



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

January 28, 2016

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

### **Re: LCV's position on pending amendments to S. 2012**

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.

As voting begins on S.2012, the Energy Policy Modernization Act, we commend Senators Cantwell and Murkowski for their leadership and hard work to get this package to the floor. Unfortunately, we have some significant concerns with provisions in this bill that undermine environmental review and expedite approval for LNG exports, undermine existing furnace energy efficiency standards and the move toward fossil-free federal buildings, and limit protections for wildlife, fish and water quality at hydropower dams. We are pleased that this bill contains a permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, along with a strong energy efficiency title. We call on all Senators to stand against efforts by polluters to add amendments that threaten our air, water, lands, wildlife and climate and to support efforts that accelerate the necessary transition to a clean energy economy.

#### **We urge you to vote NO on these damaging amendments:**

- **Crapo #3021:** This amendment would spend taxpayer funds on research into the nuclear industry, despite concerns about the safety of this energy source and storage of nuclear waste. Furthermore, this amendment fails to require the environmental review necessary to ensure the program does not threaten our environment or our health.
- **Murkowski #2963:** This amendment requires NERC and regional planning entities to evaluate the impacts of federal agency rulemakings that “may significantly affect” the reliable operation of the bulk-power system and issue a “reliability impact statement” detailing any potential adverse impacts. This amendment is duplicative and could undermine existing reliability protection standards and processes.

#### **We urge you to vote YES on these positive amendments:**

- **Schatz # 2965:** This amendment increases funding for ARPA-E, an important DOE research program into transformational breakthroughs in energy technologies. Additional funding for this program can help the U.S. lead in the clean energy transformation.
- **Shaheen #2968:** This amendment improves section 1202 of the underlying bill by better defining “smart manufacturing technologies.” Supporting smart manufacturing technologies saves companies money, improving their global competitiveness.



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LCV will strongly consider including votes on amendments to S. 2012 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Karpinski".

Gene Karpinski  
President