
LOCAL GROUP HAILS COOPER AS "OUTSTANDING" ON ENVIRONMENT

Sierra Club, which boasts membership of 7,000 in Tennessee, cites Cooper's dedication to various environmental issues

In a letter to the editor of the Tennessean, published on October 22nd 2008, Bill Terry of the Sierra Club praised Rep. Jim Cooper (TN-5) on his dedication to addressing environmental issues. The letter is copied below and can also be viewed at <http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20081022/OPINION02/81021037/1008/OPINION01>

To the Editor:

A front-page, local section news article recently highlighted the organization Greenpeace, which it said had just landed in Nashville to try to influence Rep. Jim Cooper about a particular bill addressing global warming. The article seemed to place Rep. Cooper in a negative position with regard to environmental issues.

Well, I beg to differ with Greenpeace. The environmental community in the Fifth District is united behind Jim Cooper.

The Sierra Club, for example, has been an active participant in Tennessee on various environmental fronts since 1970 and currently has about 7,000 members statewide. I am the co-chair of the Political/Legislative Committee of the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Sierra Club has endorsed Jim Cooper for re-election to Congress.

As a matter of fact, this is the third election cycle in a row in which we have endorsed Rep. Cooper. Why? Jim Cooper has had an outstanding voting record in Congress on environmental issues during his entire service as a representative from the Fifth District as well as his prior service in the Fourth District. His exemplary record covers the entire spectrum of issues and not just one bill.

The League of Conservation Voters recently released its 2008 scorecard giving Jim Cooper a 100 percent rating. It is hard to get better than that. Jim Cooper has given Tennesseans outstanding representation in Congress and has pledged to continue to do so.

Thank you, Rep. Cooper.

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