



ClearPath Takes LCV Scorecard To Task

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 2017 -- ClearPath Action CEO Jay Faison today questioned the 2016 [annual scorecard](#) from the League of Conservation Voters as undervaluing or undermining realistic and meaningful clean energy policies.

“LCV is not an objective methodology premised on key votes,” Faison said. “The cherry picking is clearly designed to produce starkly partisan results, reflecting a bias against many of the most effective clean energy strategies available to pragmatic policymakers.”

Faison pointed to the absence of votes on widely-backed Republican-led proposals bolstering advanced nuclear power, clean coal technologies and hydropower.

Many votes scored were largely extraneous party-line exercises, including an amendment to the Senate energy bill from Sen. Al Franken to enact a national energy efficiency resource standard on top of the strong bipartisan efficiency language led by Sens. Rob Portman and Jeanne Shaheen that was already included in the measure.

And while Portman’s LCV score was negatively impacted for voting against Franken’s amendment, he received zero credit for leading the long and hard-fought effort with Shaheen to include the bill’s robust efficiency language. The scorecard also omits final passage of that Senate bill, which also bolstered advanced nuclear and hydropower and was an example of exactly the type of pragmatic compromise that is needed more on Capitol Hill.

Also not scored were House and Senate passage of efforts to develop and commercialize advanced nuclear technologies that are crucial for providing clean and reliable power. That includes Rep. Bob Latta's bipartisan Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act, which would require the Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission to consider new frameworks for licensing advanced nuclear reactors.

"Nuclear and hydropower make nearly 80 percent of our zero-emission, clean energy today. Yet these technologies are either ignored or opposed by LCV despite their massive contributions to producing clean electricity and reducing greenhouse gas emissions," Faison said. "By 'cooking the books' in this fashion, LCV does a material disservice to clean energy development, and to voters legitimately seeking to educate themselves on the actual record of officeholders on these key issues."

Last year, ClearPath issued an [extensive memorandum](#) more broadly underscoring how LCV's past scorecards have been similarly unfair.

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