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**National Environmental Scorecard
Reveals Missouri's Congressional "Winners and Sinners"**

***** Full *Scorecard* available at www.lcv.org/scorecard *****

St. Louis, MO – Missouri's congressional leaders receive mixed reviews in a new non-partisan national environmental ranking. Missouri Votes Conservation, a state affiliate of the national League of Conservation Voters (LCV), today joined LCV in releasing the 2009 *National Environmental Scorecard*. The scorecard scores all U.S. Senators and Congressman for their votes in the first session of the 111th Congress, and also provides lifetime scores for their votes on environmental legislation.

Missouri boasts two perfect scores of 100 among its Congressional leaders: Reps. Russ Carnahan and William "Lacy" Clay. Also scoring well were Reps. Emmanuel Cleaver, Ike Skelton, and Sen. Claire McCaskill. Missouri also has the dubious distinction of two House members who scored a zero: Rep. Roy Blunt and Rep. Todd Akin. Also scoring near the bottom of the pack were Reps. Sam Graves, Blaine Luetkemeyer, Jo Ann Emerson and Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond.

"We applaud those members of the Missouri delegation who fought in 2009 to bring nearly 36,000 clean energy jobs to the state and reduce our national dependence on foreign oil. Congressmen Clay, Carnahan, Cleaver and Skelton all voted for the American Clean Energy and Security Act," said Missouri Votes Conservation Executive Director Liz Forrestal. "The 2009 Scorecard clearly exposes Representatives Blunt, Luetkemeyer, Emerson, Akin and Graves for their willingness to put corporate polluters and other special interests ahead of a cleaner, more secure energy future for Missouri."

For 30 years, the *National Environmental Scorecard* has been the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health and energy issues. The 2009 *Scorecard* includes 11 Senate and 13 House votes dominated by clean energy and climate but also encompassing other environmental issues such as public lands, water and wildlife conservation. Two Missouri House members – Reps. Carnahan and Clay – earned a perfect 100 percent rating in 2009, while two others – Rep. Blunt and Akin – scored an abysmal 0 percent.

“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 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.”

Scores for Missouri Delegation:

U.S. House of Representatives

Clay (D), 100%

Carnahan (D), 100%

Cleaver (D), 93%

Skelton (D), 93%

Emerson (R), 14%

Luetkemeyer (R), 7%

Akin (R), 0%

Blunt (R), 0%

U.S. Senators

McCaskill (D), 91%

Bond (R), 18%

The full 2009 *National Environmental Scorecard* can be found at www.lcv.org/scorecard.