



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose McConnell, Rockefeller, and Baucus amendments to SBIR/STTR

Dear Senator:

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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. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

LCV urges you to vote NO on the McConnell (#183), Rockefeller (#215), and Baucus (#236) amendments to the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011. If passed, these destructive amendments would stop the EPA's scientists from doing their job to protect public health by reducing harmful carbon pollution from the nation's biggest polluters.

These amendments threaten the landmark Clean Air Act: a law that has saved hundreds of thousands of lives and cost-effectively spurred innovation throughout its 40 year history. In fact, the benefits provided by this critical public health law have exceeded costs by 30 to one. These benefits translate into lives saved, avoided hospital visits, and jobs created from innovations in pollution control technology, among others. Additionally, the McConnell amendment overturns the EPA's endangerment finding, rejecting the settled science of climate change and increasing our dependence on oil by undermining fuel economy standards at a time when rising gas prices should spur us to use less oil, not more.

LCV joins a broad coalition of organizations, spanning veterans, health, consumer, environment, small business, and labor in urging you to oppose efforts to block, weaken, or delay the EPA's commonsense steps to reduce pollution and protect public health.

We urge you to reject these amendments and will strongly consider including these votes 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Karpinski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gene Karpinski
President