

SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI

Senator (R-AK) since 2002

Primary Date: 8/16/2022

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Bipartisan Lugar Score 0.90592

(Any score above zero is considered good)



Committees:

Senate Appropriations Committee

Subcommittees - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; Defense; Energy and Water Development; Homeland Security; Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Ranking Member - Interior-Environment Subcommittee

Member - Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Member - Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee

Vice Chairman - Senate Indian Affairs Committee

Caucuses:

Member - Bipartisan Climate Caucus

Bills Related to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gases:

Cosponsor - Energy Act 2020

Cosponsor - SCALE Act S.799

Cosponsor - Growing Climate Solutions Act S.1251

Cosponsor - Financing Our Energy Future Act S.1034

Cosponsor - CREATE Act of 2021 S.843

Websites:

Campaign Website

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Overview

Senator Lisa Murkowski is one of the most vocal senators regarding climate change from either party. She has said “Climate change is real,” “Global warming is directly impacting our way of life,” and climate change “is real, it is happening, it is now.” With her two decades of experience in the Senate, she has important seniority and serves as a leading republican on the critical Interior and Environment Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, as well as on the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Senator Murkowski is a staunch supporter of bipartisan action and is ranked as the 14th most bipartisan senator by the Lugar Center.

Positions on Energy and Climate

Senator Murkowski is an advocate for the “all of the above” climate and energy strategy. She supports a transition to a low carbon energy mix through advanced nuclear, increased renewable energy like solar, wind, and geothermal, and increased usage of natural gas over coal. She is especially a proponent of advanced nuclear power, including small modular reactors (SMR) and has introduced, in conjunction with democrats and republicans, the Nuclear Energy Leadership Act.

Senator Murkowski favors bipartisan legislation: she has cosponsored multiple bills originally introduced by democrats, and she works frequently with democrats on legislative issues across the spectrum of climate and energy policy. She is one of the key members of the Senate Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus and has worked on multiple legislative initiatives that address climate, a reliable electricity grid, and clean energy jobs.

Why we support Senator Lisa Murkowski

Senator Murkowski is a leading member of important committees that will have a direct impact on bipartisan climate legislation in the years to come. She has proven over many years her preference to find common ground across the aisle to implement lasting policy that moves the country toward a lower carbon economy.

Senator Murkowski is also well respected throughout the chamber and is known as a pragmatic and sensible catalyst for action. Finally, being a leading member of important senate committees places her in a critically important role in advancing important climate legislation.

The senator has the patience and work ethic to get things done, demonstrated by her leadership of the 2020 Energy Act and resulting appropriations fight to ensure it was fully funded.