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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and our over four million members and supporters, I am writing to urge you to oppose Sen. Murkowski's resolution (S.J. Res. 26) or any other proposal which seeks to undermine, limit, or otherwise delay use of the Clean Air Act to reduce pollution that contributes to climate change. These "Dirty Air Act" proposals would overturn the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent scientific determination that climate change endangers public health, wildlife, and the environment. And all of these bills would allow unlimited emissions of carbon pollution from the biggest corporate polluters and stall the growth in clean energy jobs by creating uncertainty about the government's commitment to a cleaner energy future.

Hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts from across the country support action to reduce global warming pollution in order to safeguard fish, wildlife, and their habitats which provide ecosystem services and quality of life for our citizens. The Clean Air Act has a strong and proven track record of protecting public health along with our lakes, forests, wildlife, national parks, and other natural treasures from untold damage while allowing our economy to prosper.

In 2007, the Supreme Court spoke clearly on the government's neglected responsibility to address climate change under the Clean Air Act. Over the last year, the EPA has moved forward as directed by the Supreme Court, developing sensible measures to focus the Clean Air Act efforts on tailpipe emissions from new vehicles and on the biggest corporate polluters. The tailpipe standards that have already been proposed enjoy broad support from auto manufacturers, auto workers, and conservation groups. And they will promote our energy security by eliminating the need to import millions of barrels oil from foreign sources.

Moreover, the EPA has stepped forward to reasonably limit carbon pollution controls under the Act to only the largest pollution sources. Under this "tailoring rule," small sources like hotels, hospitals, and schools will not be impacted and coverage of the largest stationary sources will not begin until 2011. These common sense actions should be promoted, not prevented, so we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil, jumpstart the modernization and retooling of our industries, and protect our public health and environment.

Starting the year, and the new decade, with action to deny the science of climate change and to block the Clean Air Act is a step backward in Congress' efforts to create clean energy jobs and provide clean air. Instead, Congress should focus its attention on getting comprehensive climate and energy

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legislation to the President's desk this year. Only through completion of such legislation can Congress deliver more jobs, energy independence, and faster pollution reductions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Schweiger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry Schweiger
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