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## **Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS**

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Dear Committee,

As an academic, trained in business, and in particular marketing and consumer behavior, I argue that to further destroy the natural environment through oil exploration and drilling is not in our best interest.

The United States is one of the few countries with remaining natural areas for wildlife. The obvious value of these wilderness areas for future tourism is one economic reason (not typically discussed) for saving them.

I there is not a strong economic argument for the leasing income. On the other hand, there are very strong arguments for environmental protection of this area not limited to wildlife refuge. The long-term value of preservation has not been adequately valued.

I am opposed to any oil drilling and exploration in this and other national wildlife refuges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Bettina Cornwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "T. Bettina" and the last name "Cornwell" clearly distinguishable.

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