



# California Metals Coalition

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## **RE: Support for S.J. Res 26, the Murkowski/Lincoln disapproval resolution**

California is home to over 6,000 metalworking facilities, employing 210,000 Californians with high-paying manufacturing jobs and benefits. When compared to manufacturing facilities around the world, California is often the place to find the most technologically advanced, safe, and environmentally conscious metal manufacturers.

The metalworking industry is also the state's oldest and largest recyclers. California metalworking companies recycle over 2,000,000 tons of metal each year that would otherwise end up in landfills. Instead, metals are recycled and manufactured into the components that fly our planes, housings that spin renewable-energy windmills, medical devices that keep our families safe, and defense items that guard our troops.


California's metalworking industry has been proactive in meeting the requirements of AB 32—California's greenhouse gas law. **97% of CMC members fall below the state's required reporting threshold of 25,000 tons.** To achieve this, facilities have been investing significant time and resources.

As California facilities, we have serious concern with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) moving forward with its plan to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. If EPA succeeds in its efforts to trump Congress and unilaterally regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act, it will be devastating to facilities in California that are working with state regulators to implement important issues such as cap and trade. The Clean Air Act is ill-equipped to address important issues such as cap and trade, and it was never the intent of Congress that it be used for this purpose.

Regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act would usurp Congress's power, increase energy costs, and leave many of our nation's manufacturers in a regulatory dilemma too complex to comprehend. **I strongly urge you to support S.J. Res 26, the bipartisan Murkowski resolution.**

California's recovery will be a jobless recovery unless we take steps to help make small businesses competitive. Thank you for your time and dedication to our great state.

Sincerely,



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