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Cc. Senator Carl Levin
Congressman Joe Knollenberg ✓

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to tell you about a family in our neighborhood. The children used to be very outgoing, energetic and playful. You could always see them interacting with the other children. They not only played well with the other children, but would share their toys and offer help to other kids. They were well dressed and cared for. But recently I've noticed that they seem withdrawn. Their clothes are tattered and dirty. I'm not saying they are starving, but they aren't being cared for properly. We have been told that they have a pantry full of food, but that the pantry is kept locked by the parents.

The parents of the children don't seem to care about the wellbeing of their children. They seem to ignore their kids, leaving them to fend for themselves. The parents make a very good income while working short hours. They still maintain an extravagant lifestyle; dressing well, driving new cars, going on expensive vacations and eating out often. If there is any type of event in the area, they will be there, living large. They continue on as if everything is fine at home.

The grand parents have attempted to intervene and tried to get the parents to be more attentive to the needs of their children, but to no avail. They have tried repeatedly to get the parents to listen to children and to get the pantry unlocked. The children ***need*** nourishment! But the self-centered parents have ignored the pleas of the children and grandparents, and continue to live their high lifestyle. We are all disappointed with the actions of the parents.

You see, Mr. President, in this story the children are the citizens of the United States. The parents are our elected officials in Washington, and you are the grandparents. The pantry is our oil reserve in Alaska. Please continue in your endeavor to allow drilling for oil in ***our*** country.

Sincerely,

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