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**Community Joins Michigan LCV to Open its Kalamazoo Field Office, Launch  
Grassroots Campaign in Support of Common Sense Limits on Air Pollution, More  
Clean Energy**

KALAMAZOO --- Michigan League of Conservation Voters officially opened the doors of its Kalamazoo field office today to launch a statewide grassroots campaign in support of Michigan's transition from coal to clean energy. Michigan LCV's Kalamazoo team welcomed elected officials, grassroots organizers, volunteers and the Kalamazoo community to learn more about their goals to connect thousands of local citizens with opportunities to take action in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent proposal to limit carbon pollution from power plants for the first time.

"Even before our office doors officially opened our team heard from countless Kalamazoo citizens who shared their support for commonsense safeguards to keep our air and water clean," said Guy Thompson, Regional Field Director for Michigan LCV in Kalamazoo. "Our team will build on that support and connect with new members of the community who want less pollution and more clean energy in Michigan. We look forward to connecting local citizens with opportunities to act on climate change and clean energy to protect Michigan for future generations."

Carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants contains toxic chemicals like mercury that pollute Michigan's air, water and fisheries and it can contribute to respiratory illnesses like asthma. Michigan's burgeoning clean energy sector continues to set our state on a course toward achieving the EPA's carbon reduction goals, but strong statewide energy policy to further that progress is needed this year before Michigan's clean energy goals expire in 2015. Michigan LCV's grassroots campaign will engage local volunteers and ensure that elected officials hear from thousands of Michiganders who support less air pollution and more renewable energy.

"I want to be a part of doing something about climate change in Michigan because I know we cannot sit back and watch the opportunity to act pass by," said Kaylan Hayman, local volunteer for Michigan LCV. "New limits on carbon pollution are a much-needed, common sense change for the better and I want to help get as many Michiganders on record in support of them as possible. That's why I'm here."

Michigan LCV's Kalamazoo office opening was complemented by three additional field office openings in Muskegon, Lansing, and Ypsilanti.

"Michigan's elected officials should see new limits on carbon pollution as an opportunity to accelerate Michigan's transition from coal to clean, renewable energy and pass energy legislation this year that sets that course," said Lisa Wozniak, Executive Director for Michigan LCV. "Right now, we have an incredible

opportunity for progress, and Michigan LCV has an energized team of grassroots organizers and volunteers ready to work non-stop to make sure the pressure is on our elected officials to make that happen.”

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