October 19, 2017

Dear Senator/Representative,

On behalf of our millions of members in your district and across the country, we 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 country 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 awe-inspiring Brooks Mountain Range, the Arctic Refuge is pristine, it is spectacular, 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, and we want to make sure that it remains off-limits to exploration and development for future generations to experience.

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. 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.

Alaska

5th Avenue Design

Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Alaskans for Wildlife

Animal Daycare & Boarding

Arctic Connections

Arctic Treks

Colin Tyler Photography

Eyak Preservation Council

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition

Friends of Alaska National Wildlife

Refuges

Girdwood for Wilderness Protection

Gustavus Inn

Gwich'in Steering Committee

Haber Vision

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Native Movement

Northern Alaska Environmental Center

Trustees for Alaska

Yukon River Inter-tribal Watershed

Council

Alabama

Earth Creations, Inc.

Arkansas

Arkansas Climate Advocates

Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light

Arkansas Renewable Energy Assn.

Arizona

Arizona Native Plant Society

Audubon Arizona

Desert Rivers Audubon Society

Environment Arizona

Friends of San Pedro River

Grand Canyon Trust

Grand Canyon Wildlands Council

Maricopa Audubon Society

Northern Arizona Audubon Society

River Runners for Wilderness

Sonoran Audubon Society

Tucson Audubon

White Mountain Audubon Society

California

Californians for Western Wilderness

Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation

Central Sierra Environmental Resource

Center

Environment California

Environmental Protection Information

Center

Friends of Plumas Wilderness

Global Exchange

Kalamath Forest Alliance

Latino Outdoors

Live Nation

Pacific Environment

Project Coyote

Sierra Foothill Audubon Society

Sierra Forest Legacy

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The Regeneration Project/Interfaith

Power & Light

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Environmental Colorado

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Pine Needle Mountaineering

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Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Rocky Mountain Wild

San Juan Citizens Alliance

San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council

Sheep Mountain Alliance

St. Barnabas of the Valley Episcopal

Church

Vet Voice Foundation

Connecticut

Cetacean Society International

Connecticut League of Conservation

Voters

Connecticut Shoreline Indivisible

Environment Connecticut

Delaware

Delaware Chapter of Sierra Club

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Children & Families

Environment Delaware

Florida

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Farmworker Association of Florida

Florida Conservation Voters

Florida Council of Churches

Florida Division, Izaak Walton League

Land is Life

St. Lucie Audubon Society

Georgia

Chattooga Conservancy

Environment Georgia

Georgia ForestWatch

Speak out for Species

Hawaii

Conservation Council of Hawaii

Idaho

Idaho Conservation League

Winter Wildlands Alliance

Illinois

Environment Illinois

Peoria Audubon Society

Indiana

Charles Rupley & Associates

South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society

Iowa

Blue Water Ventures

Environment Iowa

Iowa Audubon

Iowa Environmental Council

Loess Hills Audubon Society

Scott Community College Environmental

Club

Kansas

Audubon Kansas

Huddle

Kansas Ornithological Society

Kentucky

Appalachian Citizens Law Center, Inc

Louisiana

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Maine

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Environment Maine

Environmental Protection Information

Center

Gulf of Maine Bookstore

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Maine Conservation Voters

Natural Resource Council of Maine

Polaris Associates

RESTORE: The North Woods

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Maryland

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Environment Maryland

Nuclear Information and Resource

Service

Rachel Carson Council

Massachusetts

Beacon InHome

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Environmental League of

Massachusetts

Global Urban Solutions

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Michigan

Avalanche Music

Environment Michigan

Recipe Garden

Western Michigan Environmental Action

Council

Minnesota

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Alliance for Sustainability

Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis

Audubon Minnesota

Austin Audubon

Blue Lake Studio

Central Minnesota Audubon

Environment Minnesota

Howling for Wolves

Jacques Chapter, Izaak Walton League

Mankato Area Environmentalists

Minnesota Conservation Federation

Minnesota Division, Izaak Walton

League

Minnesota Ornithologist Union

MN350

Morning Earth

Red Cardinal Farm

St. Croix River Association

Three-legged Frog Environmental Club

W.J. McCabe Chapter, Izaak Walton

League

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Walton League

Wild River Audubon Society

Wilderness in the City

Wilderness Watch

Wintergreen Dogsled and Lodge

Wintermoon Summersun Adventures

Woman Observing Wildlife

Zumbro Valley Audubon

Mississippi

Jackson Audubon Society

Missouri

Environment Missouri

Greater Ozarks Audubon Society

Montana

Environment Montana

Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Polar Bear International

Revolution House Media

Nebraska

Audubon Society of Omaha

Wachiska Audubon Society

Nevada

Environment Nevada

Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Nevada Conservation League

New Hampshire

Alternative Sales

Environment New Hampshire

New Hampshire Chapter of Sierra Club

The Little Nature Museum

Upper Valley Sierra Club

New Jersey

Environment New Jersey

Hackensack Riverkeeper

Ocean County Sierra Club

The Arctic Cycle

The Fyke Nature Association

New Mexico

Conservation Voters New Mexico

Ecotone Landscape Planning, LLC

Environment New Mexico

LaCueva Guardians

New Mexico Sportsmen

New Mexico Wildlife Federation

Rio Grande Valley Broadband

Rivers & Birds

Round Ideas Institute

Santa Fe Conservation Trust

Tribal Environmental Policy Center

WildEarth Guardians

Wildlife Conservation Advocacy SW

New York

Adirondack Council

Energy21 LTD

Environment New York

Land is Life

Onondaga Audubon

Pack Paddle Ski Corp

Rock and Snow

Singing Gardens

North Carolina

Dogwood Alliance

Environment North Carolina

North Dakota

Bismark-Mandan Unitarian Universalist

Church

Prairie Fire Tours

Sierra Club Red River Group

Wildlife Adventures

Ohio

Appalachia Resist!

Beaver Creek Wetlands Association

CREDO

Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus

Environment Ohio

Headwaters Chapter, Izaak Walton

League

Ohio Environmental Council

Ohio Environmental Council Action

Fund

Oklahoma

High Flights Arts and Letters

Oregon

Audubon Society of Corvallis

Environment Oregon

Greater Hells Canyon Council

Oregon Insurance Lady

Rogue Valley Audubon

Salem Audubon Society

Soul River, Inc.

Southern Oregon Climate Action Now

Western Environmental Law Center

WildEarth Guardians

Vet Voice Foundation

Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning

Pennsylvania

Brian Bush Nature Center

Camels Hump Rain Barrels

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society

Nature Abounds

PennEnvironment

PennFuture

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Unitarian Universalists Pennsylvania

Legislative Action Network

Yonder Star Christmas Shot

Texas

Environment Texas

Texas Explorers Club

Texas League of Conservation Voters

Utah

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

Virginia

Environment Virginia

Rhode Island

Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Environment Rhode Island

Groundwork Providence

Klinkman Solar Design

Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light

Vermont

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Vermont Conservation Voters

Vermont Natural Resources Council

Vermont Public Interest Research

Group

South Carolina

South Carolina Coastal Conservation

League

Washington

Alaska Coalition of Washington

Aquatic Resource Conservation Group

Braided River

Central Iowa Sierra Club

Fearless Fund

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South Dakota

South Dakota Wildlife Federation

Tennessee

Foundation for Global Sustainability

Skagit Audubon

Wisconsin

Tropical Wings, INC

Wisconsin Environment

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

West Virginia

Friends of Blackwater

Wyoming

Inspired Citizen Advocates for Murie

Legacy

Wyoming Wilderness Association

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Alaska Wilderness League

American Bird Conservancy

American Rivers

Center for Biological Diversity

Clean Water Action

Defenders of Wildlife

Earthjustice

Environment America

Friends of the Earth

GreenLatinos

Greenpeace

International Fund for Animal Welfare

League of Conservation Voters

League of Women Voters of the United

States

National Audubon Society

National Wildlife Refuge Association

Natural Resource Defense Council

Outdoor Afro

Power Shift Network

Sierra Club

The Episcopal Church

The Wilderness Society

Voces Verdes

World Wildlife Fund