



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House  
Washington, DC 20515

### **Re: Oppose H.R. 6082 – Yet Another Giveaway to Big Oil**

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. 6082, the so-called Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan. This legislation joins a multitude of other bills already passed by the House of Representatives this Congress that recklessly gives away more of our coastlines to Big Oil before Congress has enacted a single safety reform following the worst environmental disaster in our nation's history, the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. This bill further enriches an industry that's already making outsized profits by passing legislation that enacts President George W. Bush's offshore drilling "midnight regulation," which was issued just days before he stepped down from office. The House of Representatives should instead pursue real solutions to our energy challenges like investing in fuel efficiency, cleaner fuels, and energy-saving transportation options like transit and expanding safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians.

This legislation's reckless approach to dangerous offshore drilling would put at risk economies that depend on clean oceans and clean beaches. The bill threatens the fishing and coastal tourism economies of the entire Atlantic Coast and California with new offshore drilling. It would bring drilling rigs to Alaska's Bristol Bay, a region that accounts for more than 40 percent of our domestic seafood harvest. And it would threaten even more of America's Arctic Ocean with risky drilling. Indeed, this legislation comes at a time when foreign companies plotting to drill America's Arctic Ocean like Royal Dutch Shell are demonstrating with their actions that Big Oil cannot be trusted to drill safely in those unforgiving waters. In recent days Shell's Arctic-bound rig nearly ran aground in a protected harbor under calm conditions and the company is demanding that the United States exempt its drilling fleet from abiding by air pollution limits Shell already agreed to meet.

We urge you to REJECT H.R. 6082, which is yet another giveaway to Big Oil. 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