



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

March 19, 2013

United States House  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Oppose H. Con. Res. 25—Rep. Ryan's budget favors Big Oil over our health & environment**

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. Con. Res. 25, Rep. Paul Ryan's budget that irresponsibly slashes investments that benefit all Americans like clean air, clean water, and open spaces at the expense of rewarding those at the top like Big Oil.

The Ryan budget makes drastic cuts to non-military investments that would jeopardize the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency, Interior Department, Energy Department and other agencies to fulfill their mission to protect our health, safeguard our natural resources, and grow clean energy. This legislation cuts these investments by \$700 billion above and beyond the harsh cuts mandated by sequestration.

While reducing benefits for average Americans, the Ryan budget makes sure to reward wealthy interests like Big Oil. This legislation continues the billions of dollars in subsidies handed out every year to the oil industry and lowers Big Oil's tax bill even further by reducing corporate income tax rates. The bill supports the oil industry's proposed Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, which would import the dirtiest form of oil on the planet and transport it to the Gulf Coast to be sent overseas. What's more, this budget supports particularly deep cuts to research into cleaner alternatives to polluting sources of energy like oil. In short, the Ryan budget shamefully ignores our moral obligation to future generations to protect the planet and accept and address the scientific reality of climate change.

We urge you to REJECT the extreme vision for America presented in H. Con. Res. 25, the Ryan budget. We will strongly consider including vote(s) 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