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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on DEIS for oil leasing on the Coastal Plain
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Dear Ms. Hayes,

Attached please find my comment on the DEIS for oil leasing on the Coastal Plain. I appreciate your and your team's effort and time on this matter.

Please do contact me should you have any questions regarding my comment via this email or by phone at (720)232-1451.

Thank you,
Tomomi Matsuzawa

Ms. Nicole Hayes
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March 12, 2019

Submitted by Email

RE: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

Dear Ms Hayes:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Draft Environment Impact Statement for the drilling program in the Coastal Plain in Alaska. I am a resident in Fairbanks, Alaska who moved here after becoming mesmerised by its vast and beautiful wilderness. Being an outdoor enthusiast, I have traveled around the country chasing for the outdoor adventures in different environments.

Arctic National Wild Refuge is one of very few places left on this planet that has no trace of humans other than foot prints. There, we are as vulnerable as any other animals and animals live in its very natural state as they should do anywhere else. The land is rugged, wild and unapologetically beautiful as it was born to be. We are lucky to have a piece of untouched natural beauty like that left: it is a true treasure that is in danger of extinct everywhere in the world today. I think the current DEIS fails to mention that with proceeding with the drilling program, we are stealing that pristine treasure from our children and our future children. Today millions of citizens enjoy the national treasures around the country because the people before us stood up to preserve nature and public lands. In the presence of Yosemite Valley, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, giants in Redwoods, we stand in awe of the magnificence of the world we live in and appreciation for it. We all appreciate that someone before us stood up for us future generation so that we can enjoy all those beauties, undisturbed by industrial structures which might have filled their stomach and pockets back then but would have starved our spirits and mind today.

Instead of spending more money and time on stealing natural resources and beautiful lands from our future generations, we can create new job opportunities and economic growth by developing alternative renewable energy resources so Alaska will be the leading state in the field. Soon or later, that is what we have to rely on everywhere in the world so why not start now before having to exhaust all the natural resources sacrificing more true wilderness.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Again, we owe it to our children and their children to protect this land. Please leave them a chance to see this the Mother Nature as it is: untouched, undisturbed and as natural as she is born to be.



Sincerely,
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