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To: Mr. Hayes,

I have been to the ANWR on six different trips over a twenty-five year period, starting in 1978. These trips involved hiking, climbing and river rafting on both the north and south slopes of the Brooks Range.

There is no place in the United States that is as special as the ANWR. It is the last truly wild and unmolested area where the natural world functions unimpaired by human activity.

With at least 75% of the American public supporting protection of the coastal plain from oil exploration it is a disservice to the country to have allowed this to be a rider attached to an unrelated bill (The tax cuts and jobs act) without any debate and no public comment period.

It is very short sighted to risk a renewable resource like wild life in order to extract a non renewable resource such as oil. The oil industry already has access to twenty million acres of the rest of Alaska's north slope, most of which has high oil potential.

Climate change demands most of the fossil fuel in the ground. I suggest we start by leaving the coastal plain of the the ANWR alone.

Public lands belong to the American public and deserve to be treated with greater care and respect than this process has allowed.

Sincerely,

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