



Maine Conservation Voters

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Maine Conservation Voters Calls on Senators Collins and King to Reject Pruitt Nomination

Augusta (January 18, 2017) – Statement of Maureen Drouin, Executive Director of Maine Conservation Voters, on Today’s Confirmation Hearing of Scott Pruitt to Lead the Environmental Protection Agency:

“Scott Pruitt as EPA administrator would endanger Maine’s public health, environment, and way of life. Pruitt has spent much of his career suing the EPA to undermine crucial protections for our air, land, and water. These protections are critical for Maine people, who are forced to breathe the dirty air generated by coal-fired power plants to the west and south of us, causing serious health problems like asthma attacks and heart damage.

“Scott Pruitt’s nomination would also reverse the progress we’ve made to combat climate change. Maine is seeing the impacts of climate change firsthand, from effects on our fisheries in the Gulf of Maine to the increase of tick-borne disease. Both Maine Senators Susan Collins and Angus King have taken action to address climate change in Maine, including solutions like the Clean Power Plan. Pruitt would let polluters off the hook. Pruitt’s financial ties to the fossil fuel industry make him an untrustworthy and unfit candidate to carry out the EPA’s mission.

“We are calling on Senators Susan Collins and Angus King to reject Pruitt’s nomination and defend the health and well-being of Maine people. A vote for Scott Pruitt is a vote against the Clean Air Act and a vote to make America sick again”.

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