



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, and oppose any Motion to Recommit.

Dear Representative:

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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 YES on S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, and to oppose any motion to recommit the bill. S.22 is a package of more than 160 bipartisan provisions that enjoy wide support in Congress. Many of these bills have previously passed through the House of Representatives. The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reviewed and reported each of the individual components of this legislation before the bill passed the Senate.

Included in S. 22 are tremendous protections for wild places across the country, such as measures to create two million new acres of wilderness across nine states, designate a thousand miles of wild and scenic rivers, and permanently codify the National Landscape Conservation System.

While LCV opposes the inclusion of the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge and Wilderness Enhancement Act, S. 22 is an important package that will protect America's pristine natural heritage.

We urge you to support S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act, and to oppose any motion to recommit. LCV has scored numerous public lands protection votes in the past, and we will consider including votes on this legislation in the 2009 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call Tiernan Sittenfeld or Hasan Nazar in my office at (202) 785-8683.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President