

Opposition to ANWR development

To Congressman Don Young:

I recently learned from friends who were in Washington, D.C., that a large majority of congressional representatives seem to feel that "all Alaskans support opening the Arctic Refuge coastal plain to oil development." I'd like to point out that:

- I've lived in Alaska since 1961.
- About 95 percent of our friends and acquaintances do *not* favor development of the coastal plain.
- My family and I do *not* favor

development there either.

I was up in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge this summer for a week and a half and saw for myself what a treasure it truly is!

While I was there I identified more than 50 different wildflower species blooming almost at the same time, saw at least 40 different species of birds and, of course, saw all major species of wild animals (not to forget the myriad insects that were everywhere).

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The ANWR should become wilderness as an entire unit. Without the coastal plain, the rest of the ANWR would be vulnerable. Being the jewel that it is, it most certainly should be set aside intact for future generations, just as the Grand Canyon was, in spite of the presence of minerals there, too.

In light of our catastrophic spring oil spill in Alaska, I think we have adequate reason to *not* exploit the coastal plain of the ANWR.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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