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

LANSING --- Michigan League of Conservation Voters officially opened the doors of its Lansing field office today to launch a statewide grassroots campaign in support of Michigan's transition from coal to clean energy. Michigan LCV's Lansing team welcomed elected officials, grassroots organizers, volunteers and the Lansing community to learn more about their goals to reach 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.

"Today was just the start to what is going to be an all out effort to ensure that the voices of people in Lansing are heard when they say they support less carbon pollution and more clean energy," said Rami Galvan, Michigan LCV's Regional Field Director in Lansing. "Our team is hitting the ground running to connect our community with opportunities to take action on climate change and protect Michigan for future generations. We know Lansing citizens are ready, and so are we."

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.

"When I tell my friends and neighbors that the EPA just suggested we put limits on the amount of pollution that power plants spew into our air, so many of them are surprised because they thought those rules were on the books already," said Lane Vogt, local volunteer for Michigan LCV. "This is a historic opportunity to secure commonsense safeguards for our public health and the environment in Michigan. I want to be a part of making it happen."

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