



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose S. 3110 – Revenue sharing creates incentives for offshore drilling that harms our coasts

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our millions of members, 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. 3110, Senator Cassidy's bill that would expand revenue sharing from offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf, which creates incentives for activity that damages our climate and coastal communities, businesses, and ecosystems.

This legislation expands revenue sharing, which incentivizes dirty and dangerous offshore drilling. Our coasts and beaches support robust tourism and commercial and recreational fishing industries, as well as critically important wildlife. Offshore drilling inevitably leads to oil spills, which puts all of those values at risk—including in nearby coastal states that choose not to drill—while impeding America's transition to clean energy. While we appreciate the goals of the clean energy and conservation provisions in the bill, they should not be packaged with legislation that incentivizes harmful activity that worsens climate change.

The bill expands revenue sharing in the Gulf Coast region and creates new schemes for Alaska and four southeast states, which would direct revenues from offshore drilling away from the federal Treasury and toward these coastal states. But the Outer Continental Shelf contains resources owned by all Americans, not just by a handful of states. What's more, it does not make sense to siphon revenues away from the Treasury at a time when we are struggling to address our nation's fiscal challenges.

We urge you to REJECT S. 3110 and will strongly consider including votes on this bill 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,

Gene Karpinski
President