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### **Energy & Commerce Committee Continues to Push Dangerous Tar Sands Pipeline**

WASHINGTON - League of Conservation Voters Senior Vice President for Government Affairs Tiernan Sittenfeld issued the following statement in response to the House Energy and Commerce Committee's passage of legislation to expedite a decision on the controversial Keystone XL tar sands pipeline:

“Oil companies are clearly pressuring their friends in Congress to rush to the finish line on this dangerous tar sands pipeline even as it becomes increasingly clear that it simply is not in the national interest. This pipeline would threaten the environment, jeopardize the health and safety of surrounding communities, and raise gas prices throughout the Midwest. The bill that passed out of the Energy and Commerce Committee today is yet another example of Big Oil and its allies in Congress recklessly pushing the failed energy policies of the past rather than pursuing clean energy solutions that will create jobs, improve our national security, and protect the planet from global warming pollution.”

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