



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Vote Yes on H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act

Dear Representative:

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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. LCV also works to elect pro-environment candidates who will lead our nation toward a healthier future and to defeat those who stand in the way of clean energy.

LCV urges you to vote YES on H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act. The American Clean Energy and Security Act has the potential to transform America by creating clean energy jobs, improving our national security, and protecting our planet from global warming pollution.

In light of the tremendous importance of this legislation, LCV has made the unprecedented decision that we will not endorse any member of the House of Representatives in the 2010 election cycle who votes against final passage of this historic bill.

Of course, support for H.R. 2454 alone is not enough action to secure an endorsement from LCV. As always, we will consider many other factors, including viability, vulnerability, recent and lifetime LCV scores, and demonstrated environmental leadership, in our final endorsement decisions.

After far too many years of inaction, missed opportunities, and major steps backwards, H.R. 2454 will begin to move our country toward a new energy future by putting a firm limit on global warming pollution, improving energy efficiency, and investing in renewable energy.

LCV believes the vote on final passage is the most important environmental vote to date in the House of Representatives, which is why we will not endorse anyone who opposes this bill, assuming it remains in a form we support. To that end, it is critically important that members of Congress oppose weakening amendments or a motion to recommit H.R. 2454, and support strengthening amendments. We will strongly consider scoring votes on this bill in the 2009 *Scorecard*.

An opportunity such as this may only come along once in a generation. The stakes could not be higher; a safer, healthier planet and a new energy economy hang in the balance, and it's imperative that members of Congress be on the right side of history. We urge you to vote yes on final passage and to work to strengthen this bill as it moves through the legislative process. If you need more information, please call Tiernan Sittenfeld or Sara Chieffo at my office (202) 785-8683.

Sincerely,

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President