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## **Michigan LCV Thanks Congressman Dingell for Service and Legacy as Champion of Conservation**

ANN ARBOR --- Michigan League of Conservation Voters (Michigan LCV) thanked Congressman John Dingell (D - Dearborn) for an extraordinary legacy of service and commitment to protecting Michigan's natural resources upon today's announcement that he would be stepping down after the current congressional term. As the longest serving member of Congress, with almost 60 years in office, Congressman Dingell led the way on landmark legislation that strengthened environmental protections and elevated natural resources issues as essential to the economic and environmental health of the nation.

"Congressman Dingell is an exceptional example of steadfast leadership on protecting the natural resources that define our way of life in Michigan," said Lisa Wozniak, Executive Director for Michigan LCV. "As the longest serving conservation champion in Congress, his legacy sets a shining example of what it means to create and pass policy with bipartisan support that values and better protects Michigan's natural resources."

Congressman Dingell was first elected to the US House of Representatives in 1955. During his tenure, he authored milestone legislation such as the National Environmental Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act. All passed with bipartisan support, and now form the foundation of our nation's environmental protections.

"From establishing conservation landmarks, such as the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, to leading the nation through the introduction and passage of countless landmark environmental protections, Congressman Dingell is a true statesman and advocate for protecting our natural resources," Wozniak said. "His leadership will be sorely missed, but we are incredibly grateful for his years of service to our state and our nation."

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