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571 Di Lido Street NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32907

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Kristin Kokal  
1724 Brazo Cir  
Harlingen, TX 78552

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I am writing to add my voice with very, very strong opposition to ANY oil and gas leasing, development and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Development and drilling are completely opposite of the purpose of the refuge and pose a direct threat to humans and wildlife alike.

Damage to this refuge will have disastrous effects for numerous species of birds that depend on these breeding grounds for survival. Our human survival in turn is affected as well by the effects on climate change and changes to the food chain. Additionally, the native people who live there depend on these lands. We have raped and pillaged their lands for more than enough of our history, it is beyond time to stop.

As a constituent and part-owner of our national lands, I ask that you halt this process until proper scientific assessments are completed to ensure that neither wildlife or humans are negatively affected by any development.

We do not need this oil and gas - we clearly have numerous resources available at this time.

Once drilling starts, the damage to our planet will be irreversible. As a bird lover, photographer and human inhabitant of the earth, I beg you to halt this process.

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Karen Davis  
1159 SW Wysteria Dr  
Lees Summit, MO 64082

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It is well known that further extraction of oil or gas, especially from a place like this is adding more fuel to the fire of environmental degradation when everyone knows that we should be spending time and money on cleaning up the messes this country has made not only in the US, but in the world. Our public land should no longer be degraded by oil companies and their like and we should be developing clean energy at a must faster rate than we are. Why this president is playing to already overstuffed corporations rather than making decisions to further kill our world is beyond me. I am so ashamed of those who do not recognize how we are quickly killing our world. Please desist from damaging further the heating of our world and scream it from the rooftops. I am too old to really be affected, but our children and grandchildren will have to live on this scorched earth.

Please, please reject this nonsense.

Joanne Cornelius

On the coast of Oregon where the Pacific Ocean is coming higher and higher to my front door.

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44920 Tide Ave

Arch Cape, OR 97102

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9780 Diversified Ln  
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Sincerely,  
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14910 NE 46th St  
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1349 Goldenglow Rd  
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Sincerely,  
Elaine Mueller  
70 Fort Hembree Street  
Hayesville, NC 28904



November 23, 2020

**RE: Reject any seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

Dear Director Padgett,

I have visited the Arctic Refuge three times, and hope to do so in the future. The refuge is one of the last intact parts of the coastal plain that is free from industrial development. Further west, there are pipelines, roads, oil rigs, and so on. It would be an immense tragedy if we sacrificed this last intact portion of the coastal plain to industrialization.

One of the issues is that we should be moving away from oil and fossil fuels, not furthering its existence a bit longer. The effects of fossil fuel burning are causing climate warming which is being felt most readily in the Arctic. A couple of years ago I was able to revisit a place in the Brooks Range where I had hiked 40 years previously. To my surprise I found groves of balsam poplar growing where none had existed in the past. This is positive proof that the Arctic Climate is warming.

Therefore, I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife 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.

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There are better places to explore for oil than the Arctic Coastal Plain--like Texas-and

Texans deserve the environmental impacts given their unwillingness to consider things like climate change. Please send the oil companies to Texas and leave Alaska alone.

Sincerely,  
George Wuerthner  
POB 8359  
Bend, OR 97708

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With the current glut of oil and gas in the marketplace, there is no reason whatsoever for expanding exploration for these fossil fuels. More to the point, the pristine areas that are the focus of outgoing President Trump's initiative are far too critical as natural areas. Once they are trammelled by oil and gas extraction activities, they will never again offer the unspoiled values. We truly cannot unring that bell, once struck....

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Should there be a critical need for these resources in the future, they will always be there - they are not going away unless they get extracted. We should just consider these an emergency reserve that COULD be tapped in the future if it became necessary. As it is now, this is merely a capital grab for the industries.

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David Wolf  
6953 Kauffman Rd  
Presque Isle, MI 49777

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Phyllis Millan  
29832 SW Camelot St  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

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Carla Garbin  
700 Beach Drive NE  
St Petersburg, FL 33701

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Barry Blust  
21 Rabbit Run Ln  
Glenmoore, PA 19343

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5 Sycamore Drive  
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When it's gone, it's gone.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Olness  
31 William Penn Dr  
Stony Brook, NY 11790

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Dear Director Padgett,

Because the Arctic has always been a magic place for me, I have made it a point to travel there, and see a disappearing ecosystem before it is gone. That is just one reason I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife 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.

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Norman Bishop  
4898 Itana Circle  
Bozeman, MT 59715

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Barbara Brukner  
4974 Glenmorrie Cir  
Bellevue, NE 68157

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Gabriel Smedley  
6045 ST RT 61 North  
Shelby, OH 44875

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Mary Helen Gillen  
210 Goldsborough Street  
Easton, MD 21601

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Sincerely,  
Mary Weber  
1260 Meridian Ranch Dr  
Reno, NV 89523

November 23, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

We visited the Arctic NWR on a wilderness float trip in 1997. It was a trip we'd dreamed of making for years and one we will never forget. The vastness, wildness, and richness in wildlife was mind blowing. We saw no other people or signs of people while there. We left no signs that we had been there. We cherish this refuge in its natural state. The Arctic NWR is the destination where vast numbers of shorebirds breed, shorebirds that make an amazing migration from South America where they winter. On their way north in spring many of these shorebirds stopover to feed on Horseshoe Crab eggs where we live, the Cape May Peninsula. This connects us to the Arctic NWR intimately and we urgently wish this refuge to remain a refuge and not an oil and gas leasing and development venture.

I fervently oppose any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife 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.

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Patricia Sutton

129 Bucks Avenue  
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210



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I visited the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in 1991. I also toured and spent the night on the Endicott oil drilling platform in Prudhoe during that time. After comparing these two areas, there is no way that having any seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is compatible with this pristine wilderness.

This area is so fragile, it should be the very last place to drill for oil or gas, even if technology progresses to the point it can be done with minimal damage. I believe the oil companies want to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to make a point, that they can drill anywhere they want too, whether it's profitable or not. Please postpone the leasing of this valuable and incredibly beautiful area until after January 6th.

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3510 Latimer Dr  
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Angela Anderson  
284 North Main Street Apt.318  
Bristol, CT 06010

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5380 Midnight Run  
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PO Box 542  
Red Bank, NJ 07701

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Grosse Ile, MI 48138



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Shannon Magee  
320 CR 210  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

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Sincerely,  
Susan Heath  
2552 Mt Vernon St SE  
Albany, OR 97322

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Sincerely,  
Edward Michael  
223 Barberry Rd  
Highland Park, IL 60035

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In a brief statement, as they say in the movies, "Fuhget about it". The thought of drilling in a pristine gem like ANWR is obscene and stomach-churning revolting. Don't even think about it.

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Carl Balis  
100 E Glenolden Ave Apt E20  
Glenolden, PA 19036

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Sincerely,  
Cynthia Paz  
1504 Bledsoe Knoll  
Spring Hill, TN 37174

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980 Berkeley Ave  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Ejlskovvej 10  
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2440 La Costa Ave  
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4352 Linden Avenue  
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Michelle Gregory  
716 sportsman drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89107

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Ellen Watrous  
3334 NW COVEY RUN RD  
Corvallis, OR 97330

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As a physician who has had the extraordinary experience of working in several first nations arctic communities, of experiencing these communities' dependence on and relationship with the land, as well as having been myself impacted by the unparalleled beauty of the arctic environment and its wildlife, already under risk of huge disruption due to rapid climate change, I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife 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.

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Sincerely,  
Peri Unligil, M.D.  
210 SUNRIDGE RD  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15238

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I was born in the early 1950s and saw the destruction of wildlife habitats and near extinction of many species. The use of chemicals and the harvesting of resources has caused a great deal of damage. We as a country reversed that damage and brought back habitats and wildlife. It is a time to move forward not repeat past mistakes. Please do not do this stop the damage. There are other options.

Sincerely,  
Frances King  
135 HAZELWOOD LANE  
ONALASKA, WI 54650

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to express my opposition, once again, to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANRW). 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.

Burning dirty carbon fuels, through the effects of climate change, is damaging the Arctic. So why would we extract dirty carbon fuels, which will damage the ANWR, so we can burn them, and further damage the ANWR? Despite science-denying politics, you know that statement is scientifically accurate, and therefore, a true statement. So if that action sounds dumb to you, that is because it truly is really, really stupid.

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I ask that your agency halt this process. Once we go down this path, it cannot be reversed, and the incredible damage to this area will be long-lasting. One of the last large wilderness areas in North America will be destroyed forever, and for what? Corporate greed. You know there is a new Administration coming in, which will reverse this stupid sell-out. Will you rush to do it anyway?

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Craig Nazor  
11701 Barchetta Dr.

Austin, TX 78758



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9761 Treasure Cay Lane  
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1792 ingram rd.  
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THE ARCTIC REFUGE MUST REMAIN WILD AND UNTOUCHED BY DEVELOPMENT. I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife 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.

I ask that you halt this process until enough scientific assessments can be done to ensure that the wildlife and peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development.

The indigenous peoples of this land in Alaska sustain their livelihoods from this land, and incredibly important wildlife species live and thrive here. Among the wildlife species impacted by oil and gas development or seismic monitoring are polar bears, which den during the winter months, the Porcupine caribou, which use the 1002 Coastal Plain as their birthing grounds, and an enormous number of birds, which in turn winter in the Lower 48 states, like tundra swan and snow geese.

An original purpose of the Arctic Refuge (as established in ANILCA) was to ensure water quality on these lands. The BLM has completed no new analyses of the impact of oil and gas development to water sources in the refuge, or even analyzed how much water is available in these areas.

I am very concerned about the impacts of drilling to the millions of birds that nest in the Coastal Plain and migrate to the Lower 48 states. Because of the hurried nature of this process, the BLM has not examined what drilling will do to these bird populations, and this directly affects all wildlife refuges in the Lower 48 as well as Alaska.

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.

Sincerely,  
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