# U.S. SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI

WORKING for ALASKA

Lisa Murkowski has a strong record of success on behalf of Alaskans in the U.S. Senate, where she and her team deliver real results on a daily basis. Murkowski's Alaska-first approach has led to her being named among the most effective Republican Senators in the 116th Congress, including the single-most effective on energy and resource issues. Below are some examples from recent years of her efforts on delivering for Alaska.

#### ALASKA ECONOMY

**Tourism Restoration:** Introduced and secured passage of a bill to allow large cruise ships to return to Alaska for the 2021 season, giving a needed boost to communities and businesses harmed by the pandemic.

## ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

ANWR: Authored the resource title of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, allowing for leasing and responsible development in the non-wilderness 1002 Area of ANWR after a 37-year fight.

**NPR-A:** Worked across administrations to increase access and facilitate development to this 23-million-acre reserve through a new land plan and critical approvals for the Willow project.

**Public Lands:** Sponsored the largest lands package in over a decade, providing for Alaska Native Vietnam veterans' allotments, sportsmen's access to federal lands, volcano monitoring, small miner relief, and more.

**Energy Act:** Led the first major energy legislation to become law since 2007, which included major boosts for domestic minerals, renewable energy, advanced nuclear, and many other promising technologies.

**Reasonable Access:** Worked with the Forest Service to exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule and Interior to ensure approval of the Ambler Road and lift more than 10 million acres of Public Land Orders.

**Great American Outdoors:** Facilitated and helped advance the most significant conservation measure in decades, with funding for both deferred maintenance and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Secure Rural Schools: Secured a two-year program extension in December 2019 to fund Alaskan schools.

Gasline: Coordinated with FERC to ensure completion of environmental review of the Alaska LNG project.

**CCHRC:** Saved the Cold Climate Housing Research Center by securing a new partnership opportunity.

#### MILITARY, VETERANS, & NATIONAL DEFENSE

**F-35s:** Instrumental in bringing F-35s to Alaska. Once the current beddown is complete, Alaska will be home to more fifth-generation aircraft than anywhere else in the world.

**Coast Guard Icebreakers:** Appropriated full funding for a second Polar Security Cutter and the beginning of the third in the federal budget, bettering Arctic domain awareness and national security.

Arctic Security: Introduced and successfully shepherded legislation to create the Ted Stevens Arctic Security Center, a new regional center that will allow the Department of Defense to collaborate with allies and partners to advance shared interests for a peaceful and prosperous Arctic.

Arctic Strategies: Known as the Senate's Arctic expert, Murkowski's efforts have prompted every military service to release an Arctic strategy over the past two years. The strategies will bring new civilian and military resources to Alaska and pave the way for new jobs in our state. At her request, the National Strategy for the Arctic Region is also being rewritten.

**Communications:** Secured appropriations in multiple years that will help establish effective communications in the Arctic, including commercial broadband capacity that can be used by the military and civilians. Secured funding for Coast Guard Rescue 21 operations to improve VHF reliability throughout Alaska.

**Quality of Life for Servicemembers:** Secured incentive pay for service in Alaska as well as new and improved housing, childcare, and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities.

#### SUPPORTING ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLES

**COVID Relief:** Secured an historic \$8 billion tribal set-aside as well as funds for the Indian Health Service, Indian Housing Block Grant, 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. Worked with the delegation to file amicus briefs, including one for 2021's successful Supreme Court case.

**Broadband:** Negotiated and secured \$1 billion for Tribal Broadband Connectivity grants and an \$800 million tribal set-aside from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

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

**Tribal Courts:** Senator Murkowski has included funding for tribal court systems for tribes located in Public Law 280 states in her appropriations bills since 2015, including \$15 million in FY 2021.

**ICWA:** Led a congressional amicus brief supporting the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act, one of the most significant bills Congress has enacted to help maintain the integrity of Native culture and family.

## FISHERIES & 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.

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

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

**Health Care Costs:** Spearheaded and successfully enacted legislation to address the exorbitant costs of healthcare. As a part of a bipartisan working group, she was a key player in developing a solution to end surprise medical billing in 2020 and ensured that 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 her amendment to accomplish this in early 2021.

**Rural Community Hospital Demonstrations:** Sponsored and successfully passed legislation extending the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program for five years. This program is key to supporting hospitals across Alaska.

### **PREVENTING VIOLENCE & SUPPORTING SURVIVORS**

**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 Women (MMIW): Authored two bills to address this crisis – the Not Invisible Act and Savanna's Act – which became law. Secured significant funding to address these issues, including for cold case work.

Human Trafficking: Wrote language 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.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA): Through her role as a senior appropriator, Murkowski has championed funding to prioritize public safety and justice.