



United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Oppose the judicial nomination of Andrew Brasher to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Dear Senator,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) believes our earth is worth fighting for because everyone has a right to clean air, water, lands, and a safe, healthy community. Each year, LCV publishes the National Environmental Scorecard, which details the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The Scorecard is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

We urge you to oppose the judicial nomination of Andrew Brasher to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Brasher has attacked fundamental environmental protections, including the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Rule. As Alabama Solicitor General, Brasher argued for the elimination of key provisions of the Endangered Species Act, specifically regarding the designation of critical habitat for endangered species. He also joined repeated challenges to the Clean Water Rule—the elimination of which would jeopardize access to safe drinking water for communities across the country—and was hosted multiple times by the Federalist Society to give speeches opposing the rule.

LCV is committed to ensuring access to the polls for all eligible voters, and Brasher has repeatedly worked to restrict voting rights in Alabama and across the country. He filed a brief in *Shelby County v. Holder* supporting the elimination of crucial protections in the Voting Rights Act, saying “the effects of [the Selma and the Edmund Pettus Bridge] events on voting and political representation have now, thankfully, faded away.” He also criticized efforts by courts to address racial gerrymandering, which often results in diluting the voices of communities of color.

For these reasons, LCV strongly urges you to oppose the judicial nomination of Andrew Brasher to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. We will consider including this confirmation vote in the 2020 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call my office at (202) 785-8683 and ask to speak with a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Karpinski".

Gene Karpinski
President