ozone layer. The hole in our ozone layer is now closing. Do you know why?

In the early 1970's, two American chemists did the analysis, and discovered the chemical reason for human impacts to the ozone layer. They presented their findings to the US government, who did their own analysis and agreed. With due urgency, our government joined 3 other governments to form a pact that became known as "The Montreal Protocol". It outlawed the release of fluorocarbon gasses into the atmosphere. The United Nations reviewed that, and proceeded to form a 50 year long progressive agreement with 197 nations to outlaw the release of fluorocarbons. Now, 30 years in, the hole in our ozone layer is slowly closing, saving all species, including us, from radiation destructive to our DNA, our eyes and skin. The two American scientists received the Nobel Prize. The UN Paris Accords are essentially based on the framework set out in our efforts to secure the ozone layer. The Paris Accords address issues with our degraded atmosphere much more sweeping; affecting the future habitability of our earth; an existential threat to our survival as a species, to all species. We are the only nation withdrawing from this agreement. Attached below is a link to the current UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report from last October:

https://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/pdf/sr15_spm_final.pdf

Why am I telling you this? Because you are in a position to make a difference. I believe we ignore this information at our own peril.

Please read these climate reports. Tell me what you think, objectively. There are books and monographs galore on this subject, which re-express these facts in non-scientific language.

Yours,

Bill Mayben

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