



# YOU CAN HELP SAVE THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The fate of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge hangs by a single thread—public involvement. The oil industry's drive to open the Refuge will succeed unless those who care about the Refuge make their voices heard.

Letters play an extremely important role in influencing Congress. Each letter received in a Congressional office represents a much larger segment of the voting public; a relatively few letters can make a significant impact. **PLEASE WRITE!**

Lengthy, involved letters aren't necessary. A short, simple expression of your desire to see the coastal plain protected is great. Just speak from the heart. A sample letter follows.

Honorable Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

I urge you to support wilderness protection for the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It is a true wilderness – big, beautiful, wild, and fragile. Its coastal plain is the calving ground for the 180,000 strong Porcupine caribou herd and home to musk oxen, grizzly bears, polar bears, wolverine, and numerous shorebirds and migratory waterfowl. Proposed oil development would destroy this wilderness and cause extensive environmental pollution and substantial wildlife population decline. Native peoples who rely upon the caribou for their way of life face severe cultural disruption and hardship.

Importantly, true national energy security does not lie in tapping the Refuge, but in using energy more efficiently and developing other energy sources. Readily affordable energy conservation measures presently being ignored – raising auto efficiency standards, encouraging solar technologies, improving building insulation, a much greater reliance on mass transit – would save America more oil each year than the most optimistic estimates of what might underly the Refuge. The Refuge is a national treasure which should be preserved, not used to provide a short term fix at a time when long range planning is critically needed.

Send letters to:

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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