



2015 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

FIRST SESSION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

COLORADO'S MEMBERS OF CONGRESS



Since 1970, the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) *National Environmental Scorecard* has been the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health and energy issues. English and Spanish versions of the full *Scorecard* can be found at scorecard.lcv.org.

In 2013, LCV launched *Chispa* (“spark” in Spanish) to create opportunities for Latino families and leaders across the country to have a stronger voice and leadership in the fight against climate change. From Phoenix to Denver, Baltimore to Las Vegas, Latina moms, youth and others are organizing to ensure that their leaders—local and national—heed their calls for clean air, safe water and a secure future.

LCV’s *Chispa* works with Latino communities in Colorado to become leaders for our health and the environment. *Chispa* is garnering local support for the EPA’s Clean Power Plan, a game-changing plan to limit carbon pollution from power plants, which will be implemented by state governments across the country.

Colorado’s environmental leaders in Congress—including Senator Michael Bennet and Representatives Diana DeGette, Jared Polis, and Ed Perlmutter—are championing investments in clean energy and standing up to attacks on our air, water, lands and wildlife. They support action to address climate change and preserve the state’s natural treasures for future generations, including building

support for the Browns Canyon National Monument prior to its designation by President Obama in 2015.

As highlighted in the 2015 *Scorecard*, Senator Bennet led on an amendment that acknowledges the economic and national security risks posed by climate change and encourages adopting clean energy, increasing energy efficiency and reducing carbon pollution. The 2015 *Scorecard* also includes an amendment from Representative Polis that sought to remove a harmful anti-environmental rider that prevents the government from taking into consideration the full costs of climate change on communities.

Latinos across the country, including in Colorado, broadly support the expansion of clean energy, like solar and wind, as an opportunity to bring good jobs to our communities and boost the economy. Latino communities are grateful to have leaders like Senator Bennet and Representatives DeGette and Polis and others as champions in the fight for climate action, clean energy and public health protections for our common goal for a more sustainable future.

In contrast to their leadership, the rest of Colorado’s congressional delegation’s anti-environmental records speak for themselves. Senator Cory Gardner earned a 16 percent score in 2015, while Representatives Scott Tipton, Ken Buck and Mike Coffman each earned 3 percent scores and Doug Lamborn earned a 0 percent score.

The majority of the Latino members of Congress stood up to the radical efforts in the House and Senate to undermine protections for our air, water, lands, and wildlife and we commend the Obama administration and our Congressional allies for defeating these attacks.

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LATINO POPULATION

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL



SENATE



Michael Bennet
(D)
2015 SCORE: **84%**



Cory Gardner
(R)
2015 SCORE: **16%**



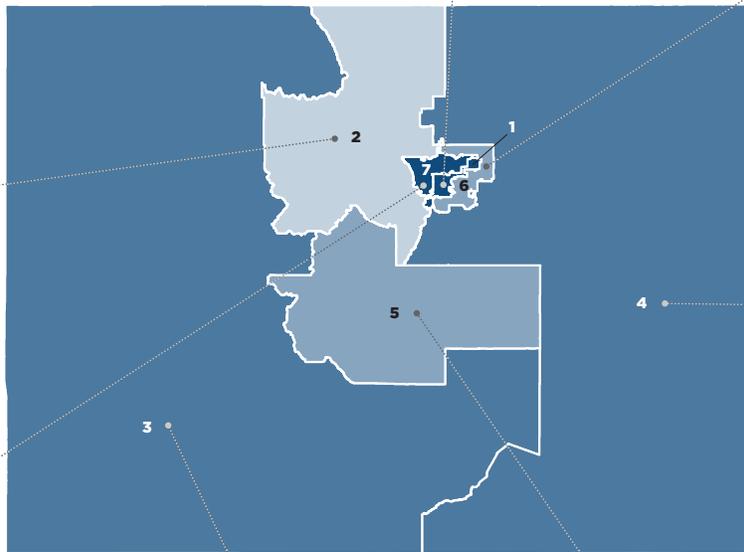
Diana DeGette
(D, CO-01)
2015 SCORE: **100%**



Mike Coffman
(R, CO-06)
2015 SCORE: **3%**



Jared Polis
(D, CO-02)
2015 SCORE: **91%**



Ken Buck
(R, CO-04)
2015 SCORE: **3%**



Ed Perlmutter
(D, CO-07)
2015 SCORE: **83%**



Scott Tipton
(R, CO-03)
2015 SCORE: **3%**



Doug Lamborn
(R, CO-05)
2015 SCORE: **0%**

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