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Government Scientists Support Independent Commission on Politics and Science

Dear Colleague:

I have just learned that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a group representing 10,000 federal and state resource professionals, has endorsed the creation of an independent, bipartisan commission to examine the politicization of science in the regulatory process and make recommendations to protect scientific integrity. You can support this proposal by voting YES on the Waxman-Tierney Amendment to H.R. 2432.

This afternoon, I received a letter from PEER Executive Director Jeff Ruch stating:

As an organization whose membership consists of government environmental scientists who often find themselves under political pressure to alter or shade scientific findings, PEER heartily endorses your proposal to establish an Independent Commission on Politicization of Science in the Regulatory Process.

PEER feels that public agency scientists will greatly benefit from an outside yet authoritative review of the pressures they face in attempting to faithfully apply science in the public interest on issues of great political controversy.

For more information about the Amendment, please contact Josh Sharfstein at 225-5420.

Sincerely,



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