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Subject: No more drilling at the Padre Island National Seashore!

Sea turtles are extremely important to my family, as well as to many people I know. We all feel very blessed to have seen them visited areas where you can find sea turtle, and as an artist, I can assure you that many of us consider them important subjects. In fact I know art instructors who find that sea turtles are at the top of their list, as helpful and inspirational subject for teaching.

All parents and families are not only seriously impacted by this kind of destruction of our most precious resources, but are generally the most aware of the horror of this kind of damage against ourselves and our children, as well as all future generations. As you probably know, this is a nation very badly shaken by our collective horror at abuse and corruption, turned against our deepest held values in the name of soulless greed, e.g., "oil drilling". This awful example is one that can still represent a triumph for decency and truly human values; please do everything you possibly can. We are letting everyone we can know about this situation, so they can continue to help spread the word.

I'm asking that you do everything possible to bring an end to the drilling of gas wells on the Padre Island National Seashore and to encourage the administration to buy out those who own the mineral rights. The tranquility of the Padre Island National Seashore will be preserved as well as the nesting site for the Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Leila Merosands 1919 Evergreen Pk. Dr. Olympia, WA 98502 United States LeilaChandra@comcast.net