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Conservation Candidates Take Home Critical Wins, Defeat Koch Brothers in Key Primary Races

ANN ARBOR --- The Michigan League of Conservation Voters marked significant wins and a resounding defeat of the Koch Brothers after yesterday's primary elections. Michigan LCV's endorsed candidate Wayne Schmidt defeated Tea Party and Koch Brothers fueled challenger Greg MacMaster in the Republican primary for the 37th Senate seat. Endorsed candidate Kristy Pagan took home a win in the three-way Democratic primary for the 21st House seat, and in a hard fought race, Frank Foster came up short to Tea Party challenger Lee Chatfield in the Republican primary race for the 107th House seat.

"For those who think the Koch Brothers are too big to fail, take note. Michiganders do not want to put our state up for sale to outside oil billionaires who would rather pollute our air than clean it up," said Jack Schmitt, Deputy Director for Michigan LCV. "Michigan LCV went all in to carry conservation candidates over the finish line yesterday, and the decisive wins we saw in key primary races show that our work paid off."

Michigan LCV's affiliated Super PAC, Conservation Voters of Michigan PAC, ran strong primary campaigns in support of a bipartisan conservation team for the Michigan legislature. All said and done, Conservation Voters of Michigan PAC delivered eight mail pieces, made more than 6,000 phone calls, and ran a \$45,000 radio advertising campaign to support conservation candidates ramping up to primary Election Day.

"With yesterday's results in, we are primed and ready to bring home more wins for conservation candidates come November," Schmitt said. "Michigan is in serious need of more elected officials who will stand up for Pure Michigan. We will work non-stop to continue delivering wins and defeating outside spenders who have zero interest in our environment or our natural resources economy."

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