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RGA attack ad spews big polluter lies

ANN ARBOR – A new ad attacking gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer for his support of clean energy spews myths and ignores Schauer's record of reducing pollution and promoting the increase of renewable energy and energy efficiency, the non-partisan Michigan League of Conservation Voters (MLCV) said today.

"Big oil and big polluters are willing to say and do anything to protect their profits—including spreading lies and distortions about Mark Schauer, a true clean energy champion," said MLCV Executive Director Lisa Wozniak. "Michigan voters won't be deceived by an ad that uses baseless scare tactics. Clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency are creating jobs and sparking investment in Michigan, while reining in high energy bills for families and businesses. Mark Schauer has been one of Michigan's strongest champions for our thriving clean energy sector. Self-serving, outside groups want to stop Mark Schauer from getting elected because he wants to make Michigan less dependent on imported coal and foreign oil."

Schauer supports a plan to provide Michiganders with clean, reliable and affordable energy by generating 30 percent of the state's electricity from renewable sources by 2035 and increasing Michigan's energy efficiency programs.

The misleading ad is paid for by the Republican Governors Association, which is to date the largest spender in 2014 midterm elections nationwide, with \$11.4 million spent, according to a [report](#) by the Center for Public Integrity released Sept. 27. The RGA's top source of funds in 2014 is Koch Industries, at \$4.3 million, according to filings and data compiled by opensecrets.org.

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