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## **Murkowski Highlights Importance of Alaska’s Energy Resources** *Energy Panel Chairman Calls for Upgrade of Nation’s Energy Policies*

**Washington, D.C.** – In the final video introducing the Republican members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska., calls for an upgrade to our nation’s energy policies in order to make energy abundant, affordable, clean, diverse, and secure.



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Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, outlines the mission of the committee as twofold – to ensure that our federal resources are developed for the greatest possible benefit to Americans; and to ensure the proper management and maintenance of most of our nation’s nearly 640 million acres of public land. Murkowski calls her home state of Alaska “a great place to start” when looking for ways to develop our nation’s vast energy potential.

“Our energy economy has undergone a dramatic shift in recent years. We’re no longer talking about scarcity. Our nation has entered an age of energy abundance. We now talk about exporting

oil and natural gas. We are on the verge of being a supplier to the world market,” Murkowski says in the video. “As a senator for Alaska...we have every type of energy that you can think of in remarkable abundance. We even have resources – like methane hydrates – that you may not have even heard of. By finding ways to responsibly develop our vast energy potential, both in Alaska and across the country, we can create jobs, grow our economy, and strengthen our security.”

Sen. Murkowski’s full video statement is available on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee [website](#).

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