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Dear Senator Cory Gardner and Senator Michael Bennet,

The undersigned Colorado businesses are writing to request that you protect and preserve the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by leaving the Refuge closed to oil and gas drilling. Outdoor recreation contributes substantially to our economy. In Colorado alone, our industry generates over \$4 billion in wages and salaries, almost \$1 billion in state and local tax revenue and over \$13 billion in consumer spending annually.

Our contribution to our economy, including the number of jobs and the amount of consumer spending we generate, is significant. So is our voice. We are powerful and our need to protect our public lands is crucial to our bottom lines and our quality of life.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a national treasure. It is an inspiring, wild landscape stretching from the Brooks Range to the Arctic Ocean, and is home to polar bears, wolves, migratory birds, and the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which consists of more than 180,000 animals. We have a moral responsibility to preserve and protect this precious American treasure for future generations.

We urge you to not open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to fossil fuel development. Drilling in Arctic is incredibly risky. The massive infrastructure needed to extract and transport the oil, as well as accompanying air, water, and noise pollution from drilling would have devastating impacts on this pristine and fragile natural area. Chronic spills of oil and other toxic substances in the fragile tundra would forever scar this now unspoiled land while disrupting its wildlife and harming indigenous populations that rely on the Arctic and its animals to maintain their traditional subsistence lifestyles.

Please hear our business voices, an economic powerhouse in our state, and do not allow any fossil fuel development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

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