



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support H.R. 5351, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Act of 2008.

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Dear Representative:

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is the independent political voice for the environment. 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 support H.R. 5351, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Act of 2008, which will help continue our country's move toward a clean energy future. H.R. 5351 is a significant step toward ending unnecessary subsidies to Big Oil, combating global warming, and decreasing air pollution, while simultaneously stimulating economic growth, creating thousands of new jobs and saving consumers money on energy bills.

H.R. 5351 extends federal tax credits for renewable energy, such as wind and solar, as well as many energy efficiency programs including appliance efficiency programs and efficiency retrofits to existing homes, all of which are set to expire at the end of this year. Allowing these programs to expire would hurt economic growth, cost thousands of jobs and be a step backwards in the fight against global warming. H.R. 5351 extends these programs for multiple years, providing stability and allowing these technologies to grow.

We look forward to working with you to add other important program extensions for the new home energy tax credit as well as several other key efficiency provisions that will help save consumers money. In short, H.R. 5351 will help meet our security, economic and energy needs while protecting public health and the environment. We urge you to vote YES on H.R. 5351, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Act of 2008, and oppose any attempts to weaken the bill.

LCV has scored votes on clean, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and oil subsidies on numerous occasions in the past few years, and we will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2008 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call Tiernan Sittenfeld or Tim Greeff at (202) 785-8683.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President