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Michigan LCV Announces Michigan Delegation Scores from LCV's 2010 *National Environmental Scorecard*

*****Full Scorecard available at www.lcv.org/scorecard*****

Kalamazoo, MI – Today, Michigan LCV joined the national League of Conservation Voters in releasing the 2010 *National Environmental Scorecard*, revealing scores for the Michigan delegation in the second session of the 111th Congress. The 2010 *Scorecard* was released amidst the greatest attack on the EPA's budget in 30 years and current assaults on the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and wildlife protections in Congress.

“We applaud those members of the Michigan delegation who fought in 2010 to protect public health, the environment, and to reduce our nation’s dangerous dependence on oil. We are proud of Congressman Gary Peters who continues to maintain a 100% lifetime average while continuing to lead his successful efforts to bring new clean energy jobs to Michigan. We are also very happy to applaud both of our Senators who each scored 100% this year,” said Ryan Werder, Political Director for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. “We are particularly disappointed with Congressman Upton, though. With a lifetime average of 37 percent, his glaring zero on the 2010 *Scorecard* signals an abrupt turn from his more moderate positions of the past that better reflected his constituency at home and not the special interests in Washington.”

The 2010 *Scorecard* includes 6 Senate and 9 House votes on issues ranging from clean energy to public health protections to wildlife conservation. Given the disastrous impact of the resolution offered by Senator Murkowski (R-AK), LCV double scored the vote on her bill, which would have blocked the Environmental Protection Agency from moving forward with commonsense steps to reduce dangerous carbon pollution. Additionally, LCV took the unusual step of scoring co-sponsorship of Dirty Air Act legislation in the House. These steps bring the Senate total to 7 and the House total to 10. In Michigan, five House members and both senators earned a perfect 100 percent score in 2010, while four House members earned an abysmal 0 percent. The average House score in 2010 for Michigan was 56 percent and the average Senate score was 100 percent.

“Unfortunately, the most important votes of 2010 are the ones that didn’t happen: the Senate failed to even begin debate on a comprehensive clean energy and climate bill and also failed to respond to the greatest environmental disaster in our nation’s history — the catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico,” said LCV President Gene Karpinski. “The 2010 *National Environmental Scorecard* clearly illustrates that there is much work to be done, and LCV will be there at every step of the way in 2011 and beyond, working to protect the environment and public health while transitioning our nation to a clean energy economy.”

The comprehensive scores for each of Michigan’s federally elected officials is noted below:

District	Member	2010 Score%	111th Congress Score%	Lifetime Score%
Senate	Levin, C.	100	100	79
Senate	Stabenow	100	100	84
1	Stupak	100	96	69
2	Hoekstra	0	4	14
3	Ehlers	70	58	59
4	Camp	0	13	10
5	Kildee	100	100	88
6	Upton	0	21	37
7	Schauer	90	96	96
8	Rogers	20	21	9
9	Peters	100	100	100
10	Miller	0	29	19
11	McCotter	10	25	14
12	Levin, S.	100	100	88
13	Kilpatrick	60	83	84
14	Conyers	100	96	77
15	Dingell	90	92	73

For 40 years, the *National Environmental Scorecard* issued by LCV has been the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health and energy issues.

The full 2010 *National Environmental Scorecard* can be found at www.lcv.org/scorecard

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