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The Honorable Ro Khanna
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Khanna,

I am writing to you as your constituent and a concerned college student at UCSD regarding Conocophillips proposed Willow Project. In light of the news that the Biden administration will likely approve the Willow Project, I am urging you to denounce this decision and rescind your support for President Biden.

As proposed, the Willow project would release 9.2 million metric tons of annual carbon pollution into the atmosphere. That is the equivalent of adding nearly 2-million gas powered cars or nearly 60 coal-burning power plants. Given that we must reduce our emissions by 45% by 2030 to keep in line with the Paris climate accord, we cannot afford those levels of pollution.

However, not only is this project harmful for our environment, but it directly breaks one of President Biden's main campaign promises: to halt new oil and gas extraction from federal lands. With his reelection campaign approaching, Biden is attempting to shift his policies more towards the political center and appear attractive to a larger pool of voters. However, our planet is not a political playground. The arctic tundra, where the Willow project is slated to be built, is one of earth's last remaining pristine wilderness areas, home to thousands of migratory birds and endangered Caribou. Biden's lust for political power is not more important than these native species.

This is why I am calling on you to formally rescind your support for President Biden in the 2024 election. I know that on March 3rd, you cosigned a letter urging President Biden not to allow this project to happen, but now that he has, it is paramount to send a strong message of disapproval. The climate is our most important issue, and by rescinding your support for President Biden, you would be sending the message that democrats will not waver on the climate crisis. No party line is stronger than the future of our planet. A planet that my generation will inherit. And a planet that we must protect.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I look forward to future correspondence regarding how you can work to serve the interests of the next generation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean King