

July 11, 2013

United States House Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose the House Farm Bill (H.R. 2642)

Dear Representative:

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 H.R. 2642, the House Farm Bill titled the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013. H.R. 2642 is an irresponsible assault on the environment and public health and more harmful than the Farm Bill the House rejected several weeks ago. The revised bill would make permanent deep cuts to conservation programs; weaken protections for our forests, wetlands and wildlife; eviscerate regulation of pesticides; and block states from setting standards for food and farm production. This extreme measure should be rejected. Accordingly, we urge you to vote "NO" on final passage.

We urge you to REJECT the House Farm Bill. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2013 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call Tiernan Sittenfeld, Sara Chieffo or Alex Taurel in my office at (202) 785-8683.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski President

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