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THREE WAYS A SUPREME COURT APPOINTEE COULD RESTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS:

- Stripping the EPA of the authority to prevent damaging industrial air pollution when state agencies improperly fail to do so.
- Elevating "private property" rights to severely limit even temporary government rules protecting the environment in areas like the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- Severely restricting federal authority to stop the destruction of endangered species and wildlife habitats on private land.

PROTECT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

Laws and regulations that protect clean air and water are at risk. You can help preserve important environmental protections by helping to save the Supreme Court.

The nine-member Supreme Court plays a key role in environmental protection by reviewing and interpreting federal, state and local laws on clean air, clean water and pollution. Right now, the Court is closely divided on crucial issues concerning environmental protection, so the people appointed to fill vacancies expected on the Court over the next few years will have a huge effect on the environment for decades to come.

Just one or two more right-wing justices like Antonin Scalia or Clarence Thomas – the justices who President Bush has called his models for court appointments – could seriously harm environmental protection efforts in a number of ways.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Despite the compromise over the filibuster, there remains an effort by allies of the White House to change Senate rules and make it harder to prevent anyone nominated by the president from getting on the Supreme Court for life. If you don't want environmental protections to be gutted by a far-right dominated Supreme Court, now is the time to take action.



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