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**Arctic Senate champions to lead amendment to strike SENR Instructions
304 businesses and organizations to Congress: protect the Arctic Refuge**

WASHINGTON – Senate champions will lead a vote on an amendment to strike the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Reconciliation (SENR) Instructions from the FY18 Senate Budget Resolution. This is the vote is aimed at preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from being included in the larger budget-tax bill. [The amendment](#) will be offered by Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Edward Markey (D-MA) and Michael Bennet (D-CO).

Today, [304 businesses and organizations from all 50 states and Washington DC](#) sent a letter to Congress asking them to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from drilling.

Statement by Adam Kolton, Executive Director, Alaska Wilderness League:

“For decades, Congress has voted to protect the Arctic Refuge – because of the unwavering support of the American people. Today, 304 businesses and organizations sent a letter to ask Congress to stand with the vast majority of Americans who want the Refuge protected for future generations, not squandered for a short-term speculative fix of oil that would be gone in a generation, if it exists at all. There is no good reason to sacrifice ‘Americas Serengeti’ and put at risk the polar bears, caribou and other iconic wildlife of this last great wilderness.

We appreciate the leadership of our Arctic champions Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Edward Markey (D-MA) and Michael Bennet (R-CO) and others who are leading this fight to ensure that the Arctic Refuge the wildest place left in America.”

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The Arctic Refuge is one of our nation’s most majestic places, home to the Porcupine Caribou Herd, musk oxen, wolves, imperiled polar bears, and nearly 200 species of migratory birds that migrate to six continents and all 50 states.



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