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Dear Ms.Nancy Hayes,

I thank you for receiving and processing this document.

All the best,  
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DRAFT – RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT OPENING THE COASTAL PLAINS OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FOR OIL AND GAS

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Dear Ms. Hayes, I thank you for reviewing this letter of intention and purpose. My name is MiraMichelle and I am the founder of an organization entitled The Sacred Female Rising Institute. The intention of our work is to empower women and female values and to assist in the creation of a more peace-filled and balanced world. We care very deeply about humanity and see a very obvious imbalance upon the Earth where people, animals and all species of plant life are suffering to such an extent that it seems we may reach a climatic situation if we, as a collective, are not more aware of our choices!

As in the case of the Gwich'in Nation and the resolution to PROHIBIT DEVELOPMENT IN THE CALVING AND POST-CALVING GROUNDS OF THE PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD! Alaska. USA. Present Day Situation.

As you already know with the United States Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of December 2017 the US administration has opened the coastal plains of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska for oil and gas drilling. It includes activities like seismic exploration which basically opens the way to industrialize one of the last big intact wilderness areas on Earth. **We do not support this decision!**

Seismic tests in permafrost conditions mean disruption and noise, the possibility of changes of the earth's surface, water flows and natural conditions. The forced vibrations that are sent into the ground might induce or bring about earthquakes.

The oil and gas exploration with invasive infrastructure, noise and toxic mud waters will further jeopardize the environmental balance and endanger the plants and a big range of animals who rely on that habitat. Vegetation will change and animals will not be able to rely on their nutrition, suffer and possibly die.

The **Porcupine caribou herd** as the last healthy and untouched caribou herd of the world rely on this sheltered area for calving, as an important, unique, and irreplaceable habitat and will most probably face a decline.

The danger of devastating oil spills and toxins flowing into the earth, that cannot easily or at all be cleaned up, in Arctic conditions is imminent. Since the **indigenous Gwich'in Nation** on both sides of the border rely on the Porcupine caribou herd for food, clothing and craft, and have strong spiritual and physical connection to it since a millennia, oil and gas drilling will violate their human rights and deeply effect if not destroy the foundation of their entire culture.

In the way the Western patriarchal has led to an excessive exploitation of the Earth which is responsible for hurting, killing and diminishing, up to present day, indigenous cultures who are proven to be the best stewards of the Earth, living the principle of existing in harmony with nature and all beings.

We are aware and deeply concerned of the damage that is already done. The Gwich'in that have lived respectfully and in harmony with the surrounding nature for millenia are already deeply wounded and burdened by violent behaviour and exploitation of colonization, abuse and trauma from the residential school system. Further colonial influence has changed their traditional ways of life. Endangering the Porcupine Caribou herd, the very foundation of their physical life, spirituality and culture, could mean another a probable decease of the Gwich'in culture. How can we as a global people stand one more example of such an occurance? It is disgraceful to disrespect life in this way!

Therefore, we, as a united female presence, strongly support the Gwich'in and their demand of leaving them alone on their land they have taken care of millennia in a good and healthy way. As stewards of the "Iizhik Gwats'an Gwandaii Goodlit" or "the sacred place where life begins", they represent in this moment of time the essential and game-changing inclusion of the feminine principle of nurturing and taking care of each other, the animals, plants, and the Earth.

We strongly emphasize that they can live on in harmony on the lands of their ancestors! Living in their traditional ways of life, and respecting their teachings of how to live in accordance with the Earth's needs and laws. If we continue the way that we are I guess that we will certainly need their guidance and wisdom to restore the damage that has already been created. However, we can not recreate what has been made extinct! Animals, insects, plant life and vegetation, fruit species and Us Humans! May we never again have to witness the ignorance, hate and intolerance that facilitated the Last of the Mohicans - and hundreds of other tribes of people.

When I imagine seeing such a sight of tens of thousands of animals in an open and free herd I feel in awe of our natural world and how it has existed for hundreds of thousands of years. When I imagine seeing such a sight I can not help but remember the desecration of the Buffalo and then I feel alarmed at any similar probability reoccurring. When are the forces of commerce that illegally co-govern our world finally going to learn that this level of destruction has massive consequences for us all! We can not continue this way and we certainly can not risk to disturb this

immaculate natural setting to drill for a purported oil resource measured to yield only up 2 years worth of fuel.

Therefore, be it resolved Sacred Female Rising respectfully demands the United States Congress and President as well as international companies to stop any exploration into the Arctic Refuge coastal plains and to recognize the human rights of the indigenous stewards! To also acknowledge the international regulations that confirm this and give a greater voice to the Gwich'in people.

I thank you!

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