



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Thank you for opposing H.R. 2578 and H.R. 4480

Dear Representative:

We write to express our sincere thanks for standing up to an extreme anti-environment agenda by voting “no” last month on H.R. 2578, the so-called Conservation and Economic Growth Act, and H.R. 4480, the so-called Domestic Energy and Jobs Act. These bills pose serious threats to America’s natural heritage, public health, and national security, and we applaud you for opposing them.

H.R. 2578 is littered with harmful provisions. Among the most egregious is Title XIV, which takes the extraordinary step of carving out a 100-mile zone along the Mexico and Canada borders where the American people must surrender their right to hunt, fish, and recreate on their land so that federal agents can have unprecedented new policing authority. Title III is an earmark that gives a private corporation access to clearcut prime public lands in the Tongass National Forest, home to some of the largest remaining areas of old-growth in the U.S. And Title VII allows the lethal removal of sea lions from the Columbia River without public involvement and with limited scientific review.

For its part, H.R. 4480 is a giveaway that puts *Big Oil above all*. It places *Big Oil above clean air* for millions of Americans by delaying three clean air standards that will reduce the industry’s pollution and by overturning the requirement that national air quality standards be based solely on health science. It prioritizes *Big Oil above hunters and anglers* by establishing oil drilling as the primary use of America’s public lands. It puts *Big Oil above fishermen* by supporting dangerous offshore drilling along America’s coasts. And it places *Big Oil above national security* by making it harder for the President of the United States to quickly respond to an emergency supply disruption by tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

Thank you again for standing up for our environment and public health by voting against H.R. 2578 and H.R. 4480. We look forward to continuing to work with you to advance an agenda that promotes economic development and environmental protection and to oppose proposals that falsely place those goals into conflict for the benefit of special interests.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President