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Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] I oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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From: **Courtney Sanford** <court.r.sanford@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
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Dear Ms. Hayes,

My name is Courtney Sanford and I am writing to let you know that I oppose drilling and development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of America's greatest wilderness. This area is the birthing and nursing ground for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, on which the Gwich'in people, who are native to this region have physically, culturally and spiritually depended for millennia. In their language, they call this land "The Sacred Place Where Life Begins."

Drilling would irreversibly damage this fragile ecosystem and the Gwich'in way of life. I stand with the Gwich'in people and speak on behalf of the future generations to oppose opening the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge for oil drilling. And I ask you to do the same to protect the basic human rights of the Gwich'in and for our future generations yet to come.

Thank you,
Courtney Sanford

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