

June 16, 2021

U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

## RE: Support H.R. 1187, the Corporate Governance Improvement and Investor Protection Act of 2021

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 the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health, and energy issues and is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters, and the media.

<u>LCV urges you to vote YES on H.R. 1187</u>, the Corporate Governance Improvement and Investor Protection Act, which improves transparency and accountability in corporate governance and requires companies to disclose and take steps to mitigate their climate risks. This legislation is a package of five bills that passed out of the House Financial Services Committee. LCV has been particularly focused on two of these bills:

- H.R. 1187, the "ESG Disclosure Simplification Act" (Vargas), which requires firms to disclose certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) metrics to the SEC as well as a plan for how those metrics are integrated into their long-term business strategy. The bill also requires the SEC to establish a Sustainable Financial Advisory Committee (SFAC) to provide the SEC with advice on sustainable finance issues.
- H.R. 2570, the "Climate Risk Disclosure Act" (Casten), requires public companies to disclose information relating to their financial and business risks associated with climate change so that shareholders have the information they need to mitigate financial, physical, and legal climate-related risks to their investments. The bill also requires the SEC to set industry-specific climate-related risk disclosure metrics and guidance.

Again, we urge you to SUPPORT H.R. 1187, which gives investors the tools to assess climate-related risks and accelerate the market transition from fossil fuels to cleaner and more sustainable energy sources that mitigate climate change. We will strongly consider including votes on this legislation in the 2021 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please contact a member of our government relations team. If you need more information, please contact a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

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