



Maine Conservation Voters

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**Maine Conservation Voters calls on Senators Collins and King to Oppose Nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court**

*Statement of Maureen Drouin, Executive Director, Maine Conservation Voters*

**AUGUSTA** – “The stakes for our environment, our health, and our democracy have never been higher, and the fight over the Supreme Court vacancy could not be more important to Maine Conservation Voters and our members across the state.

“Unfortunately, President Trump has already nominated many extremist, anti-environmental individuals to federal judgeships – threatening both bedrock democratic institutions and environmental laws that protect our air, water, lands, wildlife, and health – and Brett Kavanaugh is no exception.

“Mr. Kavanaugh’s record on the environment is clear: he’s ruled to allow more mercury and toxic pollutants in our air, and to make it harder to address climate change. He is consistently critical of Obama-era environmental protection rules, and has voted to overturn several Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decisions.

“The stage has been set for environmental rollbacks that we simply cannot afford. There is so much at stake – the Clean Power Plan, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Safe Drinking Water Act – these are all at risk with Mr. Kavanaugh’s nomination. The rights of all people in this country to breathe clean air, to drink clean water, and to participate equitably in our democracy hang in the balance with this nomination, not just for today or tomorrow, but for decades to come.

“Precisely because the stakes are so high, we ask Senators Collins and King to oppose Mr. Kavanaugh’s nomination and ask them to do everything in their power to prevent his confirmation. We cannot allow President Trump to turn back the clock, threatening the health and safety of our families and the planet.”

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*Maine Conservation Voters (MCV) cultivates and uses political power to conserve and protect Maine's environment. MCV helps pass laws that protect our environmental legacy, elects pro-environment candidates to office, and holds our elected officials accountable, without regard to political party.*