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North Dakota Scientists Urge “No” Vote on Murkowski Resolution

JAMESTOWN – Members of the North Dakota Climate Solutions Partnership Scientific Advisory Group have joined nearly 2,000 scientists nationwide urging the US Senate to vote “no” on a resolution aimed at stripping EPA’s authority to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act(CAA).

The North Dakota scientists joined an effort led by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) and an excerpt from the UCS letter to Congress is below:

“The CAA is a law with a nearly 40-year track record of protecting public health and the environment and spurring innovation by cutting dangerous pollution. This effective policy can help address the threat of climate change--but only if the EPA retains its ability to respond to scientific findings. Instead of standing in the way of climate action, the Senate should move quickly to enact climate and energy legislation that will curb global warming, save consumers money, and create jobs. In the meantime, I urge you to respect the scientific integrity of the EPA's endangerment finding by opposing Senator Murkowski's attack on the Clean Air Act.”

Nearly three dozen North Dakota scientists have become members of the North Dakota Climate Solutions Partnership Scientific Advisory Group endorsing a Statement of Principles which states, “We believe that the Earth’s climate is warming and that there is strong scientific consensus that human activity is a significant factor. Scientific consensus on climate change has been affirmed by international scientific bodies and polls of scientists’ opinions.”

The US Senate is expected to vote on the Murkowski resolution on Thursday, June 10.

To view a complete list of the NDCSP Scientific Advisory Group members and their accompanying Statement of Principles, please log on to www.ndclimatesolutions.org.

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The North Dakota Climate Solutions Partnership (NDCSP) is an alliance of conservation, faith-based, business, environmental and agricultural groups working to build state and federal support for solutions to global climate change.

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