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CONGRESSMAN MIKE MICHAUD'S PRO-ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

In the Maine State Legislature and in the U.S. Congress, Mike Michaud has established a stellar pro-environmental record. He has earned a 92% lifetime Congressional voting rating from the national League of Conservation Voters.

Mike Michaud SUPPORTS:

- investment in energy efficiency programs to help Mainers get off heating oil
- increasing the state's renewable energy standard
- well-sited onshore and offshore wind power projects
- strengthening state clean water and air standards
- increased funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program
- new passenger train service between Portland and Auburn
- upgrading Maine's rail system for freight transportation
- an Economic Impact Study for the proposed Maine Woods National Park
- restoring the integrity and function of Maine Department of Environmental Protection

He OPPOSES:

- pumping dirty tar sands oil through Maine to Casco Bay
- the proposed private East-West Highway across the state
- oil and gas drilling off the Maine Coast

As a legislator in the Maine Senate and House of Representatives, Michaud:

- served as member and Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- co-sponsored historic law to clean up Maine's rivers and fought a veto of river cleanup legislation
- led the passage of the state's first comprehensive solid waste bill
- supported policies to reduce toxics and defend toxic waste health protection standards
- protected Maine's forests by introducing the Forest Sustainability Act
- opposed a plan to build nuclear power plant in Maine
- opposed efforts to defund Maine DEP

As U.S. Congressman, Michaud voted to support:

- more renewable energy and green jobs
- stronger federal standards for automobile pollution, water protection, energy efficiency, mercury toxics, and carbon pollution to protect our climate
- weatherization funding for Mainers to reduce heating oil dependence
- the repeal of taxpayer subsidies for oil companies.
- federal funding to protect clean air, clean water, and habitat protection in Maine

He also voted AGAINST drilling off Maine's coast, expanded drilling in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge, building more oil refineries, and the Bush administration's dirty energy bill.

Michaud co-sponsored the "Acadia Park Improvement Act", and the "Maine Coastal Islands Wilderness Act," which designates 13 islands of the Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.