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**Pat Somerville Named to LCV's "Dirty Dozen in the States"**  
***Targets the most anti-environment state-level candidates in the country***

**ANN ARBOR** — The Michigan League of Conservation Voters (MLCV) and the national League of Conservation Voters (LCV) announced today that Pat Somerville has been named to LCV's "Dirty Dozen in the States." Modeled after LCV's trademark federal "Dirty Dozen," the state version highlights 12 of the most anti-environment state-level candidates from around the country who state LCVs are working to defeat.

"Pat Somerville's record made him an obvious choice for this list of dubious distinction," said Lisa Wozniak, Executive Director for Michigan LCV. "He is an adversary of the environment in a district with Lake Erie shoreline. We need a leader who will stand up for the Great Lakes, fight toxic algae blooms and address climate change. By naming Pat Somerville to the 'Dirty Dozen in the States,' we are saying that he has clearly demonstrated the wrong priorities for Pure Michigan."

"States are playing an increasingly important role in determining how our country meets the challenges of clean air, clean water and climate change. With so much at stake, it's absolutely critical that voters defeat politicians who stand with corporate polluters and elect environmental leaders at the state and local level who will make move us toward a clean energy future," said Gene Karpinski, President of the League of Conservation Voters.

Pat Somerville teamed up with outside billionaire polluters, the Koch Brothers, to [sign on to the Americans for Prosperity "No Climate Tax Pledge"](#) - a badge of courage for climate deniers. In the state legislature, Somerville co-sponsored legislation that would [prohibit new development of wind energy technology](#) and he is on the record in [opposition of state-supported investments in alternative energy](#) and [open space preservation](#).

LCV worked with its more than 30 state partners to determine this election cycle's "Dirty Dozen in the States." The candidates named are some of the most anti-environment politicians running in competitive state-level races for governor, state senate or state house this cycle.

The "Dirty Dozen in the States" is modeled after LCV's "Dirty Dozen", which targets candidates for Congress (with occasional exceptions)— regardless of party affiliation — who consistently side against the environment, and are running in races in which LCV has a serious chance to affect the outcome. Last cycle, LCV defeated 11 of the 12 "Dirty Dozen" candidates.

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