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[EXTERNAL] Taking care of ANWR

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To Whom it may Concern,

Some easy questions for you:

- Do you have children? YES? Knowing what you really know about the effects of oil & gas development on air quality, etc. can you in good conscience leave them a polluted environment that you have helped dismantle?
- Are you a patriot? YES? Then you know that part of America's legacy is its natural lands, and they should be protected, not destroyed.
- Do you like to hunt, fish, hike? YES? Then, why are you OK with destroying nature?
- Do you read? YES? Then you know that the oil reserves in ANWR are small.
- Do you consider yourself religious? YES? Any thoughts on why God created this amazing natural place?
- Not religious? Circle back to the first 4 questions

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the last truly wild places on Earth, and it is part of America. It's amazing to me that its value as such is lost on our government, people who like to call themselves "patriots." Its wildlife is as sensitive and imperiled as it is iconic. Disturbing the Refuge poses an existential threat to traditional Gwich'in culture and raises gigantic human rights concerns. Climate change is affecting the entire ecosystem, including the melting of the permafrost. With all this in mind, Congress over decades has voted to ensure our fundamental environmental laws remain in place to protect the Coastal Plain and preserve the existing protective statutory purposes of the Refuge.

There is no legitimate reason for ignoring these circumstances, and the majority of Americans (the *real* majority) are not in favor of oil & gas exploration and drilling in ANWR. In authorizing the leasing program, Congress ignored laws and the American Public and established a timetable that allows the Department to discard historic decisions made by Republicans and Democrats who understood the value of ANWR. It is now your job to *fully honor the public's right to an informed voice in how officials treat our treasured public lands*.

In case there is need to make this clearer, your job is to LISTEN to the American Public (and not just the white ones) and responsibly uphold and honor any EIS data that is presented in the Coastal Plain draft EIS I and II.

Former Secretary Zinke said, "Without question, our public lands are America's treasure." Even though the guy is as big a crook as president Trump, we agree and ask that you give the Public our right to keep America's real legacy intact, to whatever extent possible.

Thank you for your consideration. Now please act as a *public servant*, rather than an accessory to land rape for profit.

Thanks!

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