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## Maine Update

January 19, 2010

### **ACTION ALERT: Protect the EPA's Ability to Regulate Green House Gases**

*Contact Senators Snowe and Collins TODAY, urge them to oppose Murkowski's legislative "mischief."*

Senator Collins  
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(202) 224-2523

Senator Snowe  
[email](#)  
(800) 432-1599

Now that the EPA has become the best hope for timely and meaningful regulation of green house gases, Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska wants to strip its regulatory power away. This Wednesday, Murkowski will likely introduce an amendment to Senate bill 1733 that would, according to a [New York Times editorial published yesterday](#), "block for one year any effort by the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide."

But that's not all. The Times notes other "mischief."

"Ms. Murkowski also is mulling a 'resolution of disapproval' that would ask the Senate to overturn the E.P.A.'s recent "endangerment finding" that carbon dioxide and other global warming gases threaten human



Sen. Murkowski with Pres. Bush

health and the environment. This finding flowed from a 2007 Supreme Court decision and is an essential precondition to any regulation governing greenhouse gases. Rescinding the finding would repudiate years of work by America's scientists and public health experts."

### **February 23: Urge Maine Lawmakers to Pass Important Toxics Controls**

*Alliance for a Clean and Health Maine Lobby Day  
Maine State Capitol  
Tuesday, February 23, 2010*



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When considering public health legislation, law makers in Augusta listen to health care professionals. Please make your powerful voice heard by joining us at February 23rd's public health lobbying effort at the Capitol. **Pesticide controls** and **electronics recycling** top our legislative agenda this session.

You don't have to be an expert on these issues to attend. You need only express your concern for the environment and human health. We'll provide you with the specific info you'll need to speak knowledgeably with legislators.

Come speak out in favor of the Responsible Recycling Bill, [LD 1631](#), which directs producers to collect and recycle the products they manufacture at the end of the products' life cycle. While most consumer products can be recycled, the vast majority still end up in the trash, including many that contain hazardous chemicals.

Come talk to you legislator about the public health benefits of notifying neighbors about pesticide spraying. You'd be supporting amendments to streamline last year's pesticide notification bill ([LD 1547](#)).

Or, simply express your general support for strong environmental laws and regulations to protect the people and the beauty of Maine.

This lobby day is organized and sponsored by the Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine, of which PSR Maine is a member.

[Contact us](#) to RSVP or ask questions.

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