



Campaign to Protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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Dear Congressman Katko,

We, the undersigned on behalf of our members in your district, write to ask you to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, and ensure that drilling for oil in this sensitive landscape is not included in the budget process. We represent a broad and diverse constituency voice that proves that folks across this district deeply appreciate our nation's wild spaces. We urge you to continue to do all you can to enact the strongest possible protections for the Arctic landscape, its wildlife and its people.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of our nation's most iconic wild areas and it deserves our most enduring legal protections. An immense wilderness, bursting with biodiversity and framed by the aweinspiring Brooks Mountain Range, the Arctic Refuge is pristine, it is spectacular, sacred to the Gwich'in Nation and it belongs to all Americans. For more than 50 years, our country has remained committed to protecting this unparalleled landscape, particularly its sensitive Coastal Plain. We want to make sure that it remains off-limits to exploration and development for the sake of our climate, the people and the animals that rely on the land, and future generations yet to experience its magic.

Since 1980, Congress has successfully protected the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from backdoor attempts to drill for oil and gas in this sensitive ecosystem. We believe that controversial Arctic Refuge drilling language does not belong in the budget process, and, in fact, threatens any must-pass legislation. Recent polling by the Center on American Progress shows that two-thirds of Americans are opposed to drilling in the Refuge, with a majority "strongly opposed."

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a national treasure. Drilling here would devastate the ecosystem, We thank you and your staff for recognizing this by doing all you can to protect the Arctic Refuge and ensuring that it avoids any backdoor attempts to develop it, including the national budget process.

Sincerely

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