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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Blue Green Alliance, I urge you to **oppose** Sen. Murkowski's amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill. This amendment would prohibit funds from being used by the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate greenhouse gases from any other source other than a mobile source. In effect, this amendment would prevent the EPA from performing the task the Supreme Court decided it was fully capable of doing over two years ago.

Addressing climate change will move our country toward a more prosperous and sustainable clean energy economy. Any effort to stop or even slow the progress toward that goal is an effort to stop the emergence of the clean energy economy.

If passed, this amendment would send a clear signal to the rest of the world that Congress is willing to delay action on climate change. Rather than heading into Copenhagen in December with leverage and a head of steam, our negotiators will walk in empty-handed.

The Murkowski amendment will seriously hamper the efforts of the EPA to implement the climate legislation Congress passes. The EPA would be prohibited from being able to collect information necessary for vital programs such as carbon-capture and sequestration, early offsets, and allowance distribution to energy and trade intensive manufacturers. Rather than having our necessary agencies poised to implement these vital policies, this amendment will ensure they are ill prepared and potentially ineffective.

Regardless of what the proponents of this amendment say, the true goal of the Murkowski amendment is to put the brakes on the clean energy economy. We are facing a critical juncture where many other nations are far outpacing us in investments and jobs in clean energy technology and manufacturing. While the Blue Green Alliance believes that Congress will eventually provide the best solution for addressing climate change, we cannot take an action that will delay America's investment in clean energy.

Vote NO on the Murkowski amendment.

Sincerely,



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