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The United States Senate  
Washington D.C., 20510

Dear Senator:

The undersigned national organizations, with a strong commitment to environmental public health issues, write in opposition to a potential amendment or "Resolution of Disapproval" by Senator Lisa Murkowski that would overturn or temporarily block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) endangerment finding for six greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

On December 7, 2009, EPA issued final findings that the greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change constitute a danger to public health and welfare. Some of the public health effects of climate change cited in EPA's announcement include: increased likelihood of more frequent and intense heat waves, more wildfires, degraded air quality, more flooding, increased drought, more intense storms, harm to water resources and harm to agriculture. Given the serious public health implications of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations, we believe overturning EPA's endangerment finding is bad public health policy, and simply bad public policy.

We strongly urge you to oppose any amendment or Resolution of Disapproval to overturn or restrict EPA's greenhouse gas endangerment finding.

Sincerely,

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