



August 4, 2022

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

Dear Senator,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) believes that everyone has a right to clean air, clean water, public lands, and a safe climate protected by a just and equitable democracy. 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 the Inflation Reduction Act, the single-largest investment in climate action in American history. As our nation and the world are already experiencing the deadly and devastating impacts of the climate crisis, and as we reckon with longstanding environmental and racial injustice and economic inequality, this opportunity for Congress to make transformational progress has never been more urgently needed. The Inflation Reduction Act puts the United States on the path to cutting our carbon pollution by roughly 40% by 2030, while creating good-paying union jobs, cutting costs for families, and investing directly in communities of color too often left behind.

The Inflation Reduction Act invests \$369 billion in climate, jobs, and justice. At the center of these investments is a set of ten-year tax incentives for clean energy, domestic manufacturing, clean vehicles, innovative technologies, and energy efficiency that will save households hundreds of dollars annually, are tied to strong labor provisions, and include added incentives for investments made in low-income communities. It invests \$60 billion in environmental justice priorities including environmental and climate justice block grants, neighborhood access and equity grants program, funding for reducing toxic air pollution, electrifying ports, trucks, and buses, reinstatement of the Superfund tax on oil companies, a methane emissions reduction program, and a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that delivers at least 60% of investments to disadvantaged communities. It also invests in transmission infrastructure, building electrification, procurement of low-carbon materials, industrial decarbonization, and resiliency with investments in climate-smart agriculture and coastal restoration, among other important investments.

While historic, this bill also includes provisions that would continue to perpetuate our dependence on fossil fuels and subject frontline communities to further harm. These provisions are inconsistent with our climate and justice goals. Taken as a whole, however, we believe this bill presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make transformational investments that will help protect our communities from current and future climate devastation. We will continue the fight against the climate crisis on many fronts including through pushing for bold executive action and continued progress in states and Congress, but this legislation is critical to building a clean energy future that is safer, healthier, and more just for all.

For all these reasons, **we strongly urge you to support the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.** While our typical vote recommendations note that we will consider including votes on our *Scorecard*, in this instance we want to state unequivocally that we **will score this historic legislation in the 2022 Scorecard**. If you would like more information, please reach out to a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Karpinski".

Gene Karpinski
President