



**Senate Tax Bill Sneaks in Provision to Open Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
to Oil and Gas Drilling**

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In response to the passage of the Senate tax bill, which sneaks in a provision to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling, Maine Conservation Voters Executive Director, Maureen Drouin, released the following statement:

“The Senate tax bill is a giveaway to corporations at the expense of the American people, including a provision buried deep within the bill to open the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling. Drilling in the Arctic Refuge will cause widespread pollution and harm to the wildlife and people who call this place home.

“We are disappointed that Senator Collins voted for a bill that hands the Arctic Refuge over to oil companies, and we urge her to protect our natural legacy by working to remove this damaging language before the bill becomes law.”