

Holt Is Longest-Serving Member with Lifetime Perfect Record

(Washington, D.C.) – The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has just announced its 2011 National Environmental Scorecard, and U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) again received a 100 percent rating, maintaining the lifetime perfect record that he has held since he began serving in Congress in 1999. Holt is the longest-serving member of the U.S. House of Representatives to have received a 100 percent rating in each year of his service.

“Long before coming to Congress, I was committed to protecting and sustaining our environment – our air, water, land, and the complex web of life – and I have kept that commitment. It is that commitment that is reflected in this rating from the League of Conservation Voters,” said Holt, who serves as the leading Democrat on the Committee on Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. “Too often in 2011, the privileged interests at oil companies and corporate polluters fought to weaken the laws that protect our natural resources, seeking to exploit a public trust for private gain.”

In announcing this year's scorecard, LCV President Gene Karpinski said, “In 2011, the House Republican leadership unleashed a truly breathtaking and unprecedented assault on the environment and public health, the breadth and depth of which have made the current U.S. House of Representatives the most anti-environmental in our nation's history.” Karpinski thanked allies in the House, such as Holt, who helped ensure that House Republican leadership did not succeed.

The scorecard cited Holt's votes on issues ranging from public health protections to clean energy to land and wildlife conservation.

More information on the honor can be found [on the LCV's website](#) .