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There are numerous reasons for prohibiting oil and gas leasing and development activities -- negative impacts to the land, the wildlife, and indigenous people who are in the area. Furthermore, additional leasing and development are not needed as we continue to transition to less destructive sources of energy. Just stop the nonsense.

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214 Old Trinity Place
Lancaster, PA 17602

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Sincerely,
Claudia Rose
2319 Longley Bridge Rd.
Enosburg, VT 05450

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104 East Main Street
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But I would also argue that the original cost/benefit equation for oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is no longer valid. First of all, there is no shortage of oil or gas either domestically nor globally. Secondly, the current and near term projections for oil and gas selling prices are a fraction of what they were when legislation was prepared to allow for such exploration and, consequently, the revenue generated will be small percentage of the original forecast.

I ask that your agency halt this process until further research can be completed and economic forecasts significantly improve. Again, the cost/benefit equation is just not there to take this significant risk. Should circumstances change and such exploration becomes a national imperative, a decision to explore for oil and gas can always be reinstated but once we go down this path, it cannot be reversed, and the incredible damage to this area will be long-lasting.

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Eugene Payne
5463 Cicada Wayt
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

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713 Arbor Ln
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PO Box 4
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

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Patricia Giusto
107 Donnell Cir
Daleville, AL 36322

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Albany, OR 97322

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Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

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3048 W 28th Pl
Yuma, AZ 85364

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There is no amount of financial gain to justify the desecration of the refuge. Humans are moving away from oil and gas, and the efforts being considered for the refuge would be better put toward developing clean, renewable sources of power that do not negatively affect our collective environment.

This refuge land supports and sustains not only the indigenous people who live there, but also the many wildlife species who live and thrive there...polar bears, caribou, and a huge number of birds...none of which we want to endanger any more than they already are.

Any drilling or development of the Arctic Refuge will negatively impact the people and the wildlife who live there. Our wild areas have shrunk, and wild habitats are important to preserve. It benefits all of us for this area to remain undisturbed.

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1302 Hardin Drive
San Diego, CA 92020

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Atlanta, GA 30342

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29 Woodland Rd
Pownal, ME 04069

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66 Wolf Creek Road
Winthrop, WA 98862

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5900 SW 167th Ave
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sharon furlong
133 E Bristol Rd
Feasterville Trevose, PA 19053

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Please let us keep this pristine area for the future generations to enjoy. America and the world is turning away from fossil fuels. We have an abundance of oil coming out of already devastated areas such as the Permian and Bakken fields in Texas and North Dakota. We don't want to see such a hugely important refuge destroyed like Williston North Dakota.

Sincerely,
Steven Sanders

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PO Box 184/369 N Edith St
Buckley, WA 98321

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Probable harm to caribou calving grounds by proposed developments will be detrimental to the peoples of the Yukon Territory.

Waterfowl of the arctic, some like Snow Geese and Tundra Swans, come to my area in the Northwest. They are important to many of us from hunters to those who enjoy observing them. Their visits for the winter months provides a psychological and an economic benefit.

I urge the Bureau to stop this sale and take necessary time to evaluate all the impacts to water, land, and wildlife of this last great wildlife treasure of North America.

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This land is Christine and so many people would like to see it remain that way for the coming Generations. There is no need to damage it it will not benefit anyone. Thank you for your consideration and reflection on this very serious matter.

Sincerely,
Deborah West
9833 Twin Rock Rd.
Remsen, NY 13438

November 24, 2020

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I ask that your agency halt this process altogether. Once we go down this path, it cannot be reversed, and the incredible damage to this area will be long-lasting. I hope to visit one day and want to see pristine wilderness.

Sincerely,
Linda Steider
161 Tunnel Rd
White Salmon, WA 98672

November 24, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

As a person who has visited the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and have personal knowledge of it, I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Refuge. Oil and gas development in this wilderness area is not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge, and will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat. This Refuge is America's Serengeti. The vast tundra is one of the last pristine areas on earth that has not been disturbed or destroyed by man. It should not be degraded or destroyed for political purposes under this Administration as a new President takes office soon. Dwight D. Eisenhower commissioned the Refuge on December 6, 1960 as a unique wildlife and wilderness area and it should remain as it's original purpose for now and the future.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) overlooks science and is inadequate and incomplete. It acknowledges degradation of the habitat for the porcupine caribou herd, migratory birds, polar bears and other wildlife.

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I ask that your agency halt this process until further research can be completed. Once we go down this path, it cannot be reversed, and the incredible damage to this area will be long-lasting. This is America's last chance to save one of our natural treasures. To degrade or disturb this beautiful area would be a grave mistake for future generations. More oil for this country is definitely not worth this destruction from drilling. The country is moving into green energy and we have an adequate supply of oil for now and the future.

Sincerely,
Billy Umsted
6221 S. Galena Way
Englewood, CO 80111

November 24, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to express my opposition to any and all oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. These activities will severely impact the wildlife and refuge habitat. In addition, oil and gas development in the wilderness area is not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge.

Refuges were established to protect important habitats and the wildlife that reside there. If we destroy these lands, we will impact the environment which in turn will affect many generations to come.

Please halt this process. More scientific assessments need to be done to ensure that the wildlife, habitat, and peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development.

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Have the activities anticipated even been vetted through the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Endangered Species Act, Wilderness Act?

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Nature lovers flock to wildlife refuges throughout the states to see rare and majestic species and large concentrations of birds. Drilling will definitely alter the migration patterns and number of species returning to the Lower 48.

Again, I ask that your agency halt this process until further research can be completed. The damage that will be caused cannot be reversed, and will be long-lasting.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Pelizza

34405 J PI
Ocean Park, WA 98640

November 25, 2020

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I know that you prefer personally written letters to for, letters but this form letter is much better written than anything I can write. I agree totally with it and urge you to hold on any destructive activity until after you have completed any and all studies concerning compatibility with the original purpose of the Refuge.

Thank You for listening.

Allen C. Jones

Sincerely,
Allen Jones
128 Lily
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

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Sincerely,
Marla Morrissey
236 Butte
Los Osos, CA 93402

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The blatant misuse of wildlife refuges has to stop!!

Sincerely,
Diane J. Hull

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20950 Arid Ave, Address 2 (optional)
Bend, OR 97703

November 24, 2020

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Dear Sir/Madame:

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The nation and the world are currently experiencing an oil and gas market glut. There is no urgency to find more oil at this time. Explain why this action is being taken with the minimum public comment period and with limited means to submit comments.

Sincerely,
Mary Larson
20679 Glenbrook Terrace
Sterling, VA 20165

November 24, 2020

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Elizabeth Porter
1119 Winters Lane
Gladwyne, PA 19035

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Sincerely,
John Strand
1314 Cedar Ave
Richland, WA 99354

November 24, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing in opposition to proposed seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the ANWR. I oppose these activities for many reasons. Not least, is that it is one of the last wilderness areas that is intact, and it protects many vital functions. Preserving water quality, migratory bird nesting areas and wildlife migration routes for caribou are some of the things I most value about the ANWR.

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Martha Taylor
6545 53rd Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

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Mary Warren
142 Fort Hill St, 30
Fort Fairfield, ME 04742

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Wendy Harrell
PO Box 381
El Portal, CA 95318

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Sincerely,
Rachel C. Larson

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eagan, MN 55123