



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

September 17, 2014

United States House  
Washington, DC 20515

### **Re: Oppose H.R. 4, a radical assault on public health protections and our public lands**

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. 4, the so-called Jobs for America Act, a radical package of bills that threatens vital health and environmental safeguards and our public lands. LCV joins consumer, public health, labor, good government, environmental, and scientific groups in strongly opposing this legislation.

This omnibus bill includes several attacks on the regulatory process that would help empower polluters by delaying or shutting down the implementation of critical public health and environmental safeguards, which would mean more premature deaths, illnesses, and other health impacts on the American people. H.R. 367 (The REINS Act) requires both houses of Congress to affirmatively approve all significant new public protections before they take effect, thus enabling just one chamber of Congress to block enforcement of existing statutory protections ranging from clean air to workplace safety. H.R. 2122 (The Regulatory Accountability Act) adds more than 60 new procedural hurdles to an already lengthy and complicated rulemaking process and expands judicial review, thus inviting increased litigation. H.R. 1493 (The Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act) limits citizens' ability to hold agencies accountable for delaying implementing laws passed by Congress.

This legislation also includes two bills that would have significant negative impacts on our nation's public lands. H.R. 1526 is radical legislation that mandates and incentivizes destructive logging and other harmful industrial activities across vast swaths of America's public lands. H.R. 761 effectively eliminates public review of hardrock mining activities on public lands, which disenfranchises mining-impacted communities and increases threats to our water and our environment.

We urge you to REJECT this reckless bill that would undermine a broad swath of environmental and public health protections and threatens our public lands. We have scored several past votes on these bills and will strongly consider including votes on this package in the 2014 *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