



United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Oppose the judicial nomination of Daniel Bress to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth 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 Daniel Bress to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. President Trump nominated Bress without meaningfully consulting either home-state senator, California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, and Senate Republican leadership is moving forward with the nomination over the objections of both members. In addition, Bress does not live in California and has spent his entire legal career on the east coast. The decision to move forward with this nomination is damaging both to the integrity of the courts and the Senate.

This nomination is of particular concern given the importance of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers nearly three-quarters of the United States' public lands and serves a critical role in deciding some of our nation's most important environmental cases.

Bress' nomination is part of a disturbing pattern by the Trump Administration to nominate judicial appointments without a rigorous process to ensure we have qualified, non-ideological nominees for these lifetime appointments. The administration should work with Senators Feinstein and Harris to find a consensus candidate to serve fairly and impartially on the court.

For these reasons, LCV strongly urges you to oppose the judicial nomination of Daniel Bress to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. We will consider including this confirmation vote in the 2019 *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,

Gene Karpinski  
President