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The Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
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Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

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Ladies and Gentlemen;

I vehemently oppose the proposed oil and gas leasing program for the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas development does not belong in the Arctic Refuge, and I urge you not to move forward with this program. I am also deeply concerned that this process does not include a serious study of the significant impacts that oil and gas development will create for birds and other wildlife.

The Arctic Refuge is home to nearly 200 species of migratory birds. Vast numbers of birds migrate from every state and six continents to nest in the rich habitat of the coastal plain. It is also the critical calving area for the Porcupine caribou herd, providing vital insect relief and summer habitat. And this landscape is the most important onshore denning habitat for polar bears in the United States.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was established to conserve these birds and wildlife, and to preserve wilderness and recreational values, subsistence use, and more. Oil development is entirely inconsistent with the original purposes of the Refuge, and it will cause lasting damage to wildlife and wilderness characteristics, and to the people who depend on them. Moreover, the fast-tracked process toward a lease sale will not allow for the full accounting of the significant impacts that will result.

I am deeply concerned about this proposed leasing program, and urge you to halt this process and end the rush to drill in the Arctic Refuge.

Thank you.



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