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Trump's 'Dirty Energy' Executive Order Puts Maine People and Environment at Risk

Statement of Maureen Drouin, Executive Director, Maine Conservation Voters

"Today, President Trump signed an Executive Order wiping away the progress America has made over four decades in reducing air pollution, protecting our health, and addressing the daunting threat of global climate change.

"For Maine that means more 'bad air' days that send kids to the emergency room. It means more carbon pollution in our oceans that puts our fisheries at risk. And it halts solutions like the Clean Power Plan that would increase our energy independence and create new jobs in the Maine's clean energy sector.

"We knew Scott Pruitt would be dangerous for our environment and public health, as a state and as a nation. Today's Executive Order confirms that polluters' best friend is writing the rules that should be protecting the American people and our environment.

"The majority of U.S. citizens believe that climate change is happening and that we need to act soon to lessen damage and protect our families, cities, and natural resources. This executive order will do just the opposite – slashing the Clean Power Plan that would limit carbon pollution and grow renewable energy to increase energy independence and lessen our impact on climate change. The order will also push for coal jobs, despite the fact that our country is already shifting from outdated power plants to clean energy jobs that are safer for employees and the environment.

"With news of this far-reaching executive order to reverse climate progress, it is clear that the Trump Administration is willing to risk our health, safety, and quality of life for the interests of polluters and their friends in the oil industry."

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