



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose H.R. 4480 - Puts Big Oil Above All

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. 4480, the so-called Domestic Energy and Jobs Act, a massive giveaway that prioritizes Big Oil over our health, natural heritage, coastal businesses, and national security. At a time when Big Oil is making exorbitant profits on the backs of Americans paying high gas prices and \$4 billion in taxes to the industry every year, the last thing we should do is provide Big Oil with yet another handout. Rather than continuing to cater to Big Oil, the House of Representatives should be pursuing real energy solutions like more fuel-efficient cars and cleaner fuel alternatives that save consumers money, create jobs, and reduce pollution.

This legislation puts *Big Oil above all*. It places *Big Oil above clean air* for millions of Americans by delaying three yet-to-be proposed clean air standards that will reduce the industry's pollution and taking the extreme step of overturning the Clean Air Act's requirement that national air quality standards be based solely on the best science. It prioritizes *Big Oil above hunters and anglers* and other outdoor users by establishing oil drilling as the primary use on America's public lands. It puts *Big Oil above fishermen* and others who depend on clean oceans and beaches by supporting dangerous offshore drilling along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. And it puts *Big Oil above national security* by making it harder for the President of the United States to quickly respond to an emergency supply disruption by tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. We urge you to support all pro-environment amendments, such as the Polis amendment restricting fracking near schools and the Green amendment striking the provision attacking the Clean Air Act's health-based focus, and oppose all anti-environment amendments, such as the Terry-Mack amendment advancing the dangerous Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, though the outcome of those votes will not alter our opposition to the bill.

We urge you to REJECT H.R. 4480. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2012 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