

# SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI

## WORKING *for* ALASKA

Lisa Murkowski fights for Alaska and has a strong record of success in the U.S. Senate, where she delivers real results for Alaska on a daily basis. Murkowski's Alaska-first approach has led to her being named among the most effective Republican Senators, including the single-most effective on energy issues. Below are some recent examples of the important wins and benefits she is bringing home to Alaska.

### INVESTMENTS FOR ALASKA

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:** Served a key role in drafting, negotiating, and securing passage of this historic infrastructure bill, which will build and modernize our roads, bridges, marine highway system, ports, airports, clean water drinking systems, broadband, energy, and more—without raising taxes or worsening inflation. This law has already delivered over \$1 billion to the state and will create thousands of jobs.

**Funding for Local Projects:** As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, secured funding for 65 local projects, totaling \$230 million, in the FY 2022 funding bill. This came as part of a new process for congressionally directed spending that restores Alaskans' voices in federal budgeting decisions.

### TOURISM

**Cruise Ships:** Introduced and secured passage of legislation to allow cruise ships to return to Alaska in 2021, providing a needed boost to communities and businesses harmed by the pandemic.

**Denali Park Road:** Through her role on Appropriations and as a lead author of the bipartisan infrastructure law, secured critical funding and provided directives to the Interior Department to make fixing this road—both near-term and long-term improvements—a priority, ensuring it is open and safe for visitors.

### FILLING THE PIPELINE AND LOWERING ENERGY COSTS

**ANWR:** Wrote and successfully enacted a provision to open a small portion of the non-wilderness 1002 Area in ANWR, allowing for leasing and responsible development on the Coastal Plain after a 37-year fight.

**NPR-A:** Worked to facilitate the first commercial production in this 23-million-acre reserve as well as critical permits for CD-5, GMT-1, and GMT-2. Murkowski continues to push to keep the Willow project on track; altogether, NPR-A stands to add hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil to TAPS each day in the years ahead.

**Alaska Gasline:** Wrote and recently modernized the federal loan guarantee available for this project to ensure the current structure is eligible, helping to lower costs and make it significantly more commercially attractive.

**Energy Act:** Authored the only major energy legislation to become law in the past 15 years; it included major boosts for domestic minerals, renewable energy, advanced nuclear, and many other promising technologies.

### MILITARY, VETERANS, & NATIONAL DEFENSE

**F-35s:** Instrumental in bringing F-35s to Alaska. With these new jets, thousands of additional military families will be stationed in Alaska, providing a critical boost to communities surrounding our military bases.

**Icebreakers:** Secured funding for construction of our next-generation of icebreakers, the Coast Guard's Polar Security Cutters, which enhance America's Arctic domain awareness, maritime presence, and national security.

**Arctic Security:** Murkowski's international leadership on the Arctic resulted in the creation of the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies in Anchorage, which will allow the Defense Department to collaborate with allies and partners to advance shared interests for a peaceful and prosperous Arctic. Also established the first-ever Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Arctic Affairs and prompted every military service to develop and release a new Arctic strategy, bringing new civilian and military resources to Alaska, including jobs.

**Quality of Life:** Secured incentive pay for military service in Alaska as well as new and improved military housing, childcare development centers, recreation facilities, and pay raises for servicemembers.

**Access to Care and New VA Facilities:** Funded new Community Based Outpatient Centers across the state, allowing veterans to receive better care closer to home. Annually provides robust funding to expand telehealth services for all veterans, especially those in rural and remote environments.

## PUBLIC LANDS

**Public Lands:** Wrote the largest lands package that has been signed into law in the past 12 years, providing for Alaska Native Vietnam veterans' allotments, sportsmen's access to hunting and fishing federal lands, volcano monitoring, small miner relief, and more.

**Great American Outdoors Act:** Facilitated and helped advance the most significant conservation measure in decades, with funding for deferred maintenance at National Parks and Wildlife Refuges as well as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

**Secure Rural Schools:** Extended this program multiple times, most recently to 2023, so that it can continue to provide essential services and budget stability for Alaska communities located near Forest Service lands.

## SUPPORTING ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLES

**Pandemic Relief:** Secured an historic \$8 billion tribal set-aside as well as funds for the Indian Health Service, Indian Housing Block Grants, and other programs to help Native communities respond to the pandemic.

**Service Delivery:** Protected Alaska's unique Native service delivery structure, which includes tribal governments, ANCs, and tribally authorized nonprofits, after litigation threatened 45 years of legal precedent.

**Broadband:** Negotiated and secured \$1 billion for Tribal Broadband Connectivity grants and an \$800 million tribal set-aside from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which will greatly reduce home internet costs.

**Safety:** Secured \$62 million for rural and tribal public safety and victim services.

## COMMERCIAL FISHERIES AND OCEANS

**Alaska Wild:** Secured funding to sustain and support our fisheries; maintain the health of our oceans and shorelines; and fight back against genetically engineered salmon through clear labeling guidelines.

**Pandemic Assistance:** Secured \$300 million for fishery assistance in COVID-relief packages, including \$50 million for Alaska and \$1 million for federally recognized tribes in Alaska.

**Pandemic Relief:** Ensured commercial fishing businesses could account for crew member payroll when applying for Paycheck Protection Program loans.

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

**Healthcare Costs:** Spearheaded and successfully enacted legislation to address the exorbitant costs of healthcare. As a part of a bipartisan working group, Murkowski was a key player in developing a solution to end surprise medical billing in 2020 and ensured it included a ban on surprise billing for air ambulance trips.

**Emergency Family Stabilization:** Secured \$800 million for the Department of Education to address child and youth homelessness. The Senate unanimously adopted Murkowski's amendment on this in early 2021.

**Rural Community Hospital Demonstrations:** Sponsored and successfully passed a bill extending the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program for five years, a program key to supporting Alaska hospitals.

## PREVENTING VIOLENCE & SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

**Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):** Murkowski authored and secured passage of the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022, which included her provisions to address public safety in Alaska Native villages, combat teen violence, and improve survivors' access to care.

**VOCA:** Passed into law the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fix, which strengthens VOCA, increases state reimbursement rates, and provides additional flexibility for state victim compensation programs.

**Missing, Murdered, and Trafficked Indigenous Persons:** Authored two laws, the Not Invisible Act and Savanna's Act, to improve the federal response. Also secured significant funding to address these issues.

**Human Trafficking:** Led the effort to require the FBI to maintain a Human Trafficking Program Coordinator in each field office and to report on their capacity to investigate all crimes of slavery and human trafficking.