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My name is Shelby Sanford. I am opposed to oil exploration in the Arctic National Refuge and urge you not to move forward with drilling in the region.

The coastal plain of the ANWF is one of America's greatest and virtually untouched wilderness regions remaining. This area is the birthing and nursing grounds for the Porcupine Caribou herd on which the Gwich'in people who are native to this region have physically, culturally and spiritually depended on for millennia. In their language they refer to 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 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 implore you to protect the basic human rights of the indigenous people today and for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Shelby A. Sanford