

# Michigan League of Conservation Voters

## 2005-2006 ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD



In memory of Representative Herb Kehrl,  
an environmental champion who  
consistently voted to protect Michigan's  
water, land and quality of life.

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Readers,

Sitting in the heart of the Great Lakes, Michigan citizens are especially in touch with our natural world because we are virtually embraced by the precious liquid that makes up almost 20% of the earth's fresh surface water. Mother Nature has also blessed Michigan with the largest amount of national forests and parkland east of the Mississippi. Two National Forests, the Hiawatha and Ottawa, lie in the Upper Peninsula while the Huron-Manistee stretches from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron in the northern Lower Peninsula. The glorious Pictured Rock National Lakeshore runs along the Lake Superior shoreline; Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore decorates 35 miles of Lake Michigan's eastern coastline; and, among other spots, there is Isle Royale National Park, site of America's best backpacking expeditions east of the Rockies.

Michigan's citizens realize that the bounty of our state is inextricably linked to the health and vitality of our natural features, especially our water. They also understand that a healthy environment includes the air you breathe, the water you drink, the land you grow food on, and the neighborhood you live in. In fact, polls and surveys show that environmental issues are of such importance they have the ability to turn elections, drive ballot initiatives, and motivate citizens to hold lawmakers accountable.

That is why the Michigan League of Conservation Voters *2005-2006 Environmental Scorecard* is so vitally important: it provides Michigan citizens with a simple tool to measure their elected officials' performance on key votes pertaining to water, land management, air quality and trash. These votes were chosen because of their broad impact on our economy, health and quality of life. And, while we would like to be able to report that our state legislators hold environmental protection as a number one priority, this is simply not the case.

You will find within these pages that we have a large task ahead of us: we must all work to ensure that our elected officials adequately represent the strong conservation ethic prevalent among Michiganders. We must challenge the firmly entrenched partisan politics found within the halls of our state capitol and debunk the myth that we must choose between a strong economy and a healthy environment.

In healthy communities across this globe, we find a common theme: wise investments that safeguard water, air and land lead to economic prosperity. Here, in Michigan, we value a long legacy of environmental and conservation leadership. When our communities and state government join hands in their efforts to secure our Great Lakes heritage, we will have a stronger, more vital Michigan.

We are at a critical period in Michigan's environmental history. The decisions made today in the state capitol not only impact us, but future generations of Michiganders. It is our hope that each of you will put the *2005-2006 Environmental Scorecard* to good use. We encourage you to use your voices and your votes to insist on poison-free communities, wise investments, and protection of our heritage. Together, we can build a better future and stronger Michigan.



Shari Pollesch  
Board President



Lisa Wozniak  
Executive Director

## HOW MICHIGAN LCV PROTECTS



### We Elect Environmental Champions

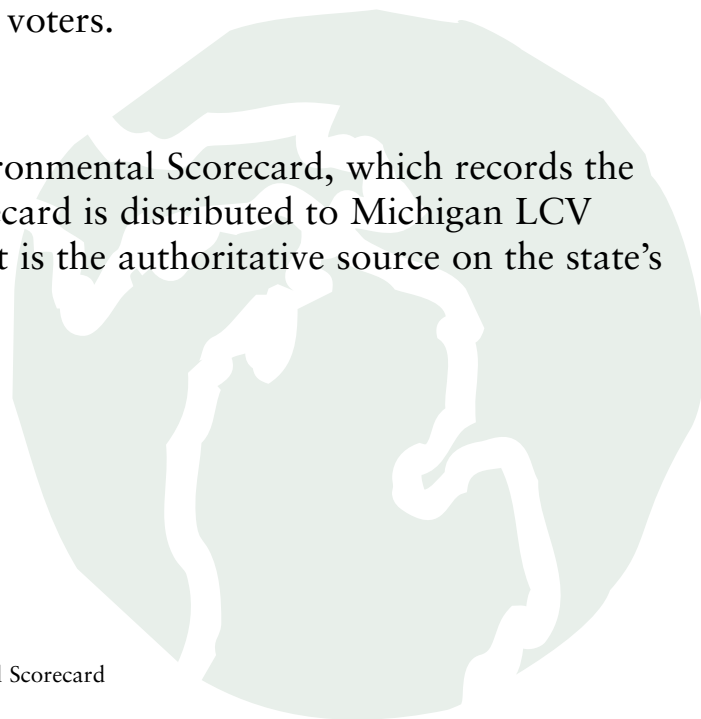
Michigan LCV conducts rigorous research on candidates and concentrates on the races in which our resources can make a difference. We back our endorsements with expertise, assisting candidates with the media, fundraising, and grassroots organizing strategies they need to win. We work to educate voters, then help get out the vote on Election Day.

### We Fight for Environmental Laws

Michigan LCV is your watchdog in Lansing. We fight for strong environmental legislation to protect the health of our communities and the natural beauty of the state. Each year, we lobby on the most important environmental bills in Lansing and work to make sure lawmakers hear from environmental voters.

### We Tally the Votes

Every other year, we release the Michigan Environmental Scorecard, which records the most important environmental votes. The Scorecard is distributed to Michigan LCV members, friends and members of the media—it is the authoritative source on the state's environmental politics.



## ABOUT THE SCORECARD

The 2005-2006 *Environmental Scorecard* provides objective and factual information about the conservation voting records of the members of Michigan's Legislature. It is a key part of the Michigan LCV accountability work.

The votes and issues discussed in the *Scorecard* cover a range of policies for water, land management, trash and air quality. These votes were chosen because of their broad impact on our economy, health and quality of life. Each vote scored presented a clear opportunity for our leaders to uphold the conservation values shared by the citizens of Michigan. Frequently, letters were circulated to members of the Legislature informing them that the vote they were about to take could be rated on the Michigan LCV *Scorecard*.

While useful, the scores included here show only a snapshot of each legislator's record. For this reason we have incorporated a "leadership" category to offer a "behind the scenes" approach to individuals who have either taken a stand for the environment in controversial times or have gone out of their way to destroy environmental protection.

### CONSERVATION FRIENDS

#### HOUSE

**Rep. Jack Brandenburg**

**Rep. David Law\***

**Rep. Roger Kahn**

**Rep. John Stewart**

For working in a bipartisan fashion for stronger water use laws (SB 850-852, 854).

**Rep. Marie Donigan\***

For her work to improve public transportation in Michigan and her leadership in creating a bipartisan Public Transit Legislative Caucus.

#### SENATE

**Senator Raymond Basham\***

For his dedication to protecting the Great Lakes and Michigan's waters from threats such as invasive species, diversions, and irresponsible water use.

**Senator Liz Brater**

For her continued leadership on all environmental issues, but particularly for her strong amendments to keep out-of-state trash out of Michigan and her role in the development of the water use package.

**Senator Bruce Patterson\***

For his dedication to the protection of our Great Lakes and for his recognition of the need for a long-term energy plan for the state, including both renewable energy requirements and conservation.

### CONSERVATION FOES

#### HOUSE

**Rep. Tom Casperson**

For jeopardizing the sustainability of our state forests by championing a bill (HB 5453) which allows over-cutting at the expense of other public uses of forest land.

**Rep. John Moolenaar**

For championing a bill (HB 4617) designed to let Dow Chemical Co. off the hook for cleaning up the property belonging to hundreds of area citizens that was contaminated by dioxin. This bill had major statewide implications by making it easier for polluters to back out of cleanups, while also making cleanups longer and more expensive.

#### SENATE

**Senator Mike Goschka**

For his work to build support for HB 4617 in the Senate. The bill let polluters off the hook by making it easy for them to back out of their responsibility for cleaning up contamination and allowing them to decide what land was considered contaminated.

\*Recipient of the 2006 Michigan LCV Environmental Leadership Award



## ABOUT THE 2005-2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



In 2005, Michigan LCV worked with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to build bipartisan support for environmental issues. Coming out of 2004, when compiling a Scorecard was virtually impossible due to a situation where watered-down bills made it to the floor and offered no environmental protections while strong bills remained in committee under the watchful eye of the conservative Republican leadership, 2005 was a year of opportunity. Michigan LCV was successful in reaching out to both minority and majority leadership to work towards strong improvements in current law.

In order to pass stronger laws to protect Michigan's precious natural resources, Michigan LCV worked with other environmental organizations to build bipartisan support for a package of strong water use bills, which became law in early 2006. In addition, we saw protections of our lakes via the regulation of ballast water, which will prevent the continued introduction of invasive species into our waterways.

Although Michigan LCV was successful in advancing a number of strong bills in 2005, there were a few setbacks throughout the year. Most notably HB 4617, a bill designed to let Dow Chemical Co. off the hook for dioxin contamination, would have had potential impacts for the entire state. Lobby as we might, Michigan LCV and the environmental community could not stop this legislation. HB 4617, which would have made cleanups slower and more expensive, while relieving polluters of their responsibility passed the House and went on to pass in the Senate. Fortunately, Governor Granholm vetoed this bill when it landed on her desk in December.

In addition, bills that would regulate the sale of products containing mercury or provide incentives for energy efficient appliances have not moved out of committee where they are being kept under leadership's watchful eye.

As elections grow closer, there are battles yet to come in 2006. It is in the last few months of session (late June) that our water, land and quality of life become most threatened by the whims of partisan politics. We are likely to see a number of votes during this time, so we encourage you to check our website—[www.MichiganLCV.org](http://www.MichiganLCV.org)—for updates to the “Unfinished Business”, as well as for an updated vote chart to see how your Lansing legislator voted on your behalf.

### Major Victories

- > SB 850-852, 854 Water Use Package
- > HB 4603/SB 332 Ballast Water Regulation

### Unfinished Business

- > HB 5453-5459 Forestry Regulation Package (in Senate)
- > HB 5711-5716 Animal Factory Bills
- > SB 977 Seed labeling bills
- > SB 568 Billboard Regulation (in House)
- > Mercury: banning products, labeling of products, disposal of mercury (for a complete list of bill numbers please see [www.MichiganLCV.org/scorecard](http://www.MichiganLCV.org/scorecard))

## A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



### 2005 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE AVERAGE SCORES

	2005 SENATE	2003 SENATE	2002 SENATE	2005 HOUSE	2003 HOUSE	2002 HOUSE
Statewide Average	44%	65%	56%	51%	59%	65%
Democratic Average	82%	79%	83%	82%	88%	87%
Republican Average	17%	55%	38%	25%	37%	45%

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP SCORES

SENATE COMMITTEES	AVERAGE SCORE	RANKING REPUBLICAN	SCORE	RANKING DEMOCRAT	SCORE
Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism	49%	Van Woerkom	22%	Brater	100%
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs	62%	Birkholz	22%	Brater	100%
Technology and Energy	41%	Patterson	67%	Olshove	78%
Transportation	44%	Gilbert	11%	Leland	89%
Health Policy	54%	Hammerstrom	11%	Emerson	78%

HOUSE COMMITTEES	AVERAGE SCORE	RANKING REPUBLICAN	SCORE	RANKING DEMOCRAT	SCORE
Agriculture	41%	Nitz	25%	Mayes	75%
Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation	32%	Casperson	25%	McDowell	75%
Energy and Technology	36%	Nofs	25%	Accavitti	50%
Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use & Environment	54%	Palsrok	38%	Gillard	88%
Transportation	52%	LaJoy	25%	Anderson	100%

### PARTY LEADERS' SCORES VS. RANK AND FILE SCORES

#### SENATE

##### DEMOCRATS

Senate Democrat Leadership Average*	82%
Senate Democrat Average	82%

##### REPUBLICAN

Senate Republican Leadership Average*	17%
Senate Republican Average	17%

#### HOUSE

##### DEMOCRATS

House Democrat Leadership Average*	86%
House Democrat Average	82%

##### REPUBLICAN

House Republican Leadership Average*	24%
House Republican Average	25%

\*Leadership includes speakers, assistant speakers, leaders, assistant leaders, and whips.

## BILL DESCRIPTIONS | SENATE

### 1. Water use regulation strengthened

(SB 850, PA 33 of 2006)

Until February 2006, anyone in Michigan could use large amounts of water, draining nearby wells and harming our precious rivers, lakes and streams. A “yes” vote created a new permitting program for the state’s largest water users. Passed 36-0.

### 2. Keeping Michigan’s water in Michigan

(SB 850, PA 33 of 2006)

As population and federal clout move towards the dry southwest, protecting our most vulnerable natural resource, our Great Lakes, has become increasingly important at the state level. A “yes” vote on this amendment would have required legislative approval for any diversion (or export) of Great Lakes Water outside the basin. Defeated 16-19.

### 3. Protect more than the fish in Michigan’s water

(SB 850, PA 33 of 2006)

The package of water use bills, although an improvement in current law, narrowly focused protection on impacts to fish populations within lakes, rivers and streams. A “yes” vote on this amendment would have broadened the focus to include damages to natural resources located on private property caused by a water withdrawal. Defeated 16-20.

### 4. Conserving our water (SB 852, PA 35 of 2006)

Using water in an efficient manner is a common sense approach to save businesses money. A “yes” vote on this amendment would have required each industry sector to set their own guidelines on how to manage their water use efficiently. Each user would have had to self-certify– or prove– that they were implementing these practices. Defeated 18-18 (a majority vote is needed to win, a tied vote is considered defeated).

### 5. Improving recycling programs (HB 5176)

Out-of-state trash is imported to Michigan at an alarming rate due to our cheap and plentiful landfill space. A “yes” vote on this amendment offered by Senator Brater would have added a surcharge to waste, which would have been used to fund community recycling programs, while making trash importation less cost-effective. Defeated 10-25.

### 6. No new landfills = no new trash (HB 5176)

This amendment offered by Senator Brater would have created a moratorium on new construction or expansion of landfills until 2010. A “yes” vote would have prevented the creation of places for out-of-state trash. Defeated 12-23.

### 7. Helping polluters sidestep their responsibility

(HB 4617, passed House/Senate)

HB 4617 was sold as a bill to protect property owners from a blanket “contamination” classification if a large area of land was polluted. In fact, the bill proposed slower and more expensive cleanup and the sale of contaminated property to unknowing people much easier. A “no” vote was the true homeowner and homebuyer fairness vote. Passed 20-16. Vetoed by Governor

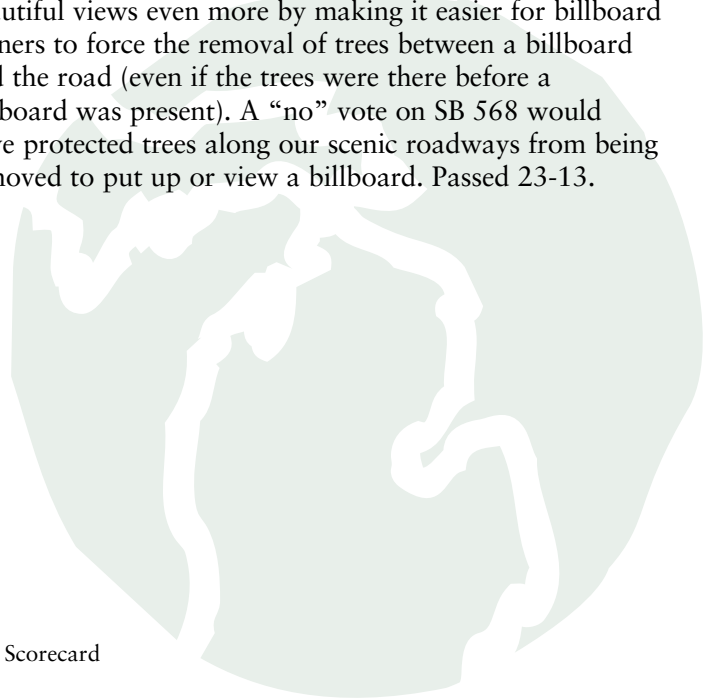
### 8. No subsidies for the worst polluters

(SB 538, passed Senate)

Methane digesters, although a good technology, are only cost-effective for the largest agricultural polluters: factory farms. SB 538 subsidizes these polluters using a limited fund intended for small business pollution prevention. A “no” vote ensured money would be available for small farms and businesses to improve pollution prevention systems. Passed 23-14.

### 9. More billboards – less trees? (SB 568, passed Senate)

The proliferation of billboards obstruct the view of Michigan’s most scenic roadways. SB 568 blocks the beautiful views even more by making it easier for billboard owners to force the removal of trees between a billboard and the road (even if the trees were there before a billboard was present). A “no” vote on SB 568 would have protected trees along our scenic roadways from being removed to put up or view a billboard. Passed 23-13.





## BILL DESCRIPTIONS | HOUSE



### **1. Protecting our lakes from invasive species (SB 332, PA 33 of 2005)**

Ballast water is the main conduit for introduction of invasive species into the Great Lakes. A “yes” vote on this bill formed the Great Lakes Aquatic Nuisance Species Coalition to enforce regional pollution laws and required a permit to discharge ballast water. Passed 109-1.

### **2. Helping polluters sidestep their responsibility (HB 4617, passed House)**

HB 4617 was sold as a bill to protect property owners from a blanket “contamination” classification. The bill made clean up slower and more expensive, and made selling contaminated property to unknowing people much easier. A “no” vote was the true homeowner and homebuyer fairness vote. Passed 77-29. Vetoed by Governor.

### **3. A second chance to defeat a harmful bill (HB 4617, passed House/Senate)**

HB 4617 (above) was altered in the Senate, which required the bill to come back to the House for a second vote. This bill relieved the polluters from their responsibility to clean contaminated property and even allowed the polluter to decide what property should be considered contaminated. A “no” vote protects property owners and forces corporations to clean up contamination they caused on other property. Passed 70-32. Vetoed by Governor

### **4. Protecting wetlands surrounding state road work (HB 4892, passed House)**

Wetlands near roadways provide valuable filtration of polluted water that runs off the roads. A “yes” vote on HB 4892 allowed the destruction of wetlands that border roadways with no requirement to mitigate the lost benefits. Passed 63-44.

### **5. Improving recycling programs (HB 5176)**

Canadian trash is imported to Michigan at an alarming rate due to our cheap and plentiful landfill space. This amendment offered by Representative Kathleen Law would have added a surcharge to waste, which would have set up a Recycling and Waste Diversion Fund, while also making trash importation less cost-effective. Defeated 46-57.

### **6. No new landfills = No new trash (HB 5176)**

This amendment offered by Representative Kehrl would have created a moratorium on new construction or expansion of landfills until 2010. A “yes” vote would have prevented the creation of places for out-of-state trash. Defeated 50-57.

### **7. Conserving our water (SB 852, PA 35 of 2006)**

Using water in an efficient manner is a common sense approach to save businesses not only water, but also money. A “yes” vote on SB 852 requires each industry sector to set their own guidelines on how to manage their water use efficiently. Passed 97-7

### **8. Over-harvesting our forests = less recreation (HB 5453, Passed House)**

Michigan’s state forests are intended for multiple uses—hunting, fishing, recreation, and lumber. A “yes” vote requires the Department of Natural Resources to put as much timber as possible up for sale, which could harm the sustainability of our forests and reduce citizen use of these public lands. Passed 63-42.

## ONCE YOU KNOW THE SCORE...TAKE ACTION.



Let your legislators know you are watching! If your legislators voted with the polluting interests that work to weaken Michigan's environmental safeguards, send a short, polite note expressing your disapproval of their performance in Lansing. If your legislator voted to protect Michigan's water, air and quality of life, please write to thank them. Those who resisted the strong pressure of corporate polluters and special interests deserve our thanks.

Join or volunteer with the Michigan LCV, the independent political voice of Michigan's environmental movement. Please call the office or visit [www.MichiganLCV.org](http://www.MichiganLCV.org) to find out how you can protect Michigan's water, air and quality of life.

Vote for pro-environment candidates at the local, state and federal level. You have the power to choose who represents you in your town, Lansing, and Washington DC; your choices will impact Michigan's water, air and quality of life for generations to come.

### FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR

If you're not sure who represents you in Lansing visit:

Senate: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/>

House: <http://house.michigan.gov/representatives.asp>

All elected officials: [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org)

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If you would like more information on how to get involved in the political process, please call the Michigan LCV office for a copy of our "*Stand Up! Take Action!*" guide, or visit [www.michiganlcv.org](http://www.michiganlcv.org) to view the guide online.

# SENATE SCORES

Legislator	Party	District	Town	Ldrshp.	2005-2006 Score	2003 Score	2002 Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J. Allen	R	37	Traverse City		11%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Barcia	D	31	Bay City		33%	71%		-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
R. Basham	D	8	Taylor		100%	86%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
V. Bernero	D	23	Lansing		75%	86%		+	+	+	+	A	A	+	+	I
P. Birkholz	R	24	Saugatuck		22%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
M. Bishop	R	12	Rochester		11%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L. Brater	D	18	Ann Arbor		100%	71%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
C. Brown	R	16	Sturgis		11%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Cassis	R	15	Novi		11%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Cherry	D	26	Burton		89%	86%		+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
I. Clark-Coleman	D	3	Detroit		78%	71%		+	+	+	+	A	A	+	+	+
H. Clarke	D	1	Detroit		100%	71%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
A. Cropsey	R	33	DeWitt		11%	43%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Emerson	D	27	Flint		78%	86%	78%	+	+	+	+	A	A	+	+	+
V. Garcia	R	22	Howell		11%	57%	50%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T. George	R	20	Kalamazoo		22%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
J. Gilbert	R	25	Algonac		11%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Goschka	R	32	Brant		11%	57%	67%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Hammerstrom	R	17	Temperance		11%	57%	44%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Hardiman	R	29	Kentwood		11%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Jacobs	D	14	Huntington Woods		100%	71%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
R. Jelinek	R	21	Three Oaks		33%	57%		-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
S. Johnson	R	13	Troy		0%	71%	44%	A	A	A	A	-	-	A	-	A
W. Kuipers	R	30	Holland		11%	43%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Leland	D	5	Detroit		89%	71%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+
M. McManus	R	35	Lake Leelanau		11%	57%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Olshove	D	9	Warren		78%	86%		+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
B. Patterson	R	7	Canton		67%	57%		+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
M. Prusi	D	38	Ishpeming		100%	86%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
A. Sanborn	R	11	Richmond Township		11%	43%	75%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Schauer	D	19	Battle Creek		100%	71%	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
M. Scott	D	2	Highland Park		56%	86%		A	A	A	A	+	+	+	+	+
K. Sikkema	R	28	Wyoming		11%	57%	33%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T. Stamas	R	36	Midland		11%	43%		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Switalski	D	10	Roseville		56%	86%		+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
B. Thomas	D	4	Detroit		78%	86%		+	+	A	+	+	+	A	+	+
L. Toy	R	6	Livonia		44%	57%		+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
G. Van Woerkom	R	34	Norton Shores		22%	57%		-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-




- +** Pro-environmental action
- Anti-environmental action
- A** Absence - counts as negative
- I** Ineligible to Vote
-  Pro-environmental leader
-  Anti-environmental leader



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# HOUSE SCORES

Legislator	Party	District	Town	Ldrshp.	2005-2006 Score	2003 Score	2002 Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
F. Accavitti	D	42	Eastpointe		50%	88%		+	-	-	-	A	+	+	+
D. Acciavatti	R	32	New Baltimore		25%	50%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
S. Adamini	D	109	Marquette		75%	50%	75%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
F. Amos	R	43	Waterford		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
G. Anderson	D	18	Westland		100%	75%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
K. Angerer	D	55	Dundee		100%			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
R. Ball	R	85	Laingsburg		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
R. Baxter	R	64	Hanover		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
D. Bennett	D	92	Muskegon		100%			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
S. Bieda	D	25	Warren		88%	100%		+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+
D. Booher	R	102	Evart		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
J. Brandenburg	R	24	Harrison Township		25%	50%		+	A	-	A	-	-	+	-
R. Brown	D	110	Bessemer		63%	50%	88%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-
P. Byrnes	D	52	Chelsea		100%			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D. Byrum	D	67	Onondaga		100%	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
R. Casperson	R	108	Escanaba		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
B. Caswell	R	58	Hillsdale		25%	25%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
B. Caul	R	99	Mt. Pleasant		25%	50%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
M. Cheeks	D	6	Detroit		38%	100%		+	A	A	A	A	A	+	+
B. Clack	D	34	Flint		88%	100%		+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
E. Clemente	D	14	Lincoln Park		63%			+	-	-	+	A	+	+	+
P. Condino	D	35	Southfield		100%	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
G. Cushingberry	D	8	Detroit		88%			+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
C. DeRoche	R	38	Novi		25%	25%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
A. Dillon	D	17	Redford Township		50%			+	-	-	-	+	A	+	+
M. Donigan	D	26	Royal Oak		100%			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L. Drolet	R	33	Macomb Township		0%	25%	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. Elsenheimer	R	105	Bellaire		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
J. Emmons	R	70	Sheridan		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
J. Espinoza	D	83	Croswell		50%			+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-
R. Farhat	R	91	Muskegon		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
B. Farrah	D	13	Southgate		63%	100%		+	-	+	-	A	+	+	+
E. Gaffney	R	1	Grosse Pointe Farms		38%	50%		+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
J. Garfield	R	45	Rochester Hills		13%	25%		+	-	-	-	A	A	-	-
M. Gillard	D	106	Alpena		88%	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
J. Gleason	D	48	Flushing		63%	88%		+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
L. Gonzales	D	49	Flint		75%			+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
R. Gosselin	R	41	Troy		13%			+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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K. Green	R	77	Wyoming		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
G. Hansen	R	100	Hart		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
D. Hildenbrand	R	86	Lowell		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
M. Hood	D	11	Detroit		88%	100%		+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+
J. Hoogendyk	R	61	Kalamazoo		13%	13%		+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H. Hopgood	D	22	Taylor		100%	88%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B. Huizenga	R	90	Zeeland		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
S. Hummel	R	93	DeWitt		25%	38%	25%	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
J. Hune	R	47	Hamburg		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
T. Hunter	D	9	Detroit		88%	100%		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
R. Jones	R	71	Grand Ledge		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
R. Kahn	R	94	Saginaw		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
H. Kehrl	D	56	Monroe		100%			+	+	I	+	+	+	I	I
C. Kolb	D	53	Ann Arbor		100%	88%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
J. Kooiman	R	75	Grand Rapids		25%	50%	50%	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
P. LaJoy	R	21	Canton		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
D. Law	R	39	Commerce Township		50%	100%		+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
K. Law	D	23	Gibraltar		100%			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
G. Leland	D	10	Warren		88%			+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
L. Lemmons III	D	3	Detroit		63%			+	A	A	+	+	+	+	-
L. Lemmons Jr.	D	2	Detroit		75%			+	+	A	+	+	+	A	+
A. Lipsey	D	60	Kalamazoo		100%	88%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
J. Marleau	R	46	Lake Orion		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
J. Mayes	R	96	Bay City		75%			+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
B. McConico	D	5	Detroit		75%	100%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	A
G. McDowell	D	107	Rudyard		75%			+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
A. Meisner	D	27	Ferndale		100%	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
T. Meyer	R	84	Bad Axe		25%	38%	50%	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
F. Miller	D	31	Mt. Clemens		100%			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
J. Moolenaar	R	98	Midland	☹	25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
T. Moore	R	97	Farwell		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
L. Mortimer	R	65	Jackson		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
M. Murphy	D	68	Lansing		75%	88%	75%	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	+
G. Newell	R	87	Saranac		13%	38%	38%	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	-
N. Nitz	R	78	Baroda		25%	25%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
M. Nofs	R	62	Battle Creek		25%	50%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
B. Palmer	R	36	Romeo		13%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Palsrok	R	101	Manistee		38%	38%		+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-

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P. Pavlov	R	81	St. Clair Township		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
T. Pearce	R	73	Rockford		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
C. Phillips	D	29	Pontiac		100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	I
J. Plakas	D	16	Garden City		63%	100%	63%	+	-	+	A	+	+	A	+
G. Polidori	D	15	Dearborn		75%			+	+	-	+	+	+	+	A
J. Proos	R	79	St. Joseph		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
D. Robertson	R	51	Grand Blanc		13%	25%		+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T. Rocca	R	30	Sterling Heights		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
M. Sak	D	76	Grand Rapids		75%	100%		+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
T. Schuitmaker	R	80	Lawton		25%			+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
R. Shaffer	R	59	Three Rivers		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
F. Sheen	R	88	Plainwell		13%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Sheltrown	D	103	West Branch		50%	50%		+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-
V. Smith	D	7	Detroit		75%	75%		+	-	A	+	+	+	+	+
D. Spade	D	57	Tipton		75%			+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
J. Stahl	R	82	North Branch		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
J. Stakoe	R	44	Highland		25%	25%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
G. Steil	R	72	Grand Rapids		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
J. Stewart	R	20	Plymouth		25%	50%	50%	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
S. Taub	R	40	Bloomfield Hills		25%	25%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
S. Tobocman	D	12	Detroit		100%	88%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
A. Vagnozzi	D	37	Farmington Hills		88%	88%		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
B. Vander Veen	R	89	Allendale		25%	38%	50%	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
W. VanRegenmorter	R	74	Georgetown Township		13%	13%		+	-	-	-	-	-	A	A
H. Walker	R	104	Traverse City		38%	38%		+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
C. Ward	R	66	Brighton		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
M. Waters	D	4	Detroit		100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L. Wenke	R	63	Richland		25%	38%		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
A. Wheeler-Smith	D	54	Ypsilanti		100%			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
G. Whitmer*	D	69	East Lansing		100%	75%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
C. Williams	D	95	Saginaw		88%	100%	100%	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
L. Wojno	D	28	Warren		63%	100%		+	-	-	+	A	+	+	+
P. Zelenko	D	50	Burton		100%	75%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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