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Dear Reader,

We present to you the 2015 Environmental Scorecard, which has the highest number of 100% scores that IEC has awarded in our 40 year history. It's great to see such a strong contingent of legislators that seek to vote with the Illinois Environmental Council and our member organizations on legislation.

We are releasing this scorecard with awareness that the session is not over and the budget is still in development. For consistency, we release this scorecard at nearly the same time every year and decided to act on the same timeline this year. Any important votes taken after the release of this scorecard will be added to the 2016 scorecard.

With many changes to state government this year, we were unsure about what to expect. While many of the bills important to us moved forward, we regret that we have not seen progress on the Illinois Clean Jobs bill. Legislators should prioritize passage of the Illinois Clean Jobs bill, which will create an average of 32,000 jobs each year if passed and will not add any additional costs to the state budget. Due to its importance, we have included sponsorship of the Illinois Clean Jobs bill as one of the criteria on the score.

We are also grateful to the many legislators whose environmental efforts are not well represented by this scorecard, such as those who sponsor legislation, voice support in committees, and work with us to build support of our bills. Be sure to follow our online newsletter to get more information on how your legislator is performing in Springfield.

Jennifer Walling
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Explanation of Scoring

For each bill, legislators are evaluated on whether they voted with the pro-environment position (“+”) on the bill or against it (“-“). For bills that the environmental community supports, a YES vote is a + and a NO vote is a -. For bills that are opposed, a NO vote is a + and a YES vote is a -. The votes are then tallied and an overall score is calculated. For instance, someone who voted pro-environment on six bills and against on four bills is given a 60% score.

The only votes not counted are those when a legislator had an excused absence (noted in the chart as “A”), which generally meant that the legislator was not in Springfield on that day due to an illness or other unexpected circumstances. Legislators who had excused absences were scored according to the other votes they cast.

Two other voting possibilities are included. On occasion, a legislator may vote “Present,” which is essentially an abstention. We typically have counted these votes the same as a no vote on the bill, because the impact on the bill’s potential to pass is

the same as if that legislator had voted no. These are shown in the voting chart as “P” and counted the same as a “+” when it helps the pro-environment position, and shown as “p” and counted as “-“ when it hurts. Similarly, when a legislator is in Springfield but does not vote on a bill, we have counted it the same as a “no” vote on the bill. This is noted in the chart as “NV” and counted the same as a “+” when this action supports the pro-environment position. It is noted as “nv” and counted as “-“ when it does not support the pro-environment position.

Legislators have many reasons for voting “Present” or for not voting at all. They may vote “Present” because of a philosophical conflict on the issue, or simply because they don’t want to commit publicly one way or the other. They may miss a vote because they were in an important meeting, were in the bathroom at the time of the vote, or were at their desk but decided not to vote. Regardless of the reason, all of these actions have significant consequences for whether or not a bill passes, and therefore we have decided that it is appropriate to hold legislators accountable for their actions whatever they may be.

About the Bills in the 2015 Environmental Scorecard

SB116: Special Service Area Tax Law

Sponsors: Sen. Daniel Biss and Rep. Lou Lang

SB116 authorizes a county or a municipality to establish a green special service area. This bill is also now as PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Financing.

SB116 passed the Senate by a vote of 35-12-0 and has moved to the House

HB352: Bobcat Hunting

Sponsors: Rep. Patrick J. Verschoore and Sen. Wm. Sam McCann

HB352 allows bobcat hunting in Illinois. The final concurrence vote was used for scoring purposes in the House.

HB352 passed the House by a vote of 62-43-0 and the Senate 35-17-0

HB2607/SB1485: Illinois Clean Jobs Bill

Sponsors: Rep. Elaine Nekritz and Sen. Don Harmon

HB2607/SB1485 grows the share of energy Illinois gets from renewables, expands energy efficiency targets, and creates a carbon framework.

HB2607 currently has 61 co-sponsors in the House and SB1485 has 28 co-sponsors in the Senate

SB681: Exotic Weed Act

Sponsors: Sen. Daniel Biss and Rep. Brandon W. Phelps

SB681 adds new invasive species to the list of plants that cannot be sold or distributed.

SB681 passed the Senate 58-0-0 and the House 115-0-0

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HB1455: Electronic Waste Recycling

Sponsors: Rep. Emily McAsey and Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

HB1445 increases electronic waste recycling goals, provides a lower cost and environmentally safe disposal option for CRT glass, and removes costs to local governments.

HB1445 passed the Senate 53-0-0 and the House by a vote of 114-0-0

HB1326: Mahomet Aquifer and the Clinton Landfill

Sponsors: Rep. Carol Ammons and Sen. Scott M. Bennett

HB1326 prohibits certain MGP waste from landfills. Intended to protect the Mahomet Aquifer.

HB1326 passed the House by a vote of 104-10-0 and the Senate 57-0-0

HB437: Organic Composting Drop Offs

Sponsors: Rep. Barbara Wheeler and Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

HB437 allows temporary and permanent sites to collect organics for composting.

HB437 passed the House by a vote of 105-0-0 and the Senate 54-0-0

Senate Voting Record

			SB116 Support	HB352 Support	SB1485 (CS) Sponsor	SB681 Support	HB1455 Support	HB1326 Support	2015 Score
Althoff	32	R	nv	+	-	+	+	+	66.7
Anderson	36	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Barickman	53	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Bennett	52	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
Bertino-Tarrant	49	D	+	-	-	+	nv	+	50.0
Biss	9	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Bivins	45	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Brady	44	R	nv	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Bush	31	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Clayborne	57	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
Collins	16	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Connelly	21	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Cullerton,T	23	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	100.0
Cullerton,J	6	D	+	NV	+	+	+	+	83.3
Cunningham	18	D	+	NV	+	+	nv	+	83.3
Delgado	2	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Duffy	26	R	-	-	-	+	nv	+	33.3
Forby	59	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
Haine	56	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
Harmon	39	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Harris	15	D	+	-	+	+	nv	+	66.7
Hastings	19	D	+	NV	+	+	+	+	100.0
Holmes	42	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Hunter	3	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
Hutchinson	40	D	nv	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Jones	14	D	nv	-	+	+	+	+	66.7
Koehler	46	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	83.3
Kotowski	28	D	nv	-	+	+	+	+	66.7
LaHood	37	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Landek	12	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
Lightford	4	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	83.3
Link	30	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Luechtefeld	58	R	nv	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Manar	48	D	nv	-	+	+	+	+	66.7
Martinez	20	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
McCann	50	R	-	-	-	+	+	nv	33.3
McCarter	54	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
McConaughay	33	R	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
McGuire	43	D	+	NV	+	+	+	+	100.0
Morrison	29	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Mulroe	10	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Muñoz	1	D	+	NV	+	+	nv	+	83.3
Murphy	27	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Noland	22	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Nybo	24	R	nv	+	-	+	+	+	66.7
Oberweis	25	R	-	NV	-	+	+	+	66.7
Radogno	41	R	+	NV	-	+	+	+	83.3
Raoul	13	D	+	NV	+	+	+	+	100.0
Rezin	38	R	nv	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Righter	55	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Rose	51	R	-	-	-	+	nv	+	33.3
Sandoval	11	D	+	NV	+	nv	+	nv	66.7
Silverstein	8	D	nv	+	+	+	+	+	83.3
Stadelman	34	D	nv	NV	-	+	+	+	66.7
Steans	7	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Sullivan	47	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	66.7
Syverson	35	R	nv	-	-	+	+	+	50.0
Trotter	17	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	83.3
Van Pelt	5	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	83.3

KEY

Pro-Environment Vote.....+
 Anti-Environment Vote.....-
 Voting Present +.....P

Voting Present -p
 Absence (House)A
 Not Voting +NV

Not Voting -.....nv
 Changed vote on the record
 and notified IEC.....*

House Voting Record

			SB681 Support	HB1455 Support	HB1326 Support	HB437 Support	HB2607 Sponsor	HB352 (Vote 3-concurrence)	2015 Score
Acevedo	2	D	+	+	+	E	+	P	100.0
Ammons	103	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Andersson	65	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Andrade	40	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Anthony	75	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Arroyo	3	D	+	+	+	E	+	+	100.0
Batinick	97	R	+	+	-	+	-	-	50.0
Beiser	111	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Bellock	47	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Bennett	106	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Bourne	95	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Bradley	117	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Brady	105	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Breen	48	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Brown	102	R	+	E	+	+	-	-	60.0
Bryant	115	R	+	+	-	+	-	-	50.0
Burke	1	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Burke	36	D	+	+	nv	+	+	+	83.3
Butler	87	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Cabello	68	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Cassidy	14	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Cavaletto	107	R	+	+	-	+	-	-	50.0
Chapa LaVia	83	D	+	+	+	+	-	+	83.3
Cloonen	79	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Conroy	46	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Costello	116	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Crespo	44	D	+	+	E	E	-	+	75.0
Currie	25	D	+	+	+	E	+	+	100.0
D'Amico	15	D	+	E	+	+	+	-	80.0
Davidsmeyer	100	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Davis	27	D	+	+	+	+	+	E	100.0
Davis	30	D	+	+	+	+	+	E	100.0
DeLuca	80	D	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Demmer	90	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Drury	58	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Dunkin	5	D	+	+	+	+	+	NV	100.0
Durkin	82	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Evans	33	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Feigenholtz	12	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Fine	17	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Flowers	31	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Ford	8	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Fortner	49	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Franks	63	D	+	+	+	+	-	+	83.3
Frese	94	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Gabel	18	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Golar	6	D	+	+	+	E	+	NV	100.0
Gordon-Booth	92	D	+	+	+	E	-	-	60.0
Guzzardi	39	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Hammond	93	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Harris, G.	13	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	100.0
Harris, D.	53	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	66.7
Hays	104	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Hernandez	24	D	+	+	+	E	+	+	100.0
Hoffman	113	D	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Hurley	35	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Ives	42	R	E	+	-	+	-	-	40.0
Jackson	114	D	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Jesiel	61	R	+	+	+	+	-	E	80.0
Jones	29	D	E	+	+	E	-	+	75.0
Kay	112	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7

House Voting Record

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Kifowit	84	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Lang	16	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Leitch	73	R	+	+	-	+	-	-	50.0
Lilly	78	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Madigan	22	D	+	nv	nv	A	-	A	25.0
Manley	98	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Martwick	19	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Mautino	76	D	+	+	E	+	+	-	80.0
Mayfield	60	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
McAsey	85	D	+	+	+	+	-	+	83.3
McAuliffe	20	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
McDermed	37	R	+	+	-	+	-	-	50.0
McSweeney	52	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Meier	108	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Mitchell, C.	26	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	100.0
Mitchell, B.	101	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	66.7
Moeller	43	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Moffitt	74	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Morrison	54	R	+	+	-	+	-	-	50.0
Moylan	55	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Mussman	56	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Nekritz	57	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Phelps	118	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Phillips	110	R	+	+	-	+	-	E	60.0
Poe	99	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Pritchard	70	R	+	+	+	E	-	-	60.0
Reaves-Harris	10	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Reis	109	R	+	+	-	+	-	-	50.0
Riley	38	D	+	+	+	E	+	-	80.0
Rita	28	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Sandack	81	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Scherer	96	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Sente	59	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Sims	34	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Smiddy	71	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Sommer	88	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Sosnowski	69	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Soto	4	D	+	+	+	+	+	E	100.0
Stewart	89	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Sullivan	51	R	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Tabares	21	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Thapedi	32	D	+	+	+	+	-	+	83.3
Tryon	66	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Turner	9	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Unes	91	R	+	E	+	+	-	-	60.0
Verschoore	72	D	+	+	+	+	-	-	66.7
Wallace	67	D	+	+	+	+	+	P	100.0
Walsh	86	D	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Wehrli	41	R	E	+	+	+	+	NV	100.0
Welch	7	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Wheeler, B	64	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Wheeler, K	50	R	+	+	-	E	-	-	40.0
Williams	11	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Willis	77	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	100.0
Winger	45	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	83.3
Yingling	62	D	+	+	+	+	+	E	100.0
Zalewski	23	D	+	+	+	E	+	+	100.0

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Pro-Environment Vote +
 Anti-Environment Vote -
 Voting Present + P

Voting Present - p
 Absence (House) A
 Not Voting + NV

Not Voting - nv
 Changed vote on the record
 and notified IEC *

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