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THE LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS IS PROUD TO CALL KEN SALAZAR AN ENVIRONMENTAL HERO

We're the League of Conservation Voters - the non-partisan political voice of the environmental community. We've done our homework on the Colorado Senate race, studied the candidate's records and we know Ken Salazar has a long history of fighting to protect our natural resources. After Ken Salazar left as head of the Department of Natural Resources, the Denver Post said he was "One of the few public officials who managed to leave behind some major policy footprints that will improve Colorado's environment for years to come." As Attorney General, Salazar has continued his impressive record of making environmental protection a top priority. He is responsible for creating Colorado's first environmental crimes unit, where he worked to fine polluters, and put them in jail. Ken Salazar's record speaks for itself - he truly is an environmental hero.

"Ken Salazar has built his career around fighting for clean air, safe drinking water, open space protection and holding polluters accountable. Simply put, Ken Salazar's strong record on environmental and conservation issues is there for all to see."

- Deb Callahan, president, League of Conservation Voters

CREATED FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES UNIT: FINED POLLUTERS & PUT THEM IN JAIL

Ken Salazar Established Environmental Protection Unit At The Attorney General's Office. While Attorney General, Ken Salazar started the state's first environmental prosecutions unit. [Denver Post, 3/16/04]

Salazar Recovered Millions To Cleanup Polluted Summitville Mine Site. As Attorney General, Ken Salazar reached a settlement with Robert Friedland, the founder of the mining company to cleanup the site worth \$28 million. [Rocky Mountain News, 8/25/04]

- **Rocky Mountain News Praised The Settlement.** In 2001, the *Rocky Mountain News* praised the settlement that Ken Salazar reached with Robert Friedland the founder of the company that built the mine. The paper wrote, "Five years of bitter legal battles over the ecological disaster at the Summitville mine have almost obscured the fact that the goal is not to win the lawsuit. It's to clean up the mess. So the settlement announced last week is reason for satisfaction...The payment will more than cover Colorado's share of cleanup costs over the next decade, said Colorado Attorney General

Ken Salazar, money that otherwise would have been paid ultimately by taxpayers. It's hard to argue with a result like that.” [Rocky Mountain News, 1/2/01]

Salazar Fined, Jailed Environmental Polluters. While Attorney General, Ken Salazar was responsible for fining and jailing environmental polluters.

- **Salazar Convicted Polluter Of Shipping Hazardous Waste Without Precautionary Labeling That Resulted In The Death Of A Child.** In 2000, Salazar successfully prosecuted John Mario D'Angelo on charges of violating the Colorado Hazardous Waste Act. D'Angelo was convicted and sentenced in 1998 by federal prosecutors for shipping hazardous chemicals in plastic milk and distilled water containers that lacked child-resistant and proper precautionary labeling. A 15-year-old boy mistook the contents for water and drank from one of the containers, resulting in his death. [Office of the Attorney General, Press Release 11/2/00]
- **Salazar Fined And Jailed Polluter Guilty Of Illegal Toxic Waste Storage And Disposal.** In 1999, Ken Salazar successfully prosecuted Thoro Products and its President for unlawful storage and disposal of hazardous waste. Thoro Products was fined \$950,000 and given 10 years' probation for its actions and the President was given 14-year prison sentence. The verdict and sentence stemmed from repeated instances of Thoro Products knowingly dumping chlorinated solvents into the water table on an ongoing basis between 1964 and September, 1997, resulting in a one-half mile wide by one and one-half mile long toxic plume [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 5/27/99]
- **Salazar Fined, Sent A Polluter Guilty Of Illegal Hazardous Waste Dumping to Jail.** In 2001, Salazar successfully prosecuted a case against Bruce Spence, owner of Cooling Systems International for illegal hazardous waste dumping. Spence, was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay \$100,000 in fines and \$125,000 in restitution fines. [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 11/19/01]
- **Salazar Prosecuted The First Environmental Pollution Racketeering Case.** In 2001, Salazar obtained indictments from the statewide grand jury against two brothers from California, two corporations operated by them, and four additional defendant employees and agents of theirs in connection with a dry cleaning hazardous waste collection business operating out of Denver and Lakewood offices involving long term and systematic evasion of state hazardous waste laws. This case was the first environmental pollution case in Colorado alleging a criminal enterprise (racketeering). [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release 3/7/01]
- **Salazar Forced Shell Oil to Pay for Colorado Toxic Waste Cleanup.** In 2001, Salazar negotiated a cleanup settlement with Shell Oil for \$551,112.77 in hazardous waste cleanup costs at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The Rocky Mountain Arsenal Superfund site was used for almost 40 years by the U.S. Army for chemical weapons production and by Shell for the manufacture of pesticides. [Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Press Release, 8/30/01]

ENVIRONMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Denver Post: “Salazar Did More To Change The Department In Three Years Than Others Did In Decades.” After Ken Salazar left the Department of Natural Resources the Denver Post wrote, “Salazar did more to change the department in three years than others did in decades. Sometimes he succeeded

spectacularly. Other times he didn't. On balance, though, he's one of the few public officials who managed to leave behind some major policy footprints that will improve Colorado's environment for years to come.” [Denver Post, 2/5/94]

- **At DNR Salazar Created The Great Outdoors Colorado Initiative.** As head of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Ken Salazar’ biggest and most obvious contribution was his stewardship of Amendment 8, the Great Outdoors Colorado ballot initiative. By helping to write, promote and administer the 1992 amendment to the state constitution, Salazar ensured that \$10 million a year of lottery receipts would be spent as voters originally intended - on outdoor improvements such as a new moose-viewing area in North Park, a riverfront park along the Colorado River near Grand Junction and more water for boaters and anglers in Cherry Creek Reservoir. [Denver Post, 2/5/94]
- **Salazar Supported Creation of Great Sand Dunes National Park.** Salazar worked with the Colorado congressional delegation to establish Great Sand Dunes National Monument in the San Luis Valley as a new national park ending the San Luis Valley water wars. [Office of the Attorney General, Press Release, 12/16/99]
- **Helped initiate the basin-wide approach to solving problems in the South Platte River Basin.** Helped initiate the basin-wide approach to solving problems in the South Platte River Basin that led to an important interstate agreement designed to protect wildlife and aquatic habitat. [Salazar for Senate Web Page]

THE SALAZAR CONSERVATION AGENDA

1) Protect The Progress We’ve Made To Clean Up Our Air And Water. “Over the past 25 years, the U.S. has made major strides in reducing air and water pollution. The battle isn’t over, however, especially as our growing population creases more pressures on these precious resources. One thing is sure: we cannot roll back the clean air and water protections that have improved our nation’s health and environment.” [Salazar for Senate Web Site, Water & the Environment]

2) No Free Passes On Pollution. “Illegal pollution of our nation's air, water and land is wrong, regardless of who is responsible. It damages our environment, our health and our economy. Polluters should be held accountable for violations, whether they are federal agencies, large corporations or midnight dumpers. We should expect the federal government to be a model of compliance, not the major offender. I took a leading role with Republican and Democratic state attorneys general around the nation to force federal facilities into compliance and will continue that fight in the U.S. Senate.” [Salazar for Senate Web Site, Water & the Environment]

3) Restore EPA’s Budget And Enforcement Authority. “Since 2001, the budget and independence of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to enforce federal environmental laws have been decimated. Wealthy friends and contributors of Washington powerbrokers rewrite federal policy and get free passes on violations. I will press to restore EPA’s budget and independence to enforce environmental laws without regard to political influence and work to insure proper funding of Superfund.” [Salazar for Senate Web Site, Water & the Environment]

4) Fight To Fund The Land & Water Conservation Fund. “Fight to conserve our remaining special places by working to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to advance other efforts to

preserve wildlife habitats, aquatic resources and other lands of special environmental, scientific and recreational value.” [Salazar for Senate Web Site, Water & the Environment]

5) Create And Fund Programs To Protect Our Public Lands. “Create and fund programs to protect our Crown Jewels, in Colorado and around the nation. Teddy Roosevelt understood the importance of America’s open spaces to our national spirit, creating national forests and national parks to protect special lands for future generations.” [Salazar for Senate Web Site, Water & the Environment]