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## LCV RELEASES 2009 ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARDS FOR ARIZONA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND STATE LEGISLATURE

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Arizona – Today, the Arizona League of Conservation Voters and the national League of Conservation Voters joined together to release their annual environmental scorecards, showing the voting records of our state leaders on issues ranging from clean energy and climate change to public lands and water conservation. The scorecards reveal which members of Arizona's federal delegation and Arizona's Legislature are standing up for a better environment and which ones are jeopardizing the welfare of future generations.

"We applaud those members of the Arizona delegation who fought in 2009 to bring clean energy jobs to the state and reduce our national dependence on foreign oil, such as Congressmen Pastor and Grijalva and Congresswoman Giffords," said Steve Arnquist, executive director of the Arizona LCV. "The 2009 Scorecard clearly exposes Congressmen Franks, Shadegg and Flake for what they really are: willing to put corporate polluters and other special interests ahead of a cleaner, more secure energy future for Arizona."

Arnquist added: "We are proud to announce that 18 members of the Arizona state Legislature earned a 100 percent ratings and six more earned scores between 90 and 99 percent on our state scorecard. We are less proud that 42 of Arizona's 90 state legislators voted for our environment less than half of the time."

The 2009 *National Environmental Scorecard* covers 11 Senate and 13 House votes during the first session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, dominated by clean energy and climate legislation but also including other environmental issues such as public lands, water and wildlife conservation. Three Arizona representatives (Giffords, Grijalva and Pastor) earned perfect 100 percent scores in 2009. At the same time, three representatives (Shadegg, Franks and Flake) and 1 senator (Kyl) opposed every proposed environmental protection measure, earning abysmal scores of 0 percent. On average, the Arizona delegation scored 57 percent in the House and 5 percent in the Senate.

"The 2009 National Environmental Scorecard illustrates the extent to which the Obama administration and the 111th Congress began to move our nation towards a clean energy future that will create new jobs, make America more energy independent and curb global warming pollution," said national LCV President Gene Karpinski. "However, it also makes clear

that there is still much work to be done, first and foremost to finish the work started in the House by swiftly passing a comprehensive clean energy and climate bill in the Senate.”

(Reps. Giffords, Grijalva, and Pastor voted for the landmark American Clean Energy and Security Act, which would help bring more than 29,000 clean energy jobs to Arizona.\*)

The 2009 *Arizona Environmental Scorecard* covers 12 Senate votes and 13 House votes during the first session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Arizona Legislature on issues from state parks and air and water quality to mining and renewable energy.

“The 2009 Arizona Environmental Scorecard is a disappointment in many ways,” said Roselyn O’Connell, president of the board of the non-partisan AZLCV. “In 2007, we began to see positive movement amongst our elected officials to make Arizona’s quality of life a priority. Two years later, however, it appears that too many of Arizona’s lawmakers are willing for our children to inherit an enormous environmental debt in the form of poor air and water quality not to mention the effects on their health. The 2009 scorecard indicates that much of our earlier progress was stalled by the 49<sup>th</sup> legislature.”

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 30 years. The Arizona LCV has been helping Arizona voters choose conservation-minded candidates since 1992.

Results from the 2009 *National Environmental Scorecard* and the 2009 *Arizona Environmental Scorecard* on:

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\* Source: Center for American Progress & Political Economy Research Institute, [http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/06/clean\\_energy\\_map.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/06/clean_energy_map.html)

<b>Arizona Federal Delegation – Senate</b>	<b>Arizona Legislature (Top Scores)</b>	<b>Arizona Legislature – (Lowest Scores)</b>
Kyl – 0% (8% lifetime) McCain – 9% (23% lifetime) <b>Arizona Federal Delegation – House</b> CD1 – Kirkpatrick – 86% (86% lifetime) CD2 – Franks – 0% (3% lifetime) CD3 – Shadegg – 0% (6% lifetime) CD4 – Pastor – 100% (82% lifetime) CD5 – Mitchell – 71% (85% lifetime) CD6 – Flake – 0% (10% lifetime) CD7 - Grijalva – 100% (95% lifetime) CD8 - Giffords – 100% (91% lifetime)	Sen. Paula Aboud – 100% Sen. Meg Burton-Cahill – 100% Sen. Leah Landrum-Taylor – 100% Sen. Debbie McCune-Davis – 100% Sen. Richard Miranda – 100% Sen. Rebecca Rios – 100% Rep. David Bradley – 100% Rep. Olivia Cajero-Bedford – 100% Rep. Chad Campbell – 100% Rep. Cloves Campbell – 100% Rep. Tom Chabin – 100% Rep. Christopher Deschene – 100% Rep. Steve Farley – 100% Rep. Phil Lopes – 100% Rep. David Lujan – 100% Rep. David Schapira – 100% Rep. Anna Tovar – 100% Rep. Rae Waters – 100%	Sen. Ron Gould - 0% Sen. Sylvia Allen - 2% Sen. Chuck Gray - 8% Sen. Russell Pearce - 9% Rep. Andy Biggs - 20% Rep. Judy Burges - 11% Rep. Rick Murphy - 12%