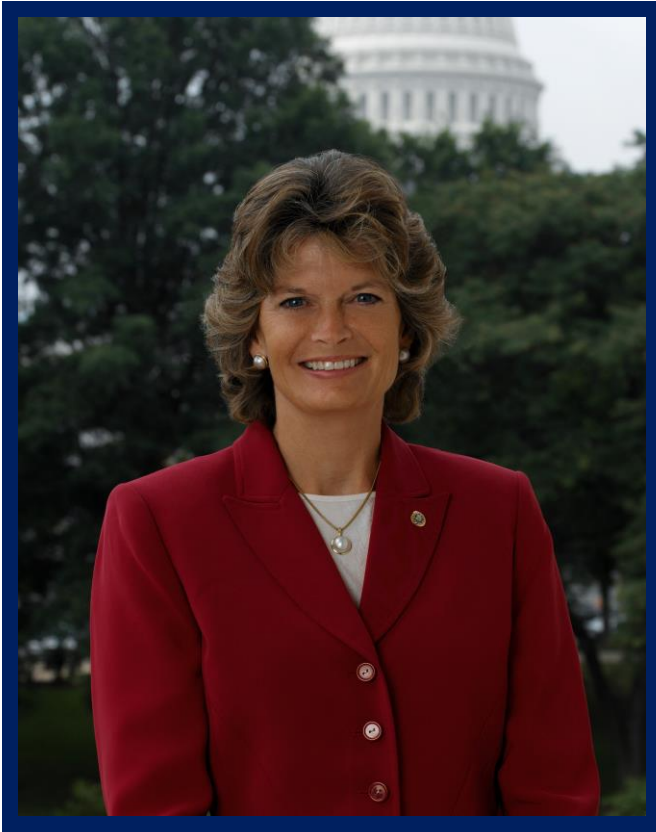


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Lisa Murkowski is Alaska's senior representative in the U.S. Senate and the chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Senator Murkowski has served on the committee since joining the Senate in 2002, and previously served as the committee's ranking Republican member from 2009 through 2014.

Senator Murkowski is only the sixth person to represent the state of Alaska in the U.S. Senate. Before coming to Congress, she served three terms in the Alaska House of Representatives. As a senator she has focused on strengthening the nation's energy policies as an issue of paramount importance to the good of Alaska and the country as a whole.

Senator Murkowski is a recognized leader in Congress on energy policy. She has said many times that "energy is good" and has pursued policies to make energy more abundant, affordable, clean, diverse, and secure. Senator Murkowski recognizes that a sound national energy policy will promote not just job creation and economic growth, but also a higher standard of living and global stability. She supports the safe and efficient production and use of all forms of domestic energy, as well as research to develop emerging energy technologies.

In early 2013, Murkowski crafted a comprehensive policy blueprint, Energy 20/20: A Vision for America's Energy Future. The document provides a detailed picture of the nation's energy outlook and provides recommendations for reforming the nation's policies on energy production from federal land and waters, regulatory reform, and investment in basic research. Senator Murkowski has since added to that blueprint with papers

on the economic and energy security benefits of increased international trade of energy commodities, the problem of energy insecurity in America, the link between energy and water, and electric reliability.

Chairman Murkowski's approach to energy policy was shaped by her upbringing in Alaska, a state with unparalleled natural resources but also the highest energy costs in the nation. While most think of Alaska as an oil-producing state, it also has tremendous potential in natural gas, coal, hydropower, biomass, geothermal, marine hydrokinetic, methane hydrates, and wind – not to mention prolific deposits of a wide range of metals and minerals.

Senator Murkowski holds a BA in economics from Georgetown University and a law degree from Willamette University College of Law. She is married to Verne Martell, with whom she has two sons, Nicolas and Matthew.

## About the United States Energy Award

The United States Energy Award was established in 1989 to recognize preeminent energy leadership initiatives and contributions to international understanding of energy issues. The Award Selection Committee, composed of national energy leaders, examines each nomination for a clearly articulated set of values and history of proven accomplishments. Support for USEA is a major consideration.

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