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**League of Conservation Voters Names
Bob Beauprez, First Gubernatorial Candidate Ever,
to 2006 "Dirty Dozen" List**

LCV Joins Colorado Conservation Voters Campaign Fund for Announcement

RIFLE, CO – The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) today joined with the Colorado Conservation Voters Campaign Fund to name Representative Bob Beauprez (CO) to LCV's 2006 "Dirty Dozen" list, the first time in LCV's 36-year history that it has named a gubernatorial candidate to its list.

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"Time and time again, Rep. Beauprez has sided with Big Oil and other special interests over the environment and public health considerations of the people of Colorado. While Coloradoans push for real solutions to our energy and water challenges, Bob Beauprez has turned his back on us," LCV Senior Vice President for Political Affairs Tony Massaro said. "His dismal environmental voting record in Congress has earned him an unprecedented spot as the only gubernatorial candidate to ever be included on the Dirty Dozen list."

"Congressman Beauprez's voting record places the priorities of the oil and gas industry ahead of the needs of Colorado communities," said Carrie Doyle, Director of the Colorado Conservation Voters Campaign Fund. "By voting to fast track energy development and weaken clean water protections, the Congressman has shown that he just doesn't get it when it comes to the impacts of energy development on Colorado communities."

Rep. Beauprez holds a lifetime LCV score of 5%. In Congress, his record on energy and water demonstrates just how out of touch he is with the people of Colorado. For example, Rep. Beauprez voted for the oil shale and tar sands royalty subsidy, which would reduce potential revenues available to local Colorado communities for giving the right to drill on their land. In addition, while the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission continues to monitor storm water runoff from oil and gas development due to water quality concerns, Rep. Beauprez voted to exempt some oil and gas drilling activities from the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

Further, Rep. Beauprez voted to cut more than \$20 million from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. He also voted to give billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies to oil companies at a time of record breaking profits, and opposed sensible clean energy solutions, such as requiring new cars to go further on a gallon of gas.

"Colorado voters need to know Rep. Beauprez's track record of voting with special interests," Mr. Massaro said.

Rep. Beauprez joins the first 12 members of the 2006 Dirty Dozen: Senators George Allen (VA), Conrad Burns (MT), Rick Santorum (PA), Jim Talent (MO), and Representatives Dan Boren (OK), Henry Cuellar (TX), Katherine Harris (FL), J.D. Hayworth (AZ), Richard Pombo (CA), Deborah Pryce (OH), Charles Taylor (NC) and Heather Wilson (NM). Representatives Tom Delay (TX) and Bob Ney (OH) were placed in a separate category following their respective decisions not to seek re-election.

Over the last decade, LCV's "Dirty Dozen" list has held elected officials accountable for their votes and actions by highlighting some of the worst environmental records in Congress. Since its inception in 1996, more than half of the candidates named to the "Dirty Dozen" were subsequently defeated.

To learn more about the Dirty Dozen and to view the LCV's National Environmental Scorecard, visit www.lcv.org.

