



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

October 7, 2015

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose H.R.702, a Bill to Lift the Crude Oil Export Ban

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.702, which repeals current restrictions on exporting crude oil. This legislation amounts to a massive giveaway to Big Oil at the expense of American consumers and is on top of the billions that the industry already receives each year in permanent taxpayer subsidies.

Lifting the forty-year-old crude oil export ban would increase oil production by as much as 500,000 barrels per day, which could lead to drilling in sensitive areas like the Arctic, off our coasts, and on our treasured public lands. This also means more carbon pollution at a time when we should be focusing on clean energy solutions for the future. Repealing the restrictions on exporting crude oil overseas undermines our twin commitments to energy independence and climate action. Fortunately, the Administration has already threatened to veto this harmful legislation.

We urge you to REJECT H.R.702. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2015 Scorecard. If you need more information, please call my office at (202) 785-8683 and ask to speak with a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President