

It is deeply disappointing to see that a majority of US Senators serving in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee are willing to commoditize the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, a priceless part of God's creation. This fragile, wild ecosystem is the ancestral homeland of the Gwich'in people, whose entire way of life could be destroyed by drilling. It is not too late for Congress to turn away from the idolatry of quick money, and to instead protect these irreplaceable sacred lands from harm.

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