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League of Conservation Voters Releases 2006 National Environmental Scorecard

LCV Notes Michigan Members Show Sharp Contrast On Voting Records, Reps. Hoekstra and Knollenberg Once Again Put Big Oil Ahead of Their Constituents

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following a session of Congress that saw continued reliance on the failed energy policies of the past while ignoring common sense solutions to America's energy challenges, The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) today released its *2006 National Environmental Scorecard*.

House members from Michigan averaged 52 percent, an increase of 9 percent from last year, while Senators averaged 64. The delegation was led by Representatives Conyers, Dingell, Kildee, Kilpatrick and Levin, each with a perfect score of 100%. Meanwhile, Reps. Hoekstra and Knollenberg received a dismal 0%. The national average was 48 percent for House members and 45 percent for Senators. LCV has published the *Scorecard* for each Congress since 1970 to inform the public and hold members of Congress accountable for their votes on the environment.

"LCV commends Reps. Conyers, Dingell, Kildee, Kilpatrick and Levin for their excellent voting records to help move America forwards towards a clean energy future while representing the health and safety of Michigan families. We also applaud Rep. Ehlers for his efforts to protect America's coasts from the unnecessary threat of offshore drilling," said Michigan LCV Executive Director Lisa Wozniak . "Their records stand in stark contrast to that of Reps. Hoekstra and Knollenberg, who all put special interests ahead of their constituents in Michigan, by voting to give tax breaks to oil companies, against clean water and food safety, and the public's right to know about toxics released into their communities."

Mr. Karpinski, President of the national League of Conservation Voters, added, "The American people want our leaders in Washington to utilize real solutions to our energy challenges, such as investing in renewable energy like wind and solar power, but most of this year's energy debate in Congress focused on backwards looking policies like offshore drilling. It's time for Congress to harness America's ingenuity and technological know-how to promote clean energy that protects the environment and reinvigorates the economy."

The National Environmental Scorecard - based on a scale of 0 to 100 - was scored on the number of pro-environment votes cast out of the total number measured. Absences are counted as a negative vote. Among the votes included in the *2006 Scorecard* are those on offshore drilling, drilling royalties, public health and environmental funding.

The Michigan Delegation received the following 2006 LCV scores:

Senator Levin	57%
Senator Stabenow	71%
Rep. Stupak (01)	42%
Rep. Hoekstra (02)	0%
Rep. Ehlers (03)	75%
Rep. Camp (04)	8%
Rep. Kildee (05)	100%
Rep. Upton (06)	50%
Rep. Schwarz (07)	58%
Rep. Rogers (08)	8%
Rep. Knollenberg (09)	0%
Rep. Miller (10)	17%
Rep. McCotter (11)	17%
Rep. Levin (12)	100%
Rep. Kilpatrick (13)	100%
Rep. Conyers (14)	100%
Rep. Dingell (15)	100%

To view the entire 2006 *National Environmental Scorecard*, visit www.lcv.org.

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The nonprofit League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is the independent political voice for the environment. To secure the environmental future of our planet, LCV's mission is to advocate for sound environmental policies and to elect pro-environmental candidates who will adopt and implement such policies. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.lcv.org.