Dear Sec. Haaland,

I have sent substantive comments regarding development of the proposed Willow oil and gas development project to President Biden's Administration, and include a copy of these (attached).  I want to reiterate that taking any but the No Action alternative would be contrary to the Administration's climate action goals, particularly the goal to significantly cut ghg emissions by 2050.  I am an Alaska resident and a former resident of the Alaskan arctic (Kotzeube).

The United States should be investing even more time and money into developing alternative energy resources, and ways to produce alternative energy that are less 'critical mineral' dependent.  (Alternatives to mined lithium are already being investigated to some success.)  Developing the Willow Project will lock the US into another 3 plus decades of high carbon dioxide and methane emissions.  Worse, much of these emissions will be in the Arctic, where we are already experiencing climate warming at a rate of 2 to 4 times that of the global average.  This will mean faster melting of permafrost and release of the high levels of methane stored there. The intractable, dangerous spiral of methane emissions/thaw/warm up/increased emissions that will result cannot be overstated .

In addition, this project is against the stated goals of environmental justice.  The village of Nuiqsut, which is the one most directly affected by this project, has written a letter detailing the health, subsistence resource, cultural and mental health effects of projects such as Willow on its peoples.

I urge you to select the No Action alternative to the Willow SEIS.  It is time that the mantra of "(temporary) jobs and economic benefit" be put in perspective when it means permanent  environmental damage, increased production of fossil fuels and reliance there on, and environmental injustice from damage to subsistence lifestyles and health of the local peoples.

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