



# LCV (0:30 TV – ENGLISH): “LOOKING OUT LAS VEGAS”

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<p><i>Child pours water from faucet.</i></p> <p><i>Capitol Building.</i></p> <p><i>Senator Heller.</i></p> <p><i>Image of S.2245, showing Heller’s cosponsorship.</i></p> <p><b>SENATOR HELLER WEAKEN CLEAN WATER BILL</b></p> <p>Source: S.2245, 3/8/12</p>	<p>To protect our water in Nevada, we need leaders looking out for us in Washington.</p> <p>But Senator Heller co-sponsored a bill weakening the Clean Water Act.</p>	<p><b>Heller Helped Introduce Bill Prohibiting EPA Administrator From Finalizing And Implementing Any Guidance Aimed At Strengthening The Clean Water Act.</b> In March 2012, Heller was an original cosponsor of the Preserve The Waters Of The United States Act, introduced by Sen. John Barrasso. The bill “prohibits the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from: (1) finalizing the proposed guidance described in the notice of availability and request for comments entitled ‘EPA and Army Corps of Engineers Guidance Regarding Identification of Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act’; or (2) using such guidance, or any substantially similar guidance, as the basis for any decision regarding the scope of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) or any rulemaking. [The bill also] provides that the use of such guidance as the basis for any rule shall be grounds for vacation of such rule.” [S.2245, <a href="#">3/8/12</a>]</p> <p><b>Heller: Bill Threatens Personal Property Rights And Discourages Economic Growth.</b> In a March 2012 joint press release with bill sponsor Sen. John Barrasso, Heller said, “As Americans struggle in this anemic economy, the Administration continues to stifle job creation at every turn. Expanding EPA’s authority and threatening personal property rights will only discourage the economic growth we need for long term job creation. It is past time to cut through the red tape, and tear down the barriers to get the American people back to work. I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this bill passed.” [Barrasso Press Release, <a href="#">3/28/12</a>]</p>
<p><i>Trump getting on to Air Force One.</i></p> <p><i>Trump signing legislation.</i></p> <p><i>Heller at congressional hearing.</i></p> <p><i>Pruitt at congressional hearing.</i></p> <p><b>SENATOR HELLER RUBBER STAMP FOR TRUMP</b></p> <p><b>The Nation.</b></p>	<p>And Heller’s been a rubberstamp for President Trump’s dangerous agenda, even voting for Trump’s EPA nominee, Scott Pruitt.</p>	<p><b>The Nation Headline: “Scott Pruitt Is Bad For Your Health.”</b> [The Nation, <a href="#">1/20/17</a>]</p> <p><b>Heller Has Voted For Every Single Controversial Trump Cabinet Nominee So Far, Including For Scott Pruitt To Be EPA Administrator</b></p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Confirm Scott Pruitt To Be EPA Administrator.</b> In February 2017, Heller voted to confirm Scott Pruitt to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The nomination was confirmed 52-46. [PN44, <a href="#">Vote 71</a>, 2/16/17]</p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Confirm Mick Mulvaney To Be OMB Director.</b> In February 2017, Heller voted to confirm Mick Mulvaney to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The nomination was confirmed 51-49. [PN54, <a href="#">Vote 68</a>, 2/16/17]</p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Confirm Steve Mnuchin To Be Treasury Secretary.</b></p>



<p><b>January 20, 2017 Scott Pruitt Is Bad for Your Health</b></p> <p>Source: PN44, Vote 71, 2/16/17</p>		<p>In February 2017, Heller voted to confirm Steven T. Mnuchin to be Secretary of the Treasury. The nomination was confirmed 53-47. [PN26, <a href="#">Vote 63</a>, 2/13/17]</p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Confirm Tom Price To Be HHS Secretary.</b> In February 2017, Heller voted to confirm Tom Price to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. The nomination was confirmed 52-47. [PN33, <a href="#">Vote 61</a>, 2/10/17]</p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Confirm Jeff Sessions To Be Attorney General.</b> In February 2017, Heller voted to confirm Jeff Sessions to be Attorney General of the United States. The nomination was confirmed 52-47. [PN30, <a href="#">Vote 59</a>, 2/8/17]</p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Confirm Betsy DeVos To Be Secretary Of Education.</b> In February 2017, Heller voted to confirm Betsy DeVos to be Secretary of Education. The nomination was confirmed 50-50, with the vice president breaking the tie. [PN37, <a href="#">Vote 54</a>, 2/7/17]</p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Confirm Rex Tillerson To Be Secretary Of State.</b> In February 2017, Heller voted to confirm Rex Tillerson to be Secretary of State. The nomination was confirmed 56-43. [PN25, <a href="#">Vote 36</a>, 2/1/17]</p> <p><b><u>Heller Voted To Rubberstamp Trump’s Dangerous Agenda Of Deregulating Bedrock Environmental Protections</u></b></p> <p><b>Heller Voted To Use Extreme Legislative Tool To Overturn Stream Protection Rule, Which Protected Waterways From Coal Waste.</b> In February 2017, the <u>New York Times</u> reported, “Using an obscure law that allows Congress to review regulations before they take effect, the Senate voted to reverse the Stream Protection Rule, which seeks to protect the nation’s waterways from debris generated by a practice called surface mining. The Interior Department had said the rule would protect 6,000 miles of streams and 52,000 acres of forests by keeping coal mining debris away from nearby waters.” Heller voted for the joint resolution, passed 54-45. President Trump signed it into law. [H.J.Res.38, <a href="#">Vote 43</a>, 2/2/17; <u>New York Times</u>, <a href="#">2/2/17</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>CRS Report: Stream Protection Rule Would “Reduce Human Exposure To Contaminants In The Drinking Water, And The Probability Of Adverse Health Effects.”</b> According to the <u>New York Times</u>, “A report released by the Congressional Research Service last month laid out the environmental and health benefits of the rule. Stream restoration requirements would reduce human exposure to contaminants in the drinking water, and the probability of adverse health effects, the report said. The replanting of trees also required by the rule would increase</li></ul>
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<p><i>Pruitt smiling.</i></p> <p><b>The New York Times January 14, 2017</b>  <b>Pruitt sued the Environmental Protection Agency 14 times</b></p> <p>Source: New York Times, 1/14/17</p> <p><i>Contaminated water being investigated in a laboratory.</i></p> <p><b>The Nation. January 20, 2017</b>  <b>“does not support EPA’s findings that mercury... poses public health hazards”</b></p>	<p>Pruitt’s spent his career suing the EPA, and argued that mercury and arsenic “pose no public health hazard.”</p>	<p><b>Pruitt Sued EPA 14 Times.</b> According to an article in the <a href="#">New York Times</a>, “[Pruitt’s] antipathy to federal regulation — he sued the Environmental Protection Agency 14 times — in many ways defined his tenure as Oklahoma’s attorney general.” [<a href="#">New York Times, 1/14/17</a>]</p> <p><b>Pruitt Argued That The EPA Wrongly Claimed That Mercury Poses Public Health Hazards.</b> In January 2017, <a href="#">The Nation</a> wrote, “Pruitt made other attempts to soften his record on environmental health threats, particularly on climate change and mercury. On Wednesday Pruitt claimed he to be ‘concerned’ about mercury, and acknowledged that the neurotoxin is ‘very dangerous.’ A few years ago, however, he sued twice to block mercury regulations, arguing in one filing that ‘the record does not support EPA’s findings that mercury...pose[s] public health hazards.’” [<a href="#">The Nation, 1/20/17</a>]</p> <p><b>Pruitt Signed Joint Brief That Stated: “The Record Does Not Support EPA’s Findings That Mercury, Non-Mercury HAP Metals, And Acid Gas Haps Pose Public Health Hazards.”</b> According to a joint brief signed by Scott Pruitt, “In 2005, EPA determined after extensive rulemaking that EGU HAP emissions do not cause hazards to public health and, therefore, that §112 regulation of EGU HAP emissions was neither appropriate nor necessary. Now, EPA would reverse that</p>



<p>Source: The Nation, 1/20/17</p> <p><i>Child drinking water.</i></p>		<p>rulemaking determination and the statutory interpretations on which it was based, in order to regulate EGU emissions that, by EPA’s own analyses, pose no public health hazard ... EPA’s new interpretations are both inconsistent with the CAA and unreasonable. Finally, the record does not support EPA’s findings that mercury, non-mercury HAP metals, and acid gas HAPs pose public health hazards.” Non-mercury HAP metals include arsenic, chromium, and nickel. [Joint Brief of State, Industry, and Labor Petitioners, Case #12-1100, <a href="#">10/23/12</a>]</p>
<p><i>Picture of Heller.</i></p> <p><b>SENATOR HELLER NEEDS TO STAND UP FOR US</b></p> <p><i>Capitol building.</i></p> <p><i>Child drinking water.</i></p>	<p>We need Senator Heller to start standing up for us there, if we’re going to protect our water back here.</p>	
<p><b>Paid for by the League of Conservation Voters.</b></p>		