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Michigan LCV's 2014 *Lame Duck Scorecard* Holds State Legislators Accountable for Final Votes of 2013 - 2014 Legislative Session

***Full Scorecard Here: <http://michiganlcv.org/lameduck2014>**

ANN ARBOR --- Today, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters (Michigan LCV) released their 2014 *Lame Duck Scorecard*. This special-edition *Scorecard* offers a non-partisan window into the voting records of Michigan's State Representatives and State Senators on conservation and environmental issues during the busy last few weeks of the 2013 - 2014 legislative session.

"We saw serious attacks waged on Michigan's land, air and water, including bills that promoted air pollution and denied the scientific management of public land, all in the span of a few weeks," said Lisa Wozniak, Executive Director for Michigan LCV. "We also saw strong bipartisan support for clean energy legislation that promotes the reduction of energy waste. Lame Duck legislative sessions are often overlooked, but Michigan LCV members took action to stop bad bills and move good policy forward. Today, we are proud to release a complete description of all that took place in the waning days and hours of the legislative session, and hold elected officials accountable for their actions. Did they or did they not work to protect the natural resources that define our Great Lakes State?"

Michigan LCV's 2014 *Lame Duck Legislative Scorecard* scores votes on six bills, including committee votes and votes on the floor of the House and Senate. It also includes bill sponsorship for three bills introduced during the Lame Duck session that would have expanded and strengthened Michigan's commitments to renewable energy and energy efficiency. Finally, for the first time the *Scorecard* also includes a count of a conservation majority in the state legislature. A full summary of the 2014 *Lame Duck Scorecard* can be found here:

http://michiganlcv.org/sites/default/files/2014LameDuckScorecardSummary_1.pdf

"The Lame Duck session clearly illustrates that our elected officials in Lansing are sorely lacking a core conservation commitment, which is counter to the assumption held by the majority of citizens in this state. Our *Pure Michigan* is a shared value among citizens from Detroit to Marquette. Those who represent us in Lansing must understand that their constituents expect strong leadership to protect both our world-class Great Lakes and the amazing outdoors that define our state," said Wozniak. "The legacy of the 2014 Lame Duck session will live on this year, and we look forward to working with Michiganders and state legislators to move Michigan forward."

The 2014 *Lame Duck Legislative Scorecard* can be found online at:

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