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**Re: Vote Yes on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Dear Senator:

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 help our nation bring about a new energy economy by voting YES on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. As global warming pollution poses an increasing threat to our planet, our growing dependence on oil jeopardizes our national security, and the enormity of our economic crisis continues to unfold, it is more apparent than ever that we must move our country toward a new energy future.

Fortunately, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act makes a down payment in addressing all of these problems by investing tens of billions of dollars in clean energy provisions, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, public transit, public lands restoration, and green jobs. These investments will create jobs, save consumers money, improve our national security, and protect the planet.

LCV strongly supports the many clean energy solutions included in this bill, such as increasing wind and solar power, training workers for green jobs, modernizing the electricity grid, making buildings more efficient, and helping people purchase more efficient appliances. In short, this legislation will address our economic woes in both the short and long term while ensuring a healthier planet for future generations. We urge you to vote YES on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We will strongly consider including the vote on this conference report in the 2009 Scorecard. If you need more information, please call Tiernan Sittenfeld or Tim Greeff at my office (202) 785-8683.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski  
President