



National Association of Conservation Districts

June 8, 2010

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murkowski:

On behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and America's 3,000 conservation districts, I write to voice our strong support for S.J. Res. 26, disapproving the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.

NACD believes that the EPA should not move forward with its proposed greenhouse gas regulations. A top-down, regulatory approach with limited public involvement is not the appropriate means for addressing such a complex issue with wide-ranging economic effects. Congress should engage in an open and honest discussion regarding our nation's energy policy.

We support voluntary, locally-led conservation efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Many districts are already working with landowners on carbon reduction and sequestration efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. We continue to support the development of technology that facilitates cleaner use of fossil fuels and expansion of renewable energy from wind, solar, biomass and geothermal sources.

Furthermore, any plan to reduce greenhouse gases should be scientifically sound and recognize the contributions of agriculture, forestry and community conservation efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions via robust offset markets.

Thank you for your leadership. We look forward to working with you as we continue to provide the benefits of natural resource conservation across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Robinson'.

Steve Robinson
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