

August 23, 2021

United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support the Budget Resolution for the Build Back Better agenda (S. Con. Res. 14)

Dear Representative,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) works to turn environmental values into national priorities. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, detailing 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. Con. Res. 14, the FY2022 Budget Resolution, which sets in motion the investments necessary to deliver on the Build Back Better agenda, including tackling the interwoven crises of climate change, environmental injustice and economic inequality.

The Budget Resolution will enable Congress to enact a reconciliation bill that meets the moment on climate change while centering justice for communities of color and low income communities who have borne the brunt of fossil fuel pollution and creating millions of high-quality jobs. It transforms our power sector by providing tax incentives for clean energy and establishing a clean electricity payment program for utilities to reduce their climate pollution, which together will achieve 80% clean electricity by 2030 and create hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs. It invests in environmental justice programs that promote access to affordable clean water and pollution-free ports. It establishes the first ever Civilian Climate Corps, which will put Americans to work completing federally-funded projects that help communities respond to climate change and transition to a clean economy. It electrifies the federal vehicles fleet and buildings and invests in nationwide electric vehicle charging infrastructure. These and other investments are necessary to deliver on the entirety of the necessary climate and justice goals in the Build Back Better agenda.

Earlier this month, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change underscored the need for urgent and ambitious action on greenhouse gases emissions by declaring that we are in a "code red for humanity." Passing this Budget Resolution is a critical step to enabling Congress to proceed swiftly along the dual track process of both reconciliation and the bipartisan infrastructure bill to deliver the entirety of President Biden's overwhelmingly popular Build Back Better agenda at the funding levels that climate and justice demand.



Again, we urge you to vote YES on the FY2022 Budget Resolution. We will strongly consider including this vote in the 2021 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please contact a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

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