



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

January 29, 2015

**Re: OPPOSE S.1 & LCV's Position on Daines #246, Vitter #80, Burr #92, Udall #77**

Dear Senator,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) works to turn environmental values into national priorities. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, which details the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

**LCV urges you to vote NO on S. 1, legislation that would automatically approve the dirty and dangerous Keystone XL tar sands pipeline.** This disastrous pipeline clearly fails the President's climate test, threatens our communities and waterways, and is simply unacceptable. No amendments can change that, and we urge you to vote NO on final passage regardless of the outcome of amendments.

**We also urge you to OPPOSE these damaging amendments:**

- **Daines #246:** This amendment feigns support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and is non-substantive in nature. This amendment would allow supporters to pay lip service to LWCF without truly supporting full funding and reauthorization of this popular and successful program.
- **Vitter-Cassidy #80 (as modified):** This amendment would vastly expand risky drilling off all our nation's shores while introducing an irresponsible revenue-sharing scheme. Expanding offshore oil and gas drilling threatens coastal economies, increases our dependence on fossil fuels, and worsens climate change.

While no amendment could make the underlying legislation worth supporting, **we encourage you to SUPPORT the following amendments:**

- **Burr #92:** This amendment would permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which is one of America's greatest conservation tools. Since its creation in 1965, the LWCF has helped provide solutions to America's vast and diverse needs for open space, clean water, recreation, and jobs. The authorization for LWCF is set to expire on September 30, 2015 after fifty years of overwhelming success.
- **Udall #77:** This amendment sets a goal for the nation to get 25% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2025. This policy builds on the proven success states have seen in setting similar policies and would help the U.S. lead in the global clean energy economy. A strong national renewable energy standard would create jobs, grow the economy, protect consumers, and reduce pollution.

Regardless of the outcome of amendments, LCV urges you to vote NO on final passage of S. 1, legislation approving the dirty and dangerous Keystone XL pipeline. We will strongly consider



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including votes on this bill in the 2015 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call Tiernan Sittenfeld, Sara Chieffo, or Alex Taurel in my office at (202) 785-8683.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Karpinski".

Gene Karpinski  
President