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Maine Conservation Voters Announces Delegation Scores from LCV's 2015 National Environmental Scorecard

****Full *Scorecard* available in English and Spanish at scorecard.lcv.org****

Augusta, ME – Maine Conservation Voters today unveiled scores for Maine's congressional delegation as part of the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) 2015 *National Environmental Scorecard* release. The *Scorecard* includes the most votes ever scored and reveals the most anti-environmental Congress in our history. This is in direct contrast to President Obama, who led the way on combating climate change and protecting our environment. The *Scorecard* is available in both English and Spanish at scorecard.lcv.org.

“Once again, too many members of Congress were complicit in extreme attacks on both bedrock environmental laws and more recent progress to protect our air, water, public lands and wildlife,” said Maine Conservation Voters’ Executive Director Maureen Drouin. “Despite last year being the hottest year on record, members like Maine’s own Congressman Bruce Poliquin put the agenda of polluters ahead of the health of Maine people. Fortunately, environmental allies like Senator Susan Collins, Senator Angus King, and Congresswoman Chellie Pingree consistently stood up to these radical attacks.”

The 2015 *Scorecard* includes votes cast during the first session of the 114th Congress. Both chambers seemingly left no environmental issue untouched in 2015, with assaults on the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Antiquities Act. It includes 35 House votes, which ties the record for the most votes scored in the House for the fourth time in five years, and 25 votes in the Senate, the second highest number ever included.

The good news is that the *Scorecard* also includes many votes led by environmental allies who stood up for climate change science, clean energy, public lands, wildlife protections, among other issues. Thanks to President Obama and environmental champions in Congress, virtually all of the legislative attacks on the environment and public health were defeated.

In Maine, Senator King and Congresswoman Pingree stood out as environmental champions, earning perfect scores on the 2015 *Scorecard*, while Congressman Poliquin earned an abysmal score of 9 percent. Senator Susan Collins, at 60 percent, earned the highest score of any Republican Senator, showing her willingness to challenge her party's leadership and vote independently when the health of Maine people and our environment are at stake. The average score for the Maine delegation is 67 percent; however, excluding Rep. Poliquin's poor score, the Maine delegation average stands at a strong 86 percent.

"The 2015 *Scorecard* shows that the radical leadership in the House and Senate wasted no time pursuing big polluters' agenda last year, and their environmental assault is well underway in 2016," said League of Conservation Votes President Gene Karpinski. "Fortunately, we have a growing force of environmental allies, including the president, as well as many in Congress, who are working tirelessly to combat climate change, transition to a clean energy economy and safeguard our air, water, lands and wildlife."

Senator Susan Collins, 60%

Senator Angus King, 100%

Representative Chellie Pingree, 100%

Representative Bruce Poliquin, 9%

For over 40 years, the *National Environmental Scorecard* issued by LCV has been the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health, and energy issues. For more information, visit <http://scorecard.lcv.org>.