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U.S. PIRG, Union of Concerned Scientists**

**Groups Opposed to Damaging Regulatory Amendments**

March 21, 2013

Dear Senator,

Our undersigned groups strongly oppose amendments to S. Con. Res 8, the Murray budget resolution, which would cripple the regulatory process, weaken important public protections, and make it easier for corporations to game the system.

We urge your strong opposition to any amendment that seeks to alter the regulatory process in a way that makes it more difficult to pass regulations that protect Americans from harm.

This includes amendments that will:

- require agencies to include additional cost-benefit requirements,
- seek a moratorium on regulations until unemployment falls below a certain point,
- bring independent agencies under the review of the Office of Management and Budget
- add “indirect” costs and benefits to agency analysis;
- change the process in a way that inappropriately injects political considerations in passing new rules that are supposed to be based on objective agency science and expertise,
- and any other proposal that in the name of “regulatory burdens” jeopardizes the health and safety of American families.

Such proposals will make it nearly impossible for federal agencies to protect us from polluted air and water, tainted food, unsafe drugs, dangerous toys, hazardous workplaces, and financial predators. We strongly urge you to stand up for the American public and vote No on any amendment that would weaken this safety net of public protections.

Sincerely,

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