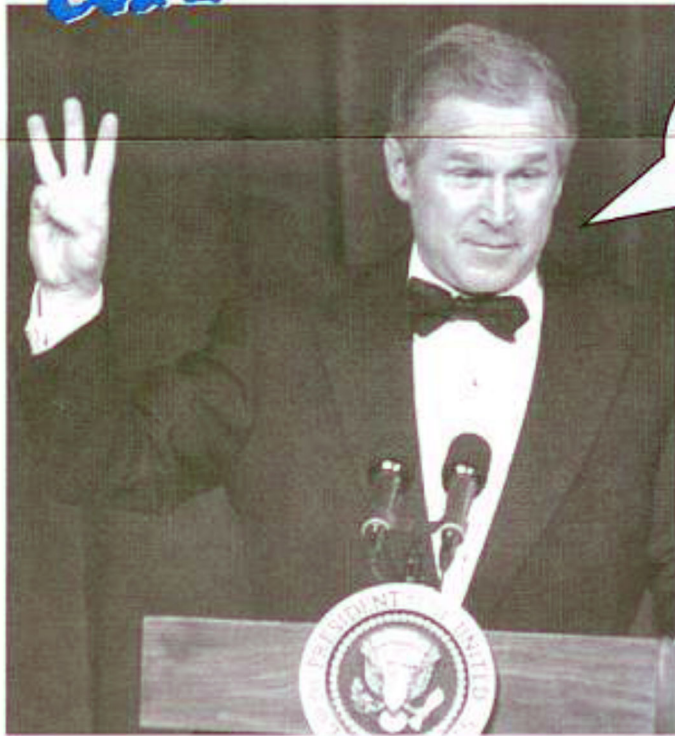


SAY NO to BUSH and BIG OIL!



**I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR
TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND
DEFEND MY PALS
IN THE OIL BUSINESS.**

**But who's going to protect labor,
consumers and the environment?**

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, set aside by President Eisenhower in 1960, is a great national treasure and the last place in North America where the full spectrum of Arctic life is protected. Oil and gas drilling is already permitted on nearly 95% of Alaska's North Slope lands, but the coastal plain remains unspoiled – for now.

If Bush, Cheney and Co. have their way, coastal plain drilling and related activities will irreparably harm and forever alter wildlife and marine habitats and native settlements, replacing them with hundreds of miles of roads and pipelines. Massive environmental damage would be inevitable and irreversible.

Remember, the coastal plain belongs to the American people, not the oil companies. As Sen. Joe Lieberman (Dem.-Conn.) has said, "Opening the Arctic Refuge to development violates our stewardship commitment to future generations, fails to use common sense about balancing the budget, and destroys a highly threatened piece of our American heritage."

This is not a partisan issue, either. Sen. Bob Smith (Rep.-N.H.) asserts, "I am determined to preserve the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as the national treasure it is today . . . [drilling there] will not reduce the price of gasoline and it will not reduce our dependence on foreign oil either today or in the future."

What Bush, Cheney and Big Oil try to portray as a new "national energy policy" is really a "get-richer-quicker" scheme that would only yield as much oil as Americans use in 4 to 6 months – a decade from now.

As the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* points out, "Bush and Cheney seem to be gearing up to push fuel consumption as though it were crack cocaine. This is a terrible policy. The energy crisis in this country, to the degree that one exists, is a crisis of fossil-fuel dependency."

Let's remind our representatives and senators that surrendering to Bush and Big Oil is politically perilous and morally inexcusable. Tell them our government must promote cleaner, more efficient technologies, encourage conservation and diversify energy sources – not hand out licenses to plunder and pollute.

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