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I support active stewardship of the Arctic Refuge to secure preservation of its physical and ecological integrity and maintenance of its wild and undeveloped character. This should prohibit the development of oil and gas in the area that will change the character of an internationally valuable natural asset of the earth.

Management of the refuge must ensure that future generations will have the same opportunity to explore the land that has astounded me as I visited and worked in it. Such elements of the earth's surface should not be violated as though it just was like beer cans thrown on your yard or giant 1,000-year-old Sierra Redwoods chopped up for shipping pallets. It essentially will make a garbage dump out of a prize garden and reduce the values to the people who depend on it. This is for temporary use of the area with short term values of oil extraction are actually causing serious problems to the earth's climate. These development plans are very short term thinking resulting in appalling long term losses.

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