



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

July 25, 2011

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act

Dear Representative:

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 vote NO on H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act, a dangerous bill that would rush a decision on whether to grant a Presidential Permit to build the Keystone XL pipeline across six states in order to carry tar sands – the dirtiest form of oil on the planet – from Canada's boreal forest to an international shipping port in Texas. This pipeline would threaten the environment with 82 percent more global warming pollution on a life cycle basis than conventional crude oil and jeopardize surrounding communities, ecosystems, and watersheds. It would also enable big oil companies to manipulate the supply of tar sands in the United States in order to raise gas prices throughout the Midwest while affording them the opportunity to begin exporting this harmful product around the world.

H.R. 1938 would create an arbitrary deadline that limits the Administration's ability to complete adequate safety and environmental impact studies. A floor vote on this irresponsible bill comes on the heels of two incidents that serve as stark reminders of the dangers of pipelines and underscore the perils of rushing a decision on the Keystone XL Pipeline; crews are still cleaning up over 1,000 barrels of crude as far as 200 miles downstream from a July 1st oil spill on the Yellowstone River, and a TransCanada natural gas pipeline ruptured in Wyoming on July 22nd.

H.R. 1938 is simply the latest in a series of harmful bills recklessly pushed by Big Oil and its allies in Congress in order to promote 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.

We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act, which is decidedly not in the national interest. We also urge you to support any pro-environment amendments, although we will oppose this bill regardless of whether amendments are approved. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2011 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call Tiernan Sittenfeld, Sara Chieffo, or Alex Taurel in my office at (202) 785-8683.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President