



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

December 2, 2015

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose H.R.8 – Energy Bill that Furthers Fossil Fuels, Fails to Advance Clean Energy Solutions

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 H.R.8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015. This bill further entrenches fossil fuels while failing to make the necessary clean energy investments for our future. While the committee print included some noteworthy bipartisan provisions in line with the recommendations of the Quadrennial Energy Review, the manager's amendment jettisons these policies while adding new text that would allow pipelines to be built on National Park land without the necessary environmental reviews.

H.R.8 represents a missed opportunity to invest in our future. This bill contains an efficiency title 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, 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.

We also encourage you to reject the inclusion of an amendment that would lift the crude oil export ban. This provision is a massive giveaway to the oil industry and would be on top of billions in existing permanent tax subsidies. Multiple analyses show that lifting the crude oil export ban would increase oil production by at least 500,000 barrels per day, leading to more climate pollution and more drilling on our public lands, in the Arctic, and off our coasts.

We urge you to REJECT H.R.8 and 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