



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

May 25, 2016

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Oppose S.2012 – A Sweeping Package of Bills that Furthers Fossil Fuels, Fails to Advance Clean Energy Solutions, and Undermines Environmental Protections**

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 S.2012, the House version of the Energy Policy Modernization Act. This sweeping package of bills further entrenches fossil fuels, fails to make the necessary clean energy investments for our future, and includes a broad range of attacks on bedrock environmental protections.

LCV strongly opposed the energy provisions in this package, H.R. 8, when it passed the House last fall, which also drew a veto threat from the White House. H.R. 8 contains efficiency provisions that would increase energy use and costs to consumers, a hydropower title that curtails NEPA review along with state, local, and tribal authority over projects on their own lands, allows pipelines to be built on National Park land without the necessary environmental reviews, and provisions that could lock in dirty fossil energy for decades to come at a time that we should be investing in cleaner, cheaper alternatives.

The additional bills being added to this package have only increased the number of radical attacks on the environment; fortunately, most of these have previously been opposed by the Obama administration. These provisions include:

- H.R.538, the Native American Energy Act, which would limit public involvement in energy projects on tribal lands.
- H.R.1937, the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act, which weakens environmental review for the hardrock mining industry and jeopardizes the water quality of nearby communities.
- H.R.2406, the SHARE Act, which threatens wildlife and public lands while undermining our bedrock environmental protections.
- H.R.2647, the Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015, which would legislatively promote devastating logging projects and subvert environmental review.
- H.R.2898, the Western Water and American Food Security Act, which weakens protections for salmon, migratory birds, and other fish and wildlife in California's Bay-Delta estuary and threatens the jobs that depend on the health of these species.



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- H.R.1806, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015, which would undermine investments in science and federal research and development.

We urge you to REJECT S.2012 and will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2016 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