



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House  
Washington, DC 20515

### **Re: Oppose H.R. 2822, the Interior-EPA Appropriations Bill**

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 strongly urges you to vote NO on H.R. 2822, the FY16 Interior-EPA Appropriations Bill, oppose all anti-environmental amendments, and support all pro-environmental amendments. This partisan spending bill is an assault on the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the wildlife and wild places we hold dear.

The legislation contains no fewer than 25 anti-environmental policy riders, which have no place in a spending bill, won't save the country a penny, and are nothing more than giveaways to various special interest polluters. The egregious anti-environmental riders include measures that would endanger Americans' lives and well-being by blocking the first-ever national limits on carbon pollution from power plants, halting Clean Water Act protections for waterways that feed the drinking water of one in three Americans, and preventing the possible consideration of Endangered Species Act protections for the declining greater sage-grouse. These are just a few of the dirty and dangerous policy provisions included in this spending measure.

The budget cuts in this bill would also harm Americans' health and environment. The legislation's 9% cut to the EPA and 20% cut to the Land and Water Conservation Fund fly in the face of the American people's desire to address climate change, protect our air and water, and preserve open space to improve quality of life. This damaging spending bill pursues these backwards priorities while operating within an overall budget that maintains the across-the-board sequestration cuts that threaten our economy and our environment.

We urge you to REJECT the Interior-EPA Appropriations Bill, oppose all anti-environmental amendments, and support all pro-environmental amendments. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2015 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call my office at (202) 785-8683 and ask to speak with a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski  
President