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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
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President Trump:

I write to respectfully request a full and unconditional pardon for Mr. Mackenzie "Mac" Spurlock of Wasilla, Alaska, a constituent of mine who was a victim of a weaponized Biden Justice Department (DOJ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). At just 30 years old, Mr. Spurlock is a veteran, diesel mechanic, and small-business owner. Today, he also stands as a convicted felon, not because he endangered public safety, but because he kept essential diesel vehicles operational in the unforgiving conditions of rural Alaska.

The EPA has a documented history of aggressive enforcement tactics in my state under Democratic administrations, including the well-known 2013 raid in Chicken, Alaska. In Mr. Spurlock's case, the Biden EPA charged and ultimately convicted him for criminal tampering, alleging that he and his business "conspired to remove required air-pollution controls" between July 2020 and June 2022. So-called "delete-style" modifications on diesel engines are not only common across rural America but also often necessary. In cold states like Alaska, where diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) freezes at just 12 degrees Fahrenheit and federally mandated one-size-fits-all on-board emissions systems fail, these modifications become a matter of safety and survival.

Even more troubling was the manner of enforcement. Dozens of armed EPA agents, joined by personnel from other federal agencies and flown in from California, Washington, and Oregon, aggressively raided Mr. Spurlock's home and shop. The militarized nature of this operation against a small, veteran-owned business was unjust.

This case closely parallels that of Mr. Troy Lake of Cheyenne, Wyoming, whom you pardoned on November 7, 2025. Like Mr. Lake, Mr. Spurlock was prosecuted under the same enforcement approach that treated Clean Air Act tampering violations as criminal offenses. Your Administration has since reversed that policy. In January 2026, the DOJ announced it would no longer pursue criminal charges under the Clean Air Act for tampering with onboard diagnostic systems in motor vehicles. Mr. Spurlock's conviction is the direct result of a now-reversed Biden Administration policy.

Mr. Spurlock is not alone. Several other Alaskans, small business owners and mechanics, were criminally prosecuted under the same Biden-era enforcement policy for conduct your Administration has determined should not be treated as criminal. I respectfully urge that they receive consideration for relief. My constituents should not be branded criminals for prioritizing safety and reliability in conditions that federal regulators did not adequately consider.

Without your intervention, Mr. Spurlock will spend the rest of his life as a convicted felon – stripped of his right to vote, barred from hunting in Alaska, and blocked from re-enlisting in the Alaska Air National Guard at a time when the Guard has asked for skilled mechanics like him. His livelihood, reputation, and future have all been jeopardized because the Biden Administration sought to make an example of him. Your pardon of Mr. Lake sent a powerful message that the federal government must never be allowed to crush ordinary Americans simply for trying to make a living. Mr. President, I urge you to right this wrong and pardon Mr. Spurlock, and consider similar relief for the other Alaskans prosecuted under the prior Administration's heavy-handed criminal enforcement policy.

Sincerely,



Dan Sullivan
United States Senator

Thank you for your
consideration, Mr.
President.