

THANK YOU SENATORS SUSAN COLLINS AND ANGUS KING

For your leadership votes and actions so far in 2017
defending clean air and clean water in Maine and the nation



Photo: Benjamin Williamson

We appreciate your work to protect our environment for future generations.

Protecting Maine's Environment

Maine's senators understand the importance of Maine's environment to our economy.

Sen. Collins: "I reject the false choice of pitting the environment against the economy because, for much of the state of Maine, the economy and the environment are inextricably linked."

Sen. King: "Every year people from across the country come to visit and enjoy all that our mountains, rivers, lakes, and coastal waterways have to offer, and I am committed to preserving that."

Supporting Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

Maine's senators oppose efforts to rescind Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Sen. Collins: "I intend to support efforts to make the Monument a success and to help the Katahdin region thrive and chart a better economic future. I believe that any effort to rescind the designation at this point would be a mistake."

Sen. King: "Reversing that decision now would be a serious mistake for a region that is beginning to heal and move on and is just starting to experience the benefits."

Defending Environmental Protection

Maine's senators oppose the Trump Administration's proposal to slash EPA funding by 31%, crippling environmental protection in Maine, and voted against EPA-foe Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator.

Sen. Collins: "The EPA plays a vital role in implementing and enforcing landmark laws that protect not only our environment but also public health."

Sen. King: "I just can't, in good conscience, as somebody who's taken seriously environmental protection all my life, approve the appointment of someone who is so manifestly opposed to the mission of the agency."

Understanding the Risks of Climate Change

Maine's senators recognize that climate change threatens Maine's economy, way of life, and the health of Maine people.

Sen. Collins: "There is no doubt that the greenhouse gas emissions driving climate change pose a significant threat to our state's economy and our natural resources, from our working forests, fishing, and agricultural industries, to tourism and recreation."

Sen. King: "Climate change is the greatest environmental challenge I have seen in my lifetime, and I believe it is absolutely essential that the federal government, particularly the EPA, is committed to doing something about it."

Defending Common-sense Methane Safeguards

Maine's senators oppose efforts to terminate a rule that will save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and help protect our climate, by reducing harmful methane emissions from oil and gas drilling on federal lands.

Sen. Collins: "I have long been a supporter of taking action to address climate change and will continue to advocate for common-sense policies to reduce harmful pollution."

Sen. King: "When methane is released into the atmosphere instead of being captured, producers are wasting a valuable federal resource that belongs to the U.S. taxpayers."