

A Resolution from Alaskans Regarding the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

We are Alaskans who don't believe that allowing oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is good for our state or our country, for the following reasons:

- The Arctic Refuge has thousands of years of human history, and today continues to sustain the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and therefore the Gwich'in people who continue a subsistence tradition;
- Protecting the caribou and the Gwich'in way of life is a matter of basic human rights, and clean air, lands, and waters are necessary to sustain life in the Arctic;
- Clean lands and waters will sustain tourism, fisheries, subsistence and more, while intensive resource extraction threatens these industries for short term gain;
- The Arctic Refuge is one of our most majestic places in Alaska, home to caribou, musk oxen, wolves, polar bears, and nearly 200 species of migratory birds;
- The coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge is the only 5 percent of Alaska's Arctic coastal plain with any legislated protections against oil and gas development;
- Arctic Refuge oil production would result in a sprawling industrial complex of drilling sites spread across 1.5 million acres of critical habitat;
- Climate change is impacting all of Alaska, and it is impacting Alaska's Arctic more than any other place in the country;
- Addressing climate change requires us not to burn a large portion of our proven oil reserves;
- Alaska was home to the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and Alaskans have seen first-hand what happens when things go wrong;

We are Alaskans who are resolved to address climate change while also crafting a sustainable future for our state's economy. We refuse to leave a legacy of long-term destruction of public lands and waters, just for our short-term benefit today, and we ask you to stand with us for Alaska's public lands and waters.

*Signed (as of 9/26/2017),
1,508 Alaskans from 91 communities*

Signers By Community
(Personalized Comments Follow)

<u>Community</u>	<u># of Signers</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u># of Signers</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u># of Signers</u>
Ambler	1	Indian	1	Thorne Bay	2
Anchor Point	4	JBER	12	Tok	1
Anchorage	562	Juneau	73	Trapper Creek	3
Anderson	1	Kake	1	Tununak	1
Angoon	1	Kaktovik	2	Two Rivers	1
Auke Bay	5	Kasilof	4	Tyonek	1
Barrow	2	Kenai	30	Valdez	2
Bethel	7	Ketchikan	22	Ward Cove	3
Bettles	1	King Salmon	1	Wasilla	95
Big Lake	8	Kipnuk	1	Willow	8
Cantwell	4	Klawock	4	Wrangell	4
Chignik	1	Kodiak	19		
Chistochina	1	Kotzebue	6	Grand Total	1,508
Chugiak	14	Meyers Chuck	1		
Clam Gulch	2	Naknek	3		
Clear	1	Nenana	3		
Cooper Landing	1	Nikiski	3		
Copper Center	3	Nikolai	1		
Cordova	8	Ninilchik	5		
Craig	6	Nome	4		
Delta Junction	7	North Pole	30		
Denali Park	8	Nuiqsut	1		
Dillingham	5	Nunapitchuk	1		
Douglas	10	Palmer	56		
Eagle	1	Pedro Bay	1		
Eagle River	45	Petersburg	5		
Eielson Afb	1	Point Baker	1		
Ester	6	Point Hope	1		
Fairbanks	177	Port Graham	1		
Fort Wainwright	8	Salcha	2		
Fritz Creek	3	Seldovia	1		
Ft Richardson	2	Seward	12		
Galena	1	Shishmaref	1		
Girdwood	12	Sitka	25		
Glennallen	3	Skagway	4		
Gustavus	6	Soldotna	32		
Haines	11	Sterling	7		
Healy	9	Sutton	2		
Homer	46	Talkeetna	9		
Houston	2	Tanana	1		

<i>A signer in Homer</i>	It is the only protected space we have left.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Our future depends on protecting our land, water and air from pollution and protecting the habitat of the living creatures we depend on for physical and spiritual health. Development must not take precedent over quality of life.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	There are cleaner, renewable resources of energy available. Oil and natural gas is not needed.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	The existing areas that are unspoiled by the heavy foot of industry or other intrusive commercialism should remain unspoiled. Those areas continue to feel pressure by industry and mindless commercialism.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Keep it natural and not destroy the environment and the ecosystem that is important for all living things, plants or animals.
<i>A signer in Ketchikan</i>	yes. We need to diversify our economy and get on board and create jobs in this State with hydro, solar and wind power. Time for change for a better environment.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Save the nature
<i>A signer in Glennallen</i>	I have spent several summers doing geologic research in the Arctic Refuge and know it firsthand to be a place of unparalleled beauty and importance. It deserves protection. It should remain wild.
<i>A signer in Dillingham</i>	We must protect the land from evil and corporate greed.

A signer in Homer

I believe that protecting the Coastal Plain (1002 area) from oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development is in the best interest of Alaska and the nation for the following reasons:

1) Tourism is vital to Alaska's economy and plays an important role in the health of Alaskan businesses. Most people visit Alaska because of its spectacular natural beauty and extraordinary wilderness character. Eco-tourism is a sustainable economy dependent on intact ecosystems with high wilderness values such as the Arctic Refuge. Oil development would have long-term negative consequences on the recreation and tourism industries that rely on these wild lands for their sustainability.

2) Oil and gas development and wilderness are not compatible. There is no safe way to explore and develop the biological heart of the Arctic Refuge. Despite the oil industry's numerous assurances, I do not trust that the oil industry can develop the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge safely and responsibly. Despite technological advances in the oil industry, we continue to experience a large number of oil spills every year on Alaska's North Slope. No amount of oil justifies the destruction of this vital nesting, calving and denning habitat.

3) Protecting the Arctic Refuge is important ecologically and culturally. The narrow Coastal Plain is the center of wildlife activity and deserves our nation's strongest protection. Oil development would adversely affect the health of the Porcupine Caribou herd, which the Gwich'in people rely on for their subsistence, cultural, and spiritual needs. The calving and nursery grounds in the Refuge are referred to as "the sacred place where life begins." For the Gwich'in, it is a human rights issue that they be allowed to continue their way of life.

A signer in Anchorage

I don't see why this is still a fight! We don't want you depleting our Earth or these wildlife creatures natural habitat!

A signer in Anchorage

We need to protect our treasures and pursue sustainable energy. All cannot be lost to line someones pockets. It has to stop.

A signer in Fairbanks

It's the only one we have.

A signer in King Salmon

Alaska is Alaska because of its undamaged landscapes. Drilling ANWR is short-sighted and foolish: a short-term gain with unacceptable long-term consequences.

A signer in Fairbanks

The arctic is a beautiful and fragile place that deserves our respect.

A signer in Anchorage

To protect the thousands of species of birds and animals that migrate through the arctic refuge.

A signer in Wasilla

For the same reasons it became a "Refuge". This quote from the owner/ founder of Patagonia."Our last truly wild place for six months of oil".
Where do the 15 to 20 thousand caribou that I witnessed go?
How many species do we give up for 6 months of oil?
Their home land was set aside for them. Why choose that spot with all of the surrounding land that is said to have more oil?
So sad that we are doing this AGAIN..

A signer in Juneau

The Arctic Refuge is one of Earth's most priceless gems. We have too much to learn from natural systems that have evolved over such long periods of time to take the chance of breaking the bonds that keep it thriving.

Think of it like this:

Are you capable of repairing or restoring balance here if you ruin it? If not, then don't mess with it.

A signer in Sitka

Nearly 30 years after the Exxon Valdez, there still are beaches and fish stocks that haven't recovered. By allowing drilling in the Arctic, things will be at an even higher risk, because we don't have the proper spill infrastructure up there. Since most of the locals rely on subsistence harvested food in the Arctic, an oil spill would be devastating to them.

A signer in Anchorage

The Arctic Refuge is a refuge. It is not just economically precious to Alaska's economy but also precious as a rich cultural, biological, and ecological resource to all Alaskans. Those dividends will pay long after the oil wells run dry but only if we haven't ruined them by then, along with some of Alaska's most critical habitat.

A signer in Eagle River

The Arctic Refuge is one of the last great swaths of wilderness left in the world that has experienced very little impact from humankind. The coastal plain, in particular, is a sensitive area that serves as calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou herd and is also the summer home for a number of migratory birds. The coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge is much smaller than the coastal plains in western Alaska, thus leaving far less room for wildlife to adapt to development. In my opinion, the risks far outweigh the amount of oil we could potentially recover, not to mention the Trans-Alaska Pipeline has already outlived its projected lifespan, so the likelihood of leaks is ever increasing. I visited the Arctic Refuge in 2006, rafting the Canning River from the Brooks Range to the 1002 Area of the coastal plain. It is a beautifully harsh landscape that should remain intact for the greater good of our planet.

A signer in Juneau

It's the only one we've got.

<i>A signer in Soldotna</i>	It's the last untouched land in Alaska, so precious!
<i>A signer in Gustavus</i>	The caribou calving grounds and keeping one large intact area of Arctic tundra. I've seen parts of it and it's beautiful.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	It should be saved, to in turn save us all....the plant life there albeit stunted and seemingly worthless, all c help in regulating the climate, and cleanliness of the air we breath, the animals and fowl that call it home also migrate, and by doing so give us food (for some the main source of diet)....so why save it, to save ourselves in the end.
<i>A signer in Kenai</i>	I've been there and I think the wildlife values are more important than the oil that may be there!
<i>A signer in Nuiqsut</i>	we would like to ask for protection for our indigenous peoples that live near oil and gas industries, they don't have support or protections for them that live near them are being impacted detrimentally their health is at risk because of the ultra fine particles being emitted from those oil and gas industries, they are being threatened because of the ultra fine particles are extremely dangerous to human health! protect the people who live their everyday being exposed to dirty air! we need clean air! no drilling!
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Destruction of this fragile system is not reversible. An intact Arctic wilderness benefits all Americans and all Alaskans.
<i>A signer in Palmer</i>	Once spoiled it cannot be restored.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	ANWR needs to be saved for now and for future generations so everyone will know what beauty exists in this crazy world. Please stop the madness that is going on in this current administration.
<i>A signer in Ester</i>	This place has numerous other valuable ecosystem services that will be deteriorated if not protected.
<i>A signer in Homer</i>	Because it's such a sensitive ocean and it's difficult if not impossible to clean up a winter oil spill....and the US only has ONE ice breaker!
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	IT IS THE LAST PRISTINE PLACE ON THE PLANET.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	It's the only one, it's has a diverse and complex ecosystem, its a small planet and it's the right thing to do.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Protect the artic refuge

<i>A signer in Juneau</i>	We've only got one. No amount gains from drilling will replace the loss sustained.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	There are so many reasons to leave it alone, and only ONE to drill: greed and profit. Leave the refuge ALONE.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	To keep the sacred ground sacred.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Public Lands have been set aside for a purpose; to maintain habitats critical to other life forms that sustain us, for our own enjoyment, for the earth's ecosystem integrity, which we live within. They have been set aside with great thought and purpose. I stand firm in protecting our public lands, and in hastening the use of alternative energy so we are not so pressured to destroy more of our earth, our only home and of which we are inextricably tied to.
<i>A signer in Haines</i>	Because more Alaskan citizens and citizens of the world will benefit if we protect it than will if we don't.
<i>A signer in Sitka</i>	This is one of the last places that is wild. Some places really deserve to be left so and this is one of those places. We can't let our greed for money and natural resources take over ANWR; there is too much natural wonder (that I have witnessed myself) to destroy.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	we do not need to foul this land.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	We need to get off fossil fuels and preserve the wilderness that we have for future generations.
<i>A signer in Anchor Point</i>	It is irreplaceable.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	A refuge should be just that - a refuge. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.
<i>A signer in Talkeetna</i>	It's time to wean ourselves if easy energy and develop a plan for a sustainable future.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Because the land, the wildlife, and the people there are what makes Alaska such a special place.
<i>A signer in Talkeetna</i>	It's what makes Alaska so unique and defines what America values - untouched wilderness.
<i>A signer in Wasilla</i>	Why do we need to destroy more of our earth?

<i>A signer in Soldotna</i>	The planet is losing wild places and creatures at an alarming rate. Keep the Arctic wild.
<i>A signer in Juneau</i>	Continuing to chase oil profits is playing the short game. We need to be protecting our natural landscapes and focus on moving forward as a leader in alternative energy solutions. We have the wind, tidal and solar necessary to move our state in a new direction. It would be nice to be a leader rather than continue stripping our lands for oil.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	<p>There are so many reasons to protect the Arctic, beginning with the animals. Caribou migrating back and forth through the Alaskan Northslope into Canada; whales, other sea creatures, birds. They all need our protection or they will become extinct. Their habitats will disappear. The Arctic is a special place, offshore drilling would alter it especially if there was an oil spill event. Preservation is the answer.. That means we the people will need to comply or face very dire consequences We should not drill for oil polluting the water and land too. Last, but not least the indigenous people of the North who we have a great responsibility to consider will have to endure all that will be. It seems to me it just is not fair to pollute on both land and in our waterways while they depend on whaling and hunting also just plain living. We need to respect that. If any disasterous event takes place how fair is that for them to lose their whaling or fishing abilities because we had to drill for oil in the ocean where their supply of food lies. It does not seem nor does it feel right to me to put their lives at risk with limiting their food supply.</p> <p>Offshore drilling would be a major mistake. We have found out how oil spills affect the environment. I know first hand, I have been there. The waterways need to be left in their natural state without pollution. If not precious life would and will be altered.</p>
<i>A signer in Seward</i>	The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge provides critical habitat to many animals including the Porcupine Caribou Herd. It is also home to the Gwich'in people. Drilling would devastate this ecosystem. We do not need to keep drilling for oil. We can find other green solutions for our energy needs.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	<p>Mardy Murie said it best back in 1977.</p> <p>" Beauty is a resource in and of itself. Alaska must be allowed to be Alaska (or ANWR), that is her greatest economy. I hope the USA is not so rich that she can afford to let these wildernesses pass by - or be so poor she cannot afford to keep them".</p>
<i>A signer in Ward Cove</i>	I live in Alaska

A signer in Juneau We have to think about our descendants seven generations from now, and what kind of world we will be handing down to them, so I am against drilling in the Arctic Refuge for all the reasons listed above.

A signer in Cantwell The Refuge provides sustainability. Oil destroys sustainability.

A signer in Fairbanks Our future generations are counting on us to make wise decisions.

A signer in Anchorage Animals, Nature's majesty, and Clean waters!!

A signer in Juneau In addition to all the strong reasons listed by the Alaska Wilderness League which I've been a member of for 15 years, I have experienced first hand this Museum of the North on a 2 week raft trip on the Kongakut. That experience of wild wide beauty and animals is soul renewing. Also I flight out of Arctic Village was delayed and we had time to visit with some Gwich'in and hear about they are 100% strong that there should be no drilling in ANWR and especially the Coastal plain and the 10-02.

The health of the entire planet depends on leaving those ANWR fossil fuels in the ground.

A signer in Wrangell Wildlife populations will be endangered due to habitat loss. We don't need more petroleum to heighten climate change.

A signer in Wasilla We need to preserve the land, not only for toda but for the future as well. We cannot allow the destruction of our beautiful earth.

A signer in Anchorage Alaska is the last great frontier. We need to protect Alaska's wilderness.

A signer in Anchorage Simple, it is a Wildlife Refuge! End of conversation. If oil companies want to expand their leases in Alaska, they can open up the National Petroleum Reserve!

A signer in Sitka The time for fuels is over. The burning of fossil fuels is killing our planet and we are in line for the same misery that all life is facing. Greedy oil legislators have bankrupt our state. Money needs to be spent on educating Alaskans to produce and use green energy to lead the world in slowing down climate change and save what wildlife we have left. We have Alaskan families that depend on the animals in the Arctic Refuge to live.

A signer in Wasilla Our human responsibility, as stewards of the planet, require we protect landscapes that support forms of life other than ourselves.

<i>A signer in Point Hope</i>	The Arctic Refuge has thousands of years of human history, and today continues to sustain the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and therefore the Gwich'in people who continue a subsistence tradition
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	we need a place that is not ruined!!
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	It's wilderness. Irreplaceable and dwindling dramatically worldwide. We have no business stealing this small patch of wild from our children and their children simply because we can. Protect for them something precious that can't be replaced when it's gone or compromised.
<i>A signer in Cordova</i>	Oil production adds to global warming. We need to use wind and solar energy instead.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	The Arctic Refuge is one of our most majestic, undisturbed treasure on our
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	To protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in its entirety. To protect the Porcupine caribou herd on which the Gwichin natives are dependent. In areas where oil drilling has occurred statistics show that caribou numbers are declining.
<i>A signer in Clam Gulch</i>	The Arctic is a rare and beautiful place and deserves protection.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	It is a stunning and truly wild wilderness, of which there is so little left in the world. It's been entrusted to us -- we should be preserving it for generations to come, not sacrificing its wildness to serve our incredibly wasteful society.
<i>A signer in Denali National Park And Preserve</i>	The Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge is the biological heart of the refuge, for polar bears, migratory birds, the Porcupine caribou herd, and the last possible bit of coastal plain we can protect for future generations.
<i>A signer in Copper Center</i>	Our public lands are one of our greatest long term treasures, and this of course includes the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Wild lands are disappearing all around the world, and many are threatened in Alaska. Our grandchildren will never say "You protected too many wild lands. What were you thinking of?" Instead, they will admire our foresight and applaud us for not sacrificing long term values for possible short term gains. The wildlife, beauty, clean air and water, and natural quiet and natural sounds make the Arctic Refuge a world-class treasure eminently deserving of protection.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Because it is a one-of-a-kind treasure and it should be preserved, in its natural state, for future generations.

- A signer in Anchorage* The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the most pristine wilderness area we have; it is prime habitat for caribou breeding and rearing, and is the hunting ground for native Alaskans.
- We have many other sources of fossil fuels, which are essentially being squandered as give-aways of our wealth at current prices anyway.
- A signer in Haines* I've been there, it's a unique environment and needs full protection from development.
- A signer in Fairbanks* We have a treasure that few get to have, let's save it and our way of life!! Stop the destruction in the name of profit and big oil!! Greed and domination are not the rules to live by!!
- A signer in Palmer* Too many reasons to state. For our grandchildren, as the last 5% of unspoiled unprotected Coastal Plain wilderness and habitat, for the landscape itself, for all the reasons I have written about it in ARCTIC WINGS and elsewhere....
- A signer in Douglas* We need no more fossil fuel extraction anywhere. But most important this is wild land home to wildlife and beauty. Keep it that way.
- A signer in Sitka* To protect the species of animals and plants found there AND to prevent oil spills which negatively affect waters and animals and plants.
- A signer in Salcha* It is more valuable as protected wilderness than the oil which might be extracted from it will ever be. Once it's spoiled, it's spoiled forever and will never be pristine again.
- A signer in Anchorage* The earth has been here long before us, and it will be here long after we are gone.
- A signer in Palmer* We need a balance in Alaska. We need to move to clean energy and preserve our beautiful state. Tourism is a huge industry and we need to build on that.
- A signer in Skagway* It's important for caribou calving ground, and other wildlife as well. We should as soon as possible transition to cleaner renewable energy and Alaska doesn't need anymore boom and bust extraction based economic development that leaves polluted lands and water behind. Every bit of oil burned brings on more danger from climate change that threatens our renewable fisheries and timber industries.

<i>A signer in Homer</i>	Because everthing is being destroyed by this administration and the Artic Refuge is unique, irreplaceable and precious AND needs to be saved for peoples and the planets sake!!!
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Because this is Alaska, because the drawbacks outweigh the rewards. Oil will not last forever!!
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Clean lands and waters will sustain tourism, fisheries, subsistence and more, while intensive resource extraction threatens these industries for short term gain. We need to keep Alaska wild for the plants and animals and people for generations to come.
<i>A signer in Palmer</i>	There's plenty of oil elsewhere. Leave it alone.
<i>A signer in Juneau</i>	The Arctic Wildlife Refuge is a unique resource for the US and the world. Opening up the area to exploration would have an immediate impact on the wildlife. Should they drill, this only promotes the continuance of our dependence on oil, a dangerous game for our climate and economy here in Alaska.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	It is one of the last great wilderness areas left, we need to keep it as pristine wilderness!
<i>A signer in Juneau</i>	For the sake of life on earth, to stand up for beauty, for wildlife, for the Gwich'in people, for my children, my grandchildren, and theirs. In memory of my parents and grandparents who taught me to love and protect and honor diversity of life, to place love above profit. And because we have failed to protect so much of this precious planet.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	Damage done for very short term gain cannot be undone
<i>A signer in Homer</i>	We can't accept those who believe in an alternate reality because there is none. The reality is that we have no "planet B" and it is past time to take measures to care for the earth. Petroleum is an obsolete source of energy and our time and efforts need to focus on renewables, as is are an increasing numbers of countries who live in the only reality.
<i>A signer in Douglas</i>	Leave something for the future.
<i>A signer in Ketchikan</i>	We don't have many places left that are natural and untouched by human greed.please leave it alone, where can our children going to go to see real nature? There will no places left.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	There is not other place on the planet like it.

A signer in Nenana We are using up every single resource on this planet. How about alternatives like turning our garbage into a heating, cooking, and building resource. We, as humans, are depended upon by every living creature to survive. Being destructive in order to get the quickest and easiest resources is a very bad thing. We need to change how we think. Save Alaska! Save America! Save the earth!

A signer in North Pole Animals need to stay free from the evils that drilling would bring. Find other ways to make fuels

A signer in Anchorage This is not the energy future that will be. If it is drilled then all oil recovered MUST be used in and by America and we all know that that will not be the case. The oil will be sold to the highest bidder and will do NOTHING to power America... so the false argument of making America energy independent.

The refuge belongs to the People of America, not the corporations. Most Americans will never see the lands of the Refuge, but it belongs to them.

I have been to the lands owned by the oil companies on the North Slope several times, in conjunction with my work, and have seen the maze of roads, wells, and oil company development that dots the land. As just a "normal" Alaskan, I have zero access to these North Slope lands and even to just get to the Arctic Ocean, one has to take a bus from Deadhorse.

If the US put half as much effort or offered half as many tax / money incentives to green power options, the oil industry would likely crumble... Enough is enough.

A signer in Healy Wild habitat complete with its indigenous species is baseline to compare any development to. It is time to eliminate depending on oil and develop and utilize Renewable resources!

A signer in Eagle River As population and land use increases, Fractionation of high grade wilderness must be prevented to protect complex ecosystems for natural animal inhabitants and as places of splice and beauty for the rest our population and descendants. ANWR is a large intact ecosystem that should not be exploited for profit

A signer in Homer Leave it the ground and move toward a sustainable future.

A signer in Valdez ONCE ITS GONE WE NEVER WILL GET THE PRISTINE ALASKA WILDERNESS BACK

<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	We as Americans have a moral obligation to protect our environment and our natural resources for future generations of Americans
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	We don't have a right to pollute and destroy.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	It's the right thing to do!
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Drilling on the coastal plain and offshore in the arctic in general is not worth the risk
<i>A signer in Meyers Chuck</i>	I've been there and experienced the true wildness of the place. It's a unique place well worth preserving in its pristine beauty.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	I would like to see it stay pristine wilderness.
<i>A signer in Talkeetna</i>	Protecting the Arctic Refuge provides refuge for species and habitats that are vulnerable to climate change. Oil extraction is contrary to this.
<i>A signer in Homer</i>	Wilderness in Alaska is priceless. Do not industrialize it.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Preserving intact wild space, especially in the Arctic which is being barraged by climate change, is an ecological and moral imperative
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the one of the crown jewels of our nation. It has been set aside as a sanctuary for hundreds of wildlife species, many which migrate long distances and depend on the unique flora and fauna for survival. It is also a unique recreation area for people from all over the world which benefits the economic stability of nearby communities.
<i>A signer in Ketchikan</i>	Because I do NOT believe in Murder! Nor any form of abuse of human, animals or any lands!
<i>A signer in Healy</i>	There are plenty of other places to drill, mine and explore for resources. We need to protect that small area of Alaska.

<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	<p>The Arctic Refuge is one of our most majestic places in Alaska, home to caribou, musk oxen, wolves, polar bears, and nearly 200 species of migratory birds;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge is the only 5 percent of Alaska's Arctic coastal plain with any legislated protections against oil and gas development; - Arctic Refuge oil production would result in a sprawling industrial complex of drilling sites spread across 1.5 million acres of critical habitat; - Climate change is impacting all of Alaska, and it is impacting Alaska's Arctic more than any other place in the country;
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	<p>The Arctic Refuge needs to be protected, because not everything should be raped and pillaged for profit.</p>
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	<p>To protect one of our last truly wild habitats and the wildlife that depend upon it.</p>
<i>A signer in Palmer</i>	<p>Corporations use their sock-puppet politicians to tell us we need to achieve energy independence. I'd like to ask them how many export terminals we need to reach that point. Moving away from fossil fuels as quickly as possible is the only way to achieve real energy independence.</p>
<i>A signer in Kotzebue</i>	<p>Global warming must be stopped. Other clean energy options must be explored. Protect Alaska's wilderness and ecosystems.</p>
<i>A signer in Homer</i>	<p>We need to stabilize our economy and diversify. Our reliance on oil is causing us grave fiscal woes. It is time for us to become responsible for our own actions</p>
<i>A signer in Palmer</i>	<p>There is no place on earth like it: that is why it was set aside for all time.</p>
<i>A signer in Juneau</i>	<p>The US is already an oil exporter. More drilling benefits neither Alaskans nor the over-heated earth. Keep the Arctic Refuge a true refuge.</p>
<i>A signer in Girdwood</i>	<p>It's a precious resource as is. Let's find ways to save the amount of energy this special place can provide and keep it special ... and wild.</p>

A signer in Fairbanks Because it is the last untouched northern area in Alaska and should be protected for future generations.

A signer in Homer Most of these reasons have been stated above. Because our lands, waters, air, cultural subsistence, and wildlife are all a part of a larger ecosystem that feeds us all. Water is Life and we can no longer risk these pristine lands and waters to outdated, dirty, risky and unsustainable sources of energy.

A signer in Fairbanks It is very impressive to maintain some completely wild lands to balance the devastation of wilderness mankind has wrought elsewhere. And Teshukpak Lake must be at the top of the list.

A signer in Homer Climate change is no joke. We need to quit burning oil and everything else to save ourselves from certain disaster. The sooner the better.

A signer in Palmer We do not need any more non-renewable energy

A signer in Fairbanks Leave the oil there. Better saved than sold for profit.

A signer in Girdwood The Arctic Refuge has thousands of years of human history, and today continues to sustain the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and therefore the Gwichâ€™in people who continue a subsistence tradition.

Protecting the caribou and the Gwichâ€™in way of life is a matter of basic human rights, and clean air, lands, and waters are necessary to sustain life in the Arctic.

Clean lands and waters will sustain tourism, fisheries, subsistence and more, while intensive resource extraction threatens these industries for short term gain.

Alaska was home to the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and Alaskans have seen first-hand what happens when things go wrong.

We are Alaskans who are resolved to address climate change while also crafting a sustainable future for our stateâ€™s economy.

We refuse to leave a legacy of long-term destruction of public lands and waters, just for our short-term benefit today, and we ask you to stand with us for Alaskaâ€™s public lands and waters.

<i>A signer in Homer</i>	Preserving God's untouched lands is more valuable for all of us than all the oil and gold in the world. These untouched havens are becoming fewer and fewer and if you only look at the dollars: the Sustainable Tourism dollars to visit these wild places will far exceed any short sighted Money gained from manmade developments.
<i>A signer in Homer</i>	We need to protect our few wild places left on the planet so our kids can experience true wilderness
<i>A signer in Clam Gulch</i>	Humanity needs to know that there are places far more important for their natural and wilderness values than for dollars.
<i>A signer in Ward Cove</i>	The North Dakota Department of Health says there have been more than 700 oil and gas-related spills in the last year alone in North Dakotaâ€”or a spill every 11 hours and 45 minutes, on average.
<i>A signer in Haines</i>	As a 20-year resident of Arctic Alaska, I strongly oppose oil exploration and development in the Arctic Refuge. It's an international treasure that should be protected in perpetuity. Exploration and development on the coast plain will have a severe impact on polar bears, which are already in serious decline, and on the caribou herd.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	This is a unique area north of the Brooks Range, still formally unportected. The vast majority of the Arctic coastline in Alaska is unprotected and 'open for business' for oil development. This place deserves to be set aside as the birthing grounds of the Porcupine caribou herd, as a home to migrating birds and both resident and migrating wildlife. Permanent protection of the ooastal plain completes the protection of the full specrum of Alaskan arctic ecosystems. I have been to this part of the Arctic Refuge at least 50 times, so I know that it is worth protecting in perpetuity.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	It's our last hope for a clean environment.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	This is pristine, and beautiful land that support unique and vital species. To drill the Arctic is to destroy it forever. Our polar bears are already becoming an endangered species. These lands need to be protected forever, and never be drilled for oil.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	What we'd get in the short run would be nothing compared to what we'd give up in the long run.
<i>A signer in Kotzebue</i>	The refuge is home to people, plants, and animals who thrive here. The culture relies on the health of this space.

- A signer in Kenai* because we should be DONE with fossil fuels. Lets act on new clean sources of energy and technology. Use our brains. It won't be easy but it will put more people to work.
- A signer in Wasilla* We need to honor the earth. We have one. Respect her. This area needs to be protected, not drilled. Do something different for energy.
- A signer in Wasilla* The Webster Dictionary of the word "refuge is:1.a condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or trouble. Therefore I am strongly against more "human activity" for profit in this pristine place. Once it is gone it can never be brought back. It's about have a place and space that is a true refuge. And to use: look at the jobs this will create is wrong when in reality this would only be short term goal, while the destruction would be years away from ever being back to it's original state. Alaska is not call the "last frontier" for no reason. We have the responsibility to keep it that way. I for one do not want to see a city of oil rigs.
- A signer in Wasilla* leave the last unspoiled place on earth alone.
- A signer in Naknek* Everything is connected and more carbon pollution will only cause more warming. Not only will continued warming cause havoc in the Arctic, but it will also contribute to greater ocean acidification. Warming water temperatures in our rivers and ocean acidification will threaten our great salmon runs, which have evolved over millions of years.
- A signer in Juneau* I have personally been to the Arctic Refuge and had the thrill of a caribou herd pass right by our tent on their way to the coast. The bird life was spectacular too and so was everything else we had the privilege to see. This place and the wildlife dependent upon it deserve protection!
- A signer in Denali National Park And Preserve* Oil, gas and coal resources are not the answer to human survival. But Molten Salt Nuclear Reactors can fill the needs of all peoples of the Earth until the next form of energy development comes along. The Chinese and the Indians will show us the way....
- A signer in Fairbanks* Coastal Plain is valuable and Irreplaceable in its presence and unique in the US that will go on giving forever if not turned into an industrial site. Nothing else in the US com;pares.

A signer in Girdwood It is no longer acceptable, due to climate change and over development of the entire Earth, that we open areas like ANWR to exploration. Alaska needs to continue on its course of protection and sustainable management.

A signer in Sitka Alaskans depend on stopping global warming. We need to do our part.

A signer in Fairbanks We must protect the Arctic Refuge for the sake of ourselves, for future generations, and for the health and survival of our planet. Accelerated climate change is real. Alaska and the US must lower greenhouse gas emissions and seek alternative forms of energy as soon as possible. Drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic Refuge is unnecessary, harmful to all, unethical, and irresponsible.

A signer in Anchorage America is blessed with some very special places. We would not think of drilling in the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Denali national parks. Why is this wildlife refuge any less special? We need to protect these special places for all who come after us.

A signer in Eagle River The importance of preserving untouched nature is more important than the additional income our state and its residents will receive from development.

A signer in Sitka We need to switch to renewable energy. It would create even more jobs, and help to mitigate the damage we have done to the environment. Save the caribou.

A signer in Fairbanks A very special place. Oil companies already have access to 90 percent of north slope.

A signer in North Pole To protect the land for future generations.

A signer in Anchorage Don't disrupt "Americas Serengetti". It is worth more as a National Wildlife Refuge!!!

A signer in Homer Because it would be unconscionable to allow any development there this must be the legacy for future generations ...

A signer in Anchorage Yes we need to protect it. Gas and oil maybe to generate wealth into our state but in the long run when there is unknown disastrous, as mistakes do happen it will not provide food nor any protection from its problems.

A signer in Soldotna

First, we are like an owner of a store eating his/her own stock, depleting it till there is nothing but bankruptcy and ruin. Moreover, as a Christian, I believe that God gave us creation as a gift, to be caretakers and stewards as we see the first human person in Genesis 2. If we abuse it, we throw the gift back in His face with disdain, showing contempt for the gift and the Gift-giver. I believe the humankind is the summit of God's creation, and, as such, much regard, respect and watch out for each other's welfare, such as that of the Gwich people. As intelligent creatures, we have to cherish the miracle and wonder of our planet, the wonders and resources and our fellow creatures upon this wonderful and unique planet. Look at what happened to the abundant west Atlantic cod off the continental shelf. Depleted beyond fishing.

A signer in Pedro Bay

This world is being completely destroyed by an unconscionable few who line their pockets with the black and gold of the lands they destroy forever. What kind of footprint will they continue to leave on our native lands? Hopefully they will be touched by the hand of God before its too late!

A signer in Ester

The Refuge is irreplaceable. Once it's violated, there's no recovering it. Do the right thing and honor it.

A signer in Anchorage

Diversity must be retained!

A signer in Bettles

We are all connected to this planet, destroy you destroy all of us.

Please, we must learn from our past mistakes.

A signer in Gustavus

I've walked across the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It is a reservoir of biodiversity and a land of incredible beauty that must be protected.

A signer in Fairbanks

I've worked at Point Thomson, not too far from ANWR, I've seen the pollution that was being caused by the construction of the pipeline and the environmental procedures being broken by Exxon while they preached they needed to redeem themselves from the Valdez oil spill. But hey everything looks good on paper right? BS. Keep ANWR wild and free. Free from destruction and money hungry politicians and oil greed.

A signer in Homer

Because it is too precious to destroy. I have been there and treasure the time I had. To think of oil development in the refuge is wrong. It is high time to wean ourselves from oil.

A signer in Fairbanks ANWR must be protected to save the environment, the caribou, Gwich'in's way of life. There is not much oil there and we should not as a species be rushing off to get every damn drop of oil out of the ground. Leave it be.

A signer in Fairbanks Global CO2 levels are now at 400 ppm, higher than they have been in millions of years. We do not need to degrade this beautiful area especially when oil prices are low and likely to remain so. It will deliver little benefit to the state and CO2 liberated from burning that oil and gas, should we develop it, will only exacerbate our problems with loss of sea ice, glaciers receding, permafrost melting, invasions of harmful insects, coastal erosion, etc.

A signer in Anchorage It has been set aside by a President to be protected for ever. Not to be overturned on a whim that it is the solution to all of our money problems. It will however make a few very rich.

A signer in Juneau The Earth can't stand any more fossil fuel burning. Climate change is hurt Alaska.

A signer in Ester To keep our planet liveable.

A signer in Willow Drilling is going backwards, away from clean energy. This is a no-brainer. This land belongs to the animals.

A signer in Fairbanks Protect the Arctic Refuge from drilling because burning this oil will exacerbate climate change and take away an amazing wilderness that I hope to float and hike through with my daughter someday.

A signer in Cordova The Arctic Refuge is one of the last truly great wild places on the planet. If we lose it, we will have lost something irreplaceable. I am a life-long Alaskan, and have been to the Refuge many times.

A signer in Copper Center Oil and gas are not the fuels of the future, so why continue to explore for it? Let's invest instead in energy sources that will provide new good jobs, address the climate change problem, and keep Alaska a good place for people and wildlife.

A signer in Kodiak For the Commonwealth of the Human Race, for all Living Species/Things, and the Environment that all needs to live and survive.

- A signer in Ketchikan* The arctic oceans are, by virtue of many factors, one of the way the planet's water gets clean, the air is kept temperate. To subject them to inevitable spill, affecting both the ocean and the precious shore, would be an act of foolish, greedy negligence on our part. Renewables. Put the money and energy into clean renewables. Stop this madness.
- A signer in Trapper Creek* Fossil fuels serve us best where they reside, deep in the ground. If we do not phase out CO2 and other greenhouse gas pollution of our atmosphere in the very near future our children and grandchildren are doomed to serious decline in their quality of life and life expectancy. Human caused global warming is here now and progressing at an accelerating pace way sooner and more rapidly than predicted over the last several decades.
- A signer in Anchorage* Because it keeps our eco system going!
- A signer in Fairbanks* It's crazy to destroy a pristine landscape, home of a miraculous caribou migration, for the sake of an outmoded and dangerous energy source. Alaskans aren't crazy! We value our resources more than BP and Exxon Mobil!
- A signer in Fairbanks* Protect an intact ecosystem is important. We have enough oil now since we are exporting the product. We are self sufficient. Don't drill. Keep it in the ground.
- A signer in Anchorage* It's time to empower the animals, to give them freedom forever from human intrusions. Save this pristine area. It's unique and irreplaceable.
- A signer in Anchorage* Because there is no going back...
- A signer in Girdwood* Protect the wilderness for the tourist industry and keep the refuge wild and true to it natural form that god created.
- A signer in Barrow* It belongs to the wildlife and it's people and should be protect from anything that will be destructive, like oil and gas. The land is where the wildlife feeds.
- A signer in Eagle River* I lived through the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Let's learn from our mistakes and not risk doing the same thing to the pristine waters of the Beaufort. Please people - money isn't everything. There's this little thing called quality of life that so many of us want.
- A signer in Anchorage* It is a beautiful, pristine slice of heaven on earth that needs protection.

- A signer in Anchorage* Once damaged, the tundra cannot be fixed or repaired. The wild animals eat the lichen that grows there once damaged, it will not grow back. This is the last of the wild areas, our wild habitat for the animals needs to be kept pristine and wild. Any disruption to the area will kill off what animals that thrive there. Please keep the Arctic Refuge a safe and protected Refuge from all the drilling and damage they will inflict upon the land.
Thank you,
Jerie Murphy
- A signer in Juneau* It's the line in the sand. If any part of the refuge is given over to oil and gas, then the companies will ask for more. There are alternatives to oil and gas.
- A signer in Juneau* We need to protect wilderness areas. Fossil fuel is not renewable and we deserve a more sustainable.
- A signer in Sitka* I am a 75 year old longtime resident of Alaska, I've lived on the North Slope and have traveled widely in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I strongly believe that the highest, best, and most sustainable use for the Refuge is for tourism, recreation, subsistence hunting and fishing, carbon sequestration, and long term storage of oil in case of future need. America has become increasingly energy independent because of new oil recovery technology, so there is a diminishing need for North Slope oil. And in this time of escalating climate change, especially in the arctic region, it is both unnecessary and unwise to exploit the Arctic Refuge for this purpose. Finally, every other part of the North Slope is already available for petrochemical development. There is simply no justification for opening this one small corner that our predecessors were wise enough to maintain in its original unaltered condition, for the benefit of all people This is why it was named the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, rather than the Arctic National Industrial Area. Thank you for considering this Alaskan's testimony.
- A signer in Fairbanks* I have grown up exploring the Arctic Refuge and have made so many memories there and I want other people to have the same chance.
- A signer in Anchorage* Because it is iconic wilderness, important caribou calving grounds, important to the Gwich'in way of life, important as a tourism destination, very beautiful, and perhaps the one place on earth that should remain in its original natural condition where most humans leave only footprints and take home memories and a sense of awe.
- A signer in Anchorage* We cannot afford to burn Arctic oil if we are to maintain a livable planet.

<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	We must protect the coastal plain of ANWR at all cost because it is the birthing grounds of the Porcupine Caribou herd. There is no other place like it in the world.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	To many natural habitats are being lost. Save what we have, Please. Do it now, Please.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	One of the last unspoiled wilderness areas of this scale and importance on earth.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Because we do not how important to the global ecosystem the Arctic (Refuge) really is.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Can't replace it.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	We have to stop this nonsense and move forward aggressively to green energy. We can not continue to live in the past while we melt away our home land planet and all there in. This drilling causes fracking, disruption of sea mammals lives with noise and ecosystem and much more revealed by science.
<i>A signer in Cordova</i>	Because visiting Alaska is on everyone's bucket list, and they aren't visiting to see oil wells.
<i>A signer in Palmer</i>	We need to develop alternative sources of energy and we have the talent to accomplish this goal.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	OIL DESTROYS EVERYTHING!!!! MOVE TO SAFE WIND AND SOLAR!!!
<i>A signer in Wasilla</i>	Life, clean water, Salmon forever, people with natural heathy food, beauty,comon sense and protecting earths future, honoring cycles of life...not death, solution and ugliness of an oil spill when solar and cleaner fuels will save us.
<i>A signer in Sitka</i>	Keep the Arctic animals safe.
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	And still , seeing what our dependence on oil brings, we are told major substitutes. At the same time we are giving breaks for oil, we cut the permanent fund, education, assistance to vounerable population, and create income tax. I know we need to fix the budget, but seems like we kerp repeating the same thing exspecting different results

A signer in Fairbanks This is NOT OK!! I do not support drilling in the Arctic Refuge at all. This area is a delicate ecosystem , yes that is science which I know the current administration does not believe in or any facts or evidence. I hear they like lies and "alternative facts" . So do the right thing and STAY THE HELL OUT OF THE ARCTIC REFUGE!

A signer in Ester We should be turning our attention to alternative energy and not to destroying a place of natural balance. There is so very left of crucial habitat on earth. The Refuge can't be damaged because we can't make the shift away from fossil fuel. We are behind so many Countries in the world who recognize the need for caution

A signer in Kodiak Finding a way to use even more hydrocarbon fuels is not going to help mitigate future disasters coming because of Climate Change.

A signer in Anchorage Any spills would be disastrous. We don't need another spill like Exxon-Valdez. We don't have access to a clean up like the Exxon-Valdez. The oil industry can't undo the damage it would cause. Leave the Arctic Refuge alone!

A signer in Fairbanks Our nation's commitment to preserving iconic natural areas is more important than squeezing the lat drops or petroleum out of our lands, especially given the international momentum away from fossil fuels.

A signer in Fairbanks Preserved land is the greatest resource when taking the long view.

A signer in Wasilla I believe it is important to protect our wild lands and important areas such as the Arctic Refuge for the caribou and other wildlife.

A signer in Fritz Creek I think ANWR deserves protection. The Audubon Society reported a hefty decline in the caribou population in the last 6 years that is attributed to oil and gas infrastructure. Alaskan legislators do not represent my views when they support ANWR drilling.

A signer in Healy Leave Oil in the ground. Alternative enegy is the present. Better to opt and embrace this technology.

A signer in Wasilla Alaska is more than the oil it produces. We love the natural beauty of Alaska and hope to preserve it for future generations. We need to start moving away from the oil industry, it isn't going to sustain alaska for much longer. Let's be prepared sooner rather than later.

A signer in Anchorage The Arctic Refuge is the and unique ecosystem that supports a rich diversity of life in the arctic. Oil Production is not needed at this is not needed, especially at a time of changing climate that has be spurred by burning fossil fuels. Allowing a big oil industry in a fragile environment is not a good sustainable choice for Alaskans and the natural flora and fauna, at a time when we should be investing in alternative energy choices to curb global warming.

A signer in Anchorage Creating jobs is one thing but destroying the Alaska environment in hopes of creating jobs is a terrible idea. Please be careful in deciding to legislate opening areas of Alaska to drilling.

A signer in Juneau Protecting our environment is more important than drilling for oil.

A signer in Anchorage This area is more important as a wildlife refuge. We don't need the oil now or in the near future.

A signer in Sitka It's wild and amazing and is a home to so many of God's holy creatures that nest and reproduce there. We need to keep this place sacred.

A signer in Sutton Pursuit of oil destroys irreplaceable Alaskan assets

A signer in Anchorage The coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge is an integral part of this ecosystem that encompasses an Arctic landscape from the Arctic Ocean to the south Slope of the Brooks Range. Protecting the coastal plain is critically important for maintaining the ecological integrity of this national wildlife refuge.

A signer in Anchorage Maintain healthy ocean life and biodiversity.

A signer in Anchorage We need to preserve our beautiful land

A signer in Douglas The time of big oil is over. The time is now to concentrate on renewables like ever other forward thinking country on the planet is doing.

A signer in Anchorage The Arctic Refuge's Coastal Plain is an essential birthing place for many species of wildlife and is also of great value to Alaska's Gwichin people.

A signer in Anchorage The petroleum reserve is set aside for natural resource extraction. The wildlife refuge is set aside for wildlife and subsistence needs. This should not change. Humankind should not destroy the few remaining wilderness areas.

A signer in Anchorage This land is unique. It is pristine. It is time to look at other sources of energy than oil and even gas. We can save a natural ecosystem from change and destruction by using and supporting other sources of energy.

A signer in North Pole There is a Cree Indian proverb that states "only when the last tree has died, and the last river been poisoned, and the last fish been caught, will we realize that we cannot eat money." We need to protect these resources while we still have them, because they are not unlimited, and once they're completely gone we won't get a second chance.

A signer in Palmer Drilling in the Arctic Refuge is clearly stupid when the cost to drill and sell oil to the Oil companies exceeds the income.

A signer in Juneau The wildlife and wilderness deserve protection.

A signer in Fritz Creek I am a resident of Wiseman, Alaska and live in the Arctic. I used to work on an oil platform and have seen firsthand, how devastating an industrial accident can be to the environment. Alaska should explore other cleaner methods of energy. I strongly am against drilling in the Arctic, Even though many oil companies are actively trying to be more environmentally friendly, oil is the energy of the past. It's time to look to a cleaner more sustainable future for Alaska and its residents.

A signer in Talkeetna As a life-long Alaskan I think it is important to protect the Refuge because it is such an important ecosystem in Alaska, and if damaged, would never be the same again. I live in Alaska because of its wild beauty and pristine landscape. There has to come a time when we say "enough!" to drilling and find an alternate solution. Lets make that time now.

A signer in Juneau The poles regulate the oceans that regulate the atmosphere that regulates land masses while ALL regulate calories available for your, mine & OUR consumption! Don't mess with the Arctic!

A signer in Anchorage We need to save our wild and beautiful places for future generations.

A signer in Fairbanks Because it's one of the last untouched environments in the US. Let's leave it that way. It's worth more than a barrel of oil and the destruction its extraction causes to the land.

A signer in Cordova Pristine wilderness; keep the oil in the ground.

A signer in Homer Business has its place. But its place cannot be all over the entire planet. There must remain natural spaces for this earth - and ALL its inhabitants - to survive.

- A signer in Anchorage* Not all Alaskans support drilling fracking and corporate land grabs. Nor do they support anti science or grabbing of federal land by the state or any other entity.
- A signer in Homer* There is enough oil in the US without introducing the industry into the pristine Arctic Wildlife Refuge. Please do not drill in the Arctic.
- A signer in Big Lake* The refuge is a safe haven for many migratory birds as well as our native Alaskan species (birds and mammals) a like.
If this refuge is lost to greed and money many birds, mammals and fish will die the land itself will become unsafe and the survival of many spices will be threatened as well as our own. We are all connected.
Open your eyes and your hearts wakeup before it is to late and there is nothing left. The survival of this earth and everything on it depends on us as the human race. We were not put here to kill and destroy everything we come into contact with.
We are here to love honor respect and cherish all life. Stand and be the voice of those who cannot speak as we do.
- I stand with the wildlife the land and the water.
My brothers and sisters I ask you stand strong with us
The voices of many cannot be ignored.
- A signer in Anchorage* Our future is about more than oil. There is plenty of oil elsewhere, but there's not many entirely intact ecosystems left. We need to protect the Refuge.
- A signer in Anchorage* It is clear that the Alaskan Economy depends on its wild places. I oppose selling Alaska's wild places to the highest bidder.
- A signer in Homer* It is a unique landscape that is home to untold plants and animals and should be protected and treasured, not used up for profit.
- A signer in Ward Cove* One of the last untrammeled placed in the United States of America. Every other place is being drilled and fracked. Leave this place alone. There is a glut of oil.
- A signer in Anchorage* A refuge is a place of safety. A place to take refuge from assault. A place to relax and be free from persecution. Honor this place of beauty and wildness. Recently there have been 2 other HUGE oil deposits discovered in the arctic that are not part of ANWR, so there is NO reason to drill in this federally protected refuge.
- A signer in Soldotna* We should be backing off oil and gas production, not increasing it. Invest in renewable resources and protect the Arctic Refuge.

- A signer in Talkeetna* It is a prime breeding ground for countless species and it is protected by an international treaty between the US and Canada. Drilling would violate that treaty.
- A signer in Fairbanks* We need to protect the wild places for future generations....AND for the current generation.
- A signer in Anchorage* There is no where like it - tourist love our state for its wilderness, wildlife and nature
- A signer in Ninilchik* ANWR must be preserved. I've lived in the arctic and know how fragile this environment is. The land and the oceans surrounding Alaska, and ANWR in particular, are to be preserved for all life. Do not let greed and "progress" destroy our land. No more drilling for fossil fuels. We should be growing hemp for biofuel and other uses. Actually, there are ways to adapt our vehicles to clean burning water free energy. Why not invest in that instead? It would provide just as many jobs, boost our economy, and save our environment. Think outside the box and take your hands out of the corporate lobbying cookie jar. And while you're at it, leave Bristol Bay alone too. Thank you!
- A signer in Fairbanks* The Arctic Refuge is a world natural treasure. Refuse to allow destruction of these public lands and waters just for short term benefit today. Protect this Alaskan treasure for our children, grandchildren and future generations.
- A signer in Kaktovik* we must save the arctic refuge for future generations. 95% of the arctic is available f.or drilling, we must save the last 5%.
- A signer in Juneau* The amazing calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou herd. I've rafted the Kongakut River and experienced the thousands of caribou that the Arctic Village people rely on for their subsistence way of life. Amazing place!!
- A signer in Anchorage* The Arctic Refuge is sacred land to the Gwichin. The solution to Alaska's economic difficulties does not lie in the fossil fuel industry. We must defend indigenous rights and make a rapid, immediate transition toward renewable energy.
- A signer in Anchorage* Almost the entire North Slope is an industrial complex with oil & gas facilities and gathering pipelines stretching from the Arctic Wildlife Refuge to Teshekpuk Lake, It is vital that at least a this last remnant of what was special about this unique area is preserved. DO NOT OPEN the 1002 area to development!

A signer in Petersburg Climate change is a fact. We don't need to expand our use of fossil fuels at this time.

A signer in Kodiak We need wilderness for our mental health and recreation, we don't need more oil and gas now or ever.

A signer in Seward It is not necessary to disrupt and pollute the entire planet for a commodity we need to stop using!

A signer in Wasilla I've witnessed the pollution of beautiful wild places in Wyoming first hand because of the Jonah Field. The public lands become restricted from the public, the wildlife vacate the region, the air and water are polluted, and can't be reclaimed. Please protect this last great Alaskan Frontier.

A signer in Anchorage No oil company is prepared to drill in the Arctic. Shell Oil has made that horrifyingly clear! The wildlife is already stressed by climate change and the area is WAY too vulnerable to allow Big Oil to operate there.

A signer in Anchorage This has been set aside for future generations. Currently we do not need to expand oil drilling.

A signer in Palmer The highest and best use of the coastal plain is to leave it as wilderness!

A signer in Fairbanks This area acts as a huge carbon sink and summer breeding grounds to hundreds of thousands of birds. The indigenous people who live here are already fighting for survival; Development comes with irreparable loss of habitat.

A signer in Anchorage Please preserve this vast area of wilderness. I believe it has the right to remain that way, unharmed by short-sighted resource extraction. Once our remaining wild areas disappear they are gone forever. I'm a born and raised second generation Alaskan, and my opinion matters.

A signer in Ketchikan Are you kidding? It's God's great expanse - not the US's, not Canada's, it's everyone's!

A signer in Fairbanks It is my duty as a citizen to protect the wild lands of Alaska for future generations of humans and other creatures of the Earth

A signer in Cordova Irreplaceable! Oil Kills!

A signer in Fairbanks It is sacred. And, we need it for local to planetary health.

<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	I love nature, the stuff God made. I do not care about an oil company's profits or a stupid corporation or person getting richer.
<i>A signer in Denali National Park And Preserve</i>	Oil development in the Arctic Refuge--and anywhere in the Alaskan Arctic, for that matter--is the wrong move at a time when climate change is already affecting our communities, especially those who have the most to lose from the loss of resources that development would entail. We want a future free from dependence on industries that wreak havoc on our lands, climate, and economies, and increased Arctic oil development is not part of that future.
<i>A signer in Douglas</i>	Continuing to rely on fossil fuels is self-destructive. We need to stop catering to the oil industry and take a stand as a country to protect our irreplaceable environments and pursue renewable energy source.
<i>A signer in Girdwood</i>	We should protect the refuge because it is the right thing to do. For the animals, the land and the people. Tourism to see "The Last Frontier" is a major industry in Alaska. Drilling for more oil is not the best choice for the future of our environment or long term for our economy.
<i>A signer in Indian</i>	It is crucial for protecting the wildlife that the local Inupiat of Kaktovik as well as the Gwich'in depend on for nutritional and cultural purposes, and for a sense of identity and spiritual meaning.
<i>A signer in Juneau</i>	I do not favor short term benefits of drilling for oil over long term land and critter well being.
<i>A signer in Wasilla</i>	Most of the state is open to drilling for oil. This area should be left as one of one of the few areas of pristine wilderness left in this country.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Oil is a declining commodity, If we continue to rely so heavily on fossil fuels without a smooth transition into renewables there will be no wilderness left to explore.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	The Arctic Refuge hosts the largest concentration of polar bear denning sites in the United States. For this and other reasons, President Eisenhower was the first to protect this extraordinary place for current and future generations.
<i>A signer in Chugiak</i>	Because we need to respect the enviornment

A signer in Anchorage Because there is no other way to preserve this important niche in our ecosystem. It's simply the only right thing to do, as we MUST be developing alternatives to the archaic use of oil & other fossil fuels. Failing in this, we too are doomed to become fossils.

A signer in Gustavus The environmental impacts of any kind of oil spill under the ice would have permanent and devastating impacts. Please don't allow this on your watch!!

A signer in Fairbanks The Arctic Refuge is the greatest wilderness in North America.

A signer in Trapper Creek For every reason you just spoke of.

A signer in Anchorage Because we need to find sustainable and progressive ways to fuel our state and world!

A signer in Wasilla There is no need to develop the protected lands, wildlife and human inhabitants in the Arctic REFUGE. Oil development and infrastructure improvements on existing oil fields in the Arctic are where the companies can best utilize the money they are being given by the state and THEY know this. Oil is going to go the way of coal due to the rise of clean energy - as it should because we are evolving towards it. Ruining the Arctic REFUGE with development of a fuel that will be less profitable in the near future would be a very big mistake. Already, the state is losing money on oil. Let's stop bleeding money to the oil companies and look at investing in the FUTURE where homes and businesses can run on clean energy and pump the money saved into the economy not to mention doing OUR PART to stop the melting of our ice, shorelines and tundra. Alaska is the only state in the US with arctic habitat therefore it is a national treasure we need to protect for generations to come. As an Alaskan, I choose to protect what's left of the Arctic for us as a state as well as us as a nation. Especially considering the future will not pay for or possibly want that oil. They may, if fact, wish to travel there with the money they are saving by having more money in their pockets by using clean energy instead of oil to make our modern life happen as we enjoy it today.

A signer in Anchorage I want to see as much of Alaska preserved as possible! I believe we can find smart solutions rather than exploit Alaska's incredibly rare and valuable wilderness.

A signer in Palmer It is our moral obligation to protect this place, one of America's last wild landscapes, for future generations and for the people that depend on its resources for their cultural survival.

<i>A signer in Denali Park</i>	Keep a slice of what is left of the Arctic Coastal Plain so that future generations can experience it as it is.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Oil development is shortsighted.
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	Once we drill the wilderness is forever lost
<i>A signer in Fairbanks</i>	One Earth is all we get.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	Protecting wild places and the people and wildlife they have long sustained is an invaluable act of conservation essential for sustaining future generations. This long-term priority is far more difficult to realize than today's popular obsession with short-term gain. Please consider doing what is wise. Protect the Arctic for future generations.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	The Arctic Refuge needs to remain an intact ecosystem for the people and animals who live in the region. Once the land is destroyed with industrial impacts, it will take generations to ever restore it. The impacts aren't limited to simple migration shifts. Oil ruins the way of life for these people and animals, and lives are more important than profit.
<i>A signer in Juneau</i>	This area is not just a barren bit of land to exploit. It is one of the last undisturbed plains crucial for the survival of many of our arctic creatures that are under assault. The Porcupine caribou herd needs that land. As the sea ice diminishes the polar bears are going to need that land to survive. Waterfowl nest there in great numbers as well as voles, lemmings, arctic owls, arctic foxes and myriad smaller birds and other animals. We need to save these open spaces for the wealth of species and not for the wealth of a few oil companies. Concentrate on finding better alternatives to oil and gas because once you destroy that area you won't get it back.
<i>A signer in Ketchikan</i>	Too many animals live and breed there, I'm not OK with any of this!
<i>A signer in Eagle River</i>	We need to keep Alaska beautiful and respect the inhabitants of the land by preserving their home.
<i>A signer in Anchorage</i>	We need to start investing in alternative revenue sources for our state and protect our wildlands.

A signer in Anchorage

We should protect the Arctic Refuge because of its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd and the Gwich'in People. Oil and gas activities have far-reaching impacts that will permanently scar and alter the Coastal Plain of the Refuge. We shouldn't trade one of our most treasured public lands for short-term profits. The Refuge is too special to drill.