



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

June 1, 2012

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose H.R. 5325, the FY13 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill; Support the Moran clean water amendment

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. 5325, the FY13 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. This legislation takes us backward on energy and environmental policy by slashing funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency while boosting funding for polluting, mature fossil fuel and nuclear generation technologies. The bill also contains a dirty water policy rider that has no place in a budget measure. LCV urges you to oppose all anti-environmental policy riders on this or any other spending bill.

The bill's illegitimate and harmful dirty water policy rider threatens waters Americans depend on for drinking, swimming, fishing, and flood protection. The rider prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from limiting pollution in waterways that supply public drinking water for 117 million Americans. It also blocks the Army Corps' efforts to protect wetlands, which are critical in preventing flooding that threatens communities. LCV urges you to support the amendment likely to be offered by Representative Jim Moran to strike this harmful provision. We also encourage you to support all other pro-environment amendments and reject anti-environment amendments, such as one likely to be offered by Representative Michael Burgess to block enforcement of light bulb energy efficiency standards, an amendment which would prevent consumers from saving money and energy while jeopardizing American jobs.

Regardless of the outcome of these amendments, LCV will still oppose this legislation and urges you to REJECT this harmful spending bill. 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