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Michigan League of Conservation Voters and National LCV Launch Radio Ad against Representatives Upton and Walberg

*** LISTEN TO THE ADS HERE: ***

Upton: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10hh7jYkRa0>

Walberg: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5rmMtezDM>

Ad Targets Congressmen Upton and Walberg for Voting for Legislation that Blocks EPA Scientists from Enforcing Air Pollution Limits

Ann Arbor, MI – Today, Michigan LCV joined the national League of Conservation Voters in launching a new radio ad in Michigan's 6th and 7th congressional districts targeting Rep. Upton and Rep. Walberg for their votes for an amendment to the House spending measure that blocks scientists at the EPA from enforcing safeguards for mercury pollution.

"The EPA has a responsibility under the law to set air pollution limits that protect the public's health and hold polluters accountable, and it is simply wrong for politicians like Representatives Upton and Walberg to interfere by blocking scientists at the EPA from doing their job," said Michigan LCV's Executive Director, Lisa Wozniak. "Scientists, not politicians, should determine our air pollution limits."

The radio ad will be running in the Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, South Bend, Lansing, and rural media markets and is complemented by online advertising and phone calls into the district to inform constituents of Representatives Upton's and Walberg's votes. The ad references House roll call vote 86 which was offered by Rep. John Carter (R-TX).*

Listen to the [Upton ad](#).

Listen to the [Walberg ad](#).

Script of Rep. Upton ad, "Risk":

ANNCR: What do your kids, our congressman, and mercury poisoning have in common?

More than you might think.

You see, after taking nearly a half million dollars from utility companies - Congressman Fred Upton voted to block the enforcement of a vital mercury pollution law.

They buried it in a spending bill and passed it in the middle of the night. Letting polluters off the hook. And letting mercury back into our air and water. Mercury, that causes brain damage in kids.

Maybe Upton was hoping Michigan parents wouldn't notice. Well...we did.

And we don't like politicians interfering in decisions that should be made by experts. Scientists whose job it is to protect the water our kids drink and the air they breathe. But Fred Upton thinks he knows better.

Congressman Upton should stop playing politics with our kids' health. And start looking out for Michigan families.

A message from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

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