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Michigan League of Conservation Voters Celebrates Victory Following Success at the Polls

*Key wins in gubernatorial race and state legislative races bode well for
conservation issues facing the State*

Lansing, MI – The Michigan League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is celebrating many of the decisions that voters in the state made yesterday at the polls. As a non-partisan political organization that works to elect and hold accountable public officials who will champion a healthy and vital Michigan by preserving and protecting our air, land and water, Michigan LCV focused in key races across the state to ensure that environmental champions were victorious.

“Michigan voters proved yesterday that they want lawmakers in office who will work to place the public’s interests in clean air and clean water ahead of corporate polluters and lobbyists in Lansing,” said Executive Director Lisa Wozniak.

The highlight of Michigan elections results came relatively early in the evening when it became clear that Governor Jennifer Granholm handily beat her opponent, Dick DeVos. Michigan LCV strongly supported the Governor due to her firm commitment to protecting Michigan’s natural resources and stopping out-of-state trash from filling Michigan landfills.

Other key victories for Michigan LCV included legislative races that will have major implications over the next legislative session as the Michigan House and Senate look to pass a comprehensive regional initiative on Great Lakes water diversion protections, initiate a renewable portfolio standard addressing the state’s energy needs, and finally putting an end to the steady flow of out-of-state trash into Michigan.

Michigan LCV is especially proud of their work on behalf of two key House candidates: Kate Ebli and Mary Valentine. Both races were extremely close with Ebli winning the open 56th House District and Valentine ousting her incumbent opponent in the 91st House District, clear victories for Michigan's air, land, and water.

With the elections over, Michigan LCV will now turn to work in Lansing on Great Lakes and environmental issues already in play, including work with the Governor's administration to deny a permit for a metallic-sulfide mine in the Upper Peninsula, a mine that would threaten the UP and Lake Superior.

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