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League of Conservation Voters: Oppose H.R. 2432 and Support the Waxman-Tierney Amendment

Dear colleague:

I have just learned that the League of Conservation Voters, the political voice of the national environmental community, is opposing H.R. 2432 and supporting the Waxman-Tierney Amendment to create a Commission on Politicization of Science in the Regulatory Process. This independent, bipartisan commission would investigate political interference with science and make recommendations to protect scientific integrity.

In a letter to House members today, League President Deb Callahan wrote that H.R. 2432 "would result in a waste of money" and could "contribute to a loss of vital protections for millions of Americans."

The League of Conservation Voters supports the Waxman-Tierney Amendment to H.R. 2432. League President Deb Callahan explained that "**Americans expect that the science used in the development of regulations is not colored by politics. Please . . . support the Waxman Amendment**."

According to the letter, the League's Political Advisory Committee may include these votes in compiling its National Environmental Scorecard, which details the voting records of Members of Congress on environmental legislation.

For more information about H.R. 2432 or the Waxman-Tierney Amendment, please contact Alexandra Teitz or Josh Sharfstein at 225-5420.

Sincerely,

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