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### MAINE SIERRA CLUB SUPPORTS MUSKIE'S POLLUTION CONTROL EFFORTS

Waterville, Maine---The Maine Sierra Club has commended Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) for his work in fighting pollution, saying "strong national laws are Maine's best protection against this threat, and we appreciate and support your efforts for them."

Dr. David Harrison, chairman of the Maine Sierra Club, wrote Senator Muskie to congratulate him on the recent unanimous passage by the Senate of the tough new air pollution bill. That bill, passed on a 73-0 vote, would require the auto industry to build clean cars by 1975. House-Senate conferees have already accepted that provision and are expected to complete work on the measure when the Congress reconvenes after the election.

In his letter, Dr. Harrison urged the House to accept the Muskie bill, calling it "the best attempt yet made to protect us from air pollution...We are proud your political skill has been used in such a worthy cause."

As Maine citizens, Dr. Harrison's letter went on, "we recognize you are benefiting us more by working for national pollution control measures than would be possible by work on the state level. Heavy polluting industries are examining Maine, hoping our pollution control laws and enforcement will be lax enough to give them advantages over similar industries in states with stronger laws.

"If such industries locate in Maine, they will wield too much influence and will seriously weaken our state's pollution control efforts. Strong national laws are Maine's best protection against this threat and we appreciate and support your efforts for them."