



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

March 19, 2013

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support S. Con. Res. 8 (The Murray budget) & Oppose All Anti-Environmental Amendments

Dear Senator:

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 support S. Con. Res. 8 in its current form, Senator Patty Murray's budget resolution titled Foundation for Growth, which takes a responsible approach to reducing our deficit and recognizes that economic growth and a healthy environment go hand-in-hand. We also urge you to oppose anti-environmental amendments that would undermine the health and environmental goals promoted in this legislation.

The Murray budget recognizes that core investments in clean air, clean water, clean energy, and conservation will grow our economy, protect our health, and improve our quality of life. The bill embraces our obligation to future generations to address climate change by giving the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other agencies the resources they need to protect the health and environment of the American people.

We strongly encourage you to oppose efforts to mar this budget resolution by attaching anti-environmental amendments. In particular, we urge you to oppose amendments related to approving the harmful Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, blocking the EPA's authority to reduce carbon pollution or to protect the public from toxic coal ash, and mandate dangerous new oil drilling off our coasts and in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

We urge you to support the Murray budget in its current form and oppose all anti-environmental amendments to the bill. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2013 *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