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**Constituents or Lobbyists: Who Do House Leaders  
Represent?**  
*Interior & Environment Appropriations Bill Presents Key Test*

Washington, DC (July 25, 2011) – The U.S. House of Representatives is set to take up the fiscal year 2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill today.

[Larry Schweiger](#), president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, said today:

“From politically-motivated budget tricks to policy riders that have nothing to do with the deficit, this bill contains dozens of attacks on America’s wildlife, air, water, and public health. [Poll](#) after [poll](#) has shown that strong majorities of voters across party lines – Democrats, Republicans, and independents – stand together against the House leadership’s attacks on America’s longstanding national commitment to protecting the air we breathe and the water we drink. It’s fair to ask who members of Congress supporting this massive overreach are representing – their constituents, or polluter lobbyists?

“This legislation would take every single American backwards. If a child in your family suffers from asthma, you should oppose this bill. If you’re a sportsman, a wildlife lover, or value America’s national parks, you should oppose this bill. If you think your vehicle should carry your family further every time you pay for a tank of gas, you should oppose this bill.”

Learn more about the FY2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill as passed out of committee in the [NWF Media Center](#).

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