



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

September 8, 2014

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Support S.J. Res. 19, which restores the voice of the American people in our elections**

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 YES on S.J. Res. 19, which would reduce the influence of big corporations and other special interest polluters and restore the voice of the American people in our elections. While we do not take amending our Constitution lightly, the alarming and growing influence of big corporations on our democracy—particularly big polluters at a time of accelerating impacts of climate change—merits taking this exceptional step.

The dramatic increase of money in politics since the disastrous *Citizens United* Supreme Court decision has allowed special interests to hijack our democracy and drown out the voices of the American people. Prominent among these special interests are the billionaire Koch brothers and other big polluters seeking to spew unlimited amounts of carbon and other pollution into our air and water at a time when climate change-fueled extreme weather is impacting Americans all across the country.

It's no surprise that everyday Americans are fighting back to restore our voices in our elections and our environment. Since *Citizens United*, 16 states and more than 550 municipalities—including some of our largest cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago—have gone on record supporting congressional passage of a constitutional amendment such as S.J. Res. 19. It's time for the Senate to pass this legislation and ensure that the American people hold the power in our elections—not special interests like big polluters.

We urge you to SUPPORT S.J. Res. 19. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2014 *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