



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

November 2, 2015

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Oppose Attacks on Clean Water (S.1140) and (S.J. Res. 22).

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 vote NO on S.1140, the so-called "Federal Water Quality Protection Act," and S.J. Res. 22, the "Resolution of Disapproval." Both pieces of legislation are extreme attacks on the Clean Water Act and the recently finalized Clean Water Rule. These bills would threaten critical clean water safeguards for the waterways that millions of Americans depend on for drinking water.

S.1140, Senator Barrasso's Dirty Water bill, is a radical assault on clean water that would block the implementation of the EPA and Army Corps' recently finalized Clean Water Rule, which protects the small streams and wetlands that feed the drinking water of one in three Americans. This legislation would also severely narrow and undermine the Clean Water Act by arbitrarily defining which waterways deserve protection without any basis in science or recognition of the important role of headwaters and seasonal and rain-dependent waters on downstream water quality.

S.J. Res. 22, the Congressional Review Act "Resolution of Disapproval," is an extreme measure that would block the Clean Water Rule and prohibit the agencies from developing any "substantially similar" measure in the future. This vague and harmful language could prevent the agencies from ever issuing rules that establish protections for the waters covered by the Clean Water Rule, leaving our streams, wetlands, lakes, and rivers vulnerable to pollution for generations to come.

We urge you to REJECT S.1140 AND S.J. Res 22, dangerous bills that undermine the Clean Water Rule and weaken the Clean Water Act, one of our nation's bedrock environmental laws. We will strongly consider including votes on these bills 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