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...when we said women legislators make a big difference.



**Rachel's Network, a community of progressive women funders, has released a report [on their site](#) called "When Women Lead: A Decade of Women's Environmental Voting Records in Congress, 2006-2015".**

The report details the gender gap in voting records in Congress when it comes to the environment. The findings below are a reminder of why having women in office matters.

*"Since 2006, women in the House of Representatives have consistently outvoted their male colleagues on environmental protection. The average LCV score of women in the House over the ten year period was 69 compared to 44.6 among men."*



**Equal Pay for Men and Women? Iceland Wants Employers to Prove It**

*"Iceland ... became the first country to introduce legislation requiring employers to prove they are paying men and women equally. Iceland has had equal pay laws for half a century, pushing companies and the government to gradually reduce the pay gap. But the thinking behind the new legislation is that unless the laws are applied more forcefully, the imbalance may never really close."* - NY Times More [here](#).



**Go Emerge Nevada!**  
A NY Times opinion piece this week reported that "...Nevada now ranks near the top for women's representation in state politics, second only to

### Environmental Scores by Year and Gender

U.S. House, 2006–2015

● women ○ men



Data: League of Conservation Voters Scorecard

The report also shed light on the gender gap among voters: *"In a 2016 poll from the Pew Research Center, 57 percent of women said that the environment was important to them in the next election, compared to 47 percent of men. Pew also found that women are significantly more likely than men to say climate change is a serious problem by a margin of 17 points."*

You can access the full report [here](#).

Vermont. ... and noted increased gender representation directly translates into better consideration of women in the drafting of law and policy." See Emerge credited [here](#).



#### Call for Volunteers.

CTGCA will be tabling at the CA Democratic Convention 5/19 - 21 in Sacramento. If you can spare a few hours to volunteer at our booth, please let Elizabeth know at [elizabeth@closethegapca.org](mailto:elizabeth@closethegapca.org) and we'll be in touch.

#### We're going Hollywood!

On Saturday, May 13th join CTGCA at the 11th annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference. "It's Your Turn: Running for Office 101" 3:30pm-5pm West Hollywood Library More conference info is here: <http://wehowlc.org>



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