

VOTE FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT THIS FALL

The stakes are incredibly high in the elections this November.

For anyone who cares about the Great Lakes, our health and other environmental concerns, events of the past year should be cause for choosing pro-environment candidates this November 2. The disaster in the Gulf of Mexico shows what can happen when you combine Big Oil companies' flagrant disregard for environmental laws with Americans' addiction to oil. If anyone needed more convincing, this summer's Kalamazoo River spill provided another powerful reminder.

If you still need more convincing, consider the fact that the U.S. Senate's failure to approve climate change legislation, even in the face of the hottest summer on record in the U.S., means millions of green jobs may now go to China instead of developing in the U.S. Or note the deteriorating status of our nation's drinking water system which was most recently brought to focus when two million people in Boston were left without safe drinking water for days because of crumbling pipes. And researchers have documented increasingly clear connections between serious health problems and exposure to environmental pollutants and toxic chemicals in consumer products used by people every day.

Strong leadership in Washington and Lansing could fix these problems. But big companies, particularly Big Oil companies, are spending billions of dollars to make sure that doesn't happen. They are buying ads in the media every day and bankrolling candidates who will further weaken protections for clean air and clean water. If they have their way, our food, our drinking water and even the air we breathe will continue to make us, and our children, sick.

You can help send a message to Big Oil and to Washington. Clean Water Action has reviewed the records and the positions of the candidates from all the parties running for office. There are candidates out there who understand that protecting our air and water means protecting people's health and livelihoods, and that a clean water-clean energy future will create good jobs here in the U.S. These are the candidates who have earned Clean Water Action's endorsement.

Many of our endorsed candidates are true environmental champions — just take a look at **Michigan Supreme Court Candidate Justice Alton Thomas Davis**, whom Michigan voters can elect using the special nonpartisan section at the end of the 2010 ballots. This special election edition of our Currents newsletter has more information on Justice Davis and other Clean Water Action-endorsed candidates. All of them deserve your support, and Clean Water Action is working hard to get them elected, knocking on doors and talking with thousands of voters like you every day.

Join with others here in Michigan and around the country on November 2, and vote for the candidates who will protect our health and help grow new green jobs. Your votes can help elect candidates who will take the lead in reducing our dependence on foreign oil, creating new clean energy jobs, and making sure that our food, water and household products don't make us sick. Vote for a healthy environment and a greener economy!



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KEY RACES

Together We Can Elect Strong Voices for Michigan's Future

Thanks to your support, Clean Water Action continues to gain ground in our efforts to protect Michigan's environment, economy and our health. Together, we can help hold our elected officials accountable, and send the strongest possible candidates to represent us in Lansing and in Washington, DC. The candidates we have endorsed in 2010 understand the importance of protecting the Great lakes and our other water treasures, safeguarding our communities' health and moving forward with a clean energy agenda that will create new good-paying jobs here in Michigan.

We must make sure that Michigan lawmakers are committed to protecting our water from private water-for-sale interests and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. Our lawmakers must act boldly and quickly to secure our water future, our energy future and the economic prosperity that will come from the right strategy and smart policies in these critical areas.

Along with rating current lawmakers in our [scorecard](#), each election cycle Clean Water Action works to increase the number of environmental champions elected to office. Highlighted below are some of Clean Water Action's 2010 priority endorsements. These candidates have earned our endorsement based on their records and positions. Clean Water Action urges its members to review this information together with our legislative [scorecard](#) and support these and all of our endorsed candidates this November 2.



Justice Davis for Michigan Supreme Court

A jewel of Michigan's \$18 billion-a-year tourism industry and a prized trout stream were on the line. So was a law that protected Michigan's natural streams from being destroyed by overdevelopment. Justice Alton Thomas Davis

upheld that law, ruling in favor of northern Michigan residents who went to court to stop harmful development along the Boardman River — one of Michigan's top prized trout streams. Justice Davis ruled to protect our waters, wildlife and fishing and tourism jobs. That's the kind of justice Michigan needs on the state's highest court where cases affecting the future of our Great Lakes are decided.

Justice Davis' opponent, incumbent Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., has sided repeatedly with the polluters and against pro-

tecting our health and environment. He has voted to let Dow Chemical off the hook for its toxic dioxin contamination of the Saginaw Bay area, and he voted against giving Michigan citizens a say in holding corporations and big polluters like BP and Enbridge accountable when their actions pollute our lakes and rivers. He even lobbied the U.S. Supreme Court to rule in favor of Massey Coal, the company whose mine disaster killed 29 West Virginia miners last year. These extreme views are out of step with Michigan values.

Justice Davis is fair and impartial. He upholds the law, not the special interests. That is why Justice Davis is the best choice for Michigan and has earned Clean Water Action's endorsement for the Michigan Supreme Court. ***Vote in the non-partisan section at the end of the ballot for Justice Alton Thomas Davis for Michigan Supreme Court.***

Mark Schauer for Congress (CD 7)



Since winning the 2008 election to represent this Southern Michigan district in Congress, Rep. Mark Schauer has fought to reduce the federal deficit by eliminating wasteful tax loopholes for Big Oil companies and leveling the playing field for American businesses. In contrast to his challenger, Rep. Schauer has con-

sistently and strongly opposed letting Big Oil put Michigan's economy at risk by drilling in our Great Lakes. Rep. Schauer is a leader in Congress on protecting our water and promoting economic opportunity through clean alternative energy development, and we need his vote in Congress. ***Clean Water Action urges its 7th District members to vote for Rep. Mark Schauer on November 2.***

Gary Peters for Congress (CD 9)



Clean Water Action's Oakland County members have been fortunate to have Gary Peters as their Representative in Congress. Rep. Peters has stood up for the interests of working families to make sure that companies like BP, Enbridge and others that caused the Gulf oil spills — and not taxpayers — pay for

the cleanup. When Rep. Peters was elected with Clean Water Action's support in 2008, voters gained an environmental

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champion while replacing the incumbent who had one of Congress' worst voting records on clean water and clean air issues. ***Clean Water Action urges its 9th District members to vote for Rep. Gary Peters' reelection to Congress.***

Kathleen Law for Michigan Senate (SD 7)



As a State Representative, Kathleen Law sponsored legislation that would strengthen clean energy standards and create more clean energy jobs for Michigan's families. She supports a permanent ban against oil drilling in our lakes and protecting Michigan's water from raids by international corporations and

others. Kathleen Law is committed to closing tax loopholes currently enjoyed by Big Oil CEOs and other powerful special interests so she can help restore funding and put more environmental cops on the beat to enforce clean water laws.

Clean Water Action urges its Wayne County members in Senate District 7 to vote for Kathleen Law for State Senate.

Mary Valentine for Michigan Senate (SD 34)



During her two terms in the Michigan House, Mary Valentine has earned a 100% environmental voting record. She led the charge to stop corporate interests from selling our treasured waters, and she has been a strong advocate for protecting children from toxic exposures. Michigan residents have benefitted

tremendously from Mary Valentine's leadership in Lansing and Clean Water Action is pleased to support her bid to bring her skills and commitment to the Michigan Senate. ***Clean Water Action urges its Senate District 34 members (Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Mason Counties) to vote for Mary Valentine for State Senate.***

Sarah Roberts for Michigan House (HD 24)



Former Macomb County organizer for Clean Water Action, State Rep. Sarah Roberts has been a true champion for protecting Michigan's clean water and promoting a clean energy future that will create new economic opportunity and good-paying jobs for working families. State Rep. Roberts' strong

leadership and perfect voting record in her first term have earned her our "New Lawmaker of the Year" award in 2009 and Clean Water Action's enthusiastic endorsement for her reelection. ***Clean Water Action urges its members in House District 24 (St. Clair Shores and Harrison Township) to vote for State Rep. Sarah Roberts' reelection to the Michigan House.***

Lisa Brown for Michigan House (HD 39)



In her first term in Lansing, State Rep. Lisa Brown demonstrated her commitment to revitalizing Michigan by creating a strong renewable energy economy and preserving Michigan's unique natural treasures. She has championed children's environmental health protection and worked to prevent the Great Lakes

from being sold by international corporations. She earned a perfect 100% on Clean Water Action's legislative scorecard. ***Clean Water Action urges its members to vote to reelect State Rep. Lisa Brown from the 39th House District (parts of Oakland County, Commerce and West Bloomfield Townships).***

Jennifer Haase for Michigan House (HD 32)



Michigan needs more legislators who will be on our side when it comes to choosing between more profits for Big Oil or protecting our Great Lakes and Michigan jobs. Jennifer Haase supports a permanent ban against oil drilling in our lakes. She knows we must keep Great Lakes polluters like BP from putting Michigan's fishing, tourism and

small businesses at risk. Her 100% voting record on Clean Water Action's scorecard demonstrates her commitment to protecting Michigan's natural resources, and it earned our endorsement in her reelection bid. ***Clean Water Action urges its members in House District 32 (Lake St. Clair shoreline) to reelect Jennifer Haase to the Michigan House.***

[Click here](#) for a full list of endorsements.



Clean Water Action's 2009-2010 Michigan Legislative Scorecard

As Clean Water Action prepared its 2009-2010 Scorecard, it faced an unusual challenge — there were astonishingly few environmental votes this legislative session. The lack of action by political leadership in both the state House and Senate meant that most lawmakers weren't even asked to vote on several priority issues affecting Michigan's air, land, water and clean energy jobs.



Senate

Michigan's state Senate in recent years has been a place where good environmental legislation goes to die. Its obstructionist nature sunk to historic depths in 2009-2010 and resulted in so few votes on important environmental legislation that it was not possible to evaluate and score their work in any meaningful way. Further, with term limits, only a handful of state senators have the option of returning if they win their bids for re-election so we chose not to score that chamber.

Senator Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, remained an environmental champion and worked hard creating bi-partisan subcommittee support for replacing more than \$19 million in funding for cleaning up leaking underground storage tanks. These tanks are not only hazards but they're often a barrier to re-development and growth. Her bi-partisan efforts failed to extend to the entire Senate, which removed those clean-up dollars from the budget and continued slashing state funding for other environmental protections.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester Hills, allowed several Senate bills to move forward that attempted to limit Michigan's ability to enforce environmental laws, including legislation that would have turned over Michigan's wetlands program to the federal government. That would have resulted in weak or no enforcement at all against harmful development impacts and pollution affecting these important waters. Though an agreement was eventually reached, over a million acres of Michigan wetlands were put at risk over uncertainty involving whether some wetlands are covered by federal law.

Moreover, Senator Bishop used his position as Majority Leader to intimidate and thwart environmental enforcement by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (formerly the Department of Environmental Quality) by promoting legislation that would bar the state from making rules that exceed federal regulations. Other mischief from the Senate leadership included attempts to promote polluting coal plants through bills that would block analysis and study of energy alternatives to coal.

House of Representatives

Clean Water Action began the 2009-2010 legislation session energized by the largest pro-environment majority the state House of Representatives has enjoyed in recent history. But, instead of moving forward with policies that would increase protections for Michigan's valuable resources, the session saw legislative delays and partisan politics at its worst.

The House, under the leadership of Speaker Andy Dillon, refused to move a number of priority environmental bills. As Speaker, Dillon decides the legislative calendar and priorities. His priorities included few environmental measures and in the case of clean energy, Speaker Dillon has stood in the way of bolstering renewable energy and efficiency standards expected to add to the 109,000 workers currently employed in clean energy jobs. Moreover, Speaker Dillon used his leadership position to promote legislation to build more dirty coal plants, supporting one of the most significant barriers to clean energy and the single biggest stationary source of climate pollution.

Worst Lawmakers

Speaker Andy Dillon (HD 17) and **Energy and Technology Committee Chairman Jeff Mayes (HD 96)** — both Democrats — top this year's list of Worst Lawmakers because of their relentless efforts as leaders to block clean energy policies. Dillon received a dismal 40% score and Mayes fell near the bottom of our Legislative Scorecard among Democrats with a 70% score. Mayes chairs the single most important committee on energy in the House and his steadfast refusal to even hold hearings on clean energy legislation that is backed by small business entrepreneurs, energy experts and other Democratic lawmakers earns him a well-deserved designation as a Worst Lawmaker.

Topping our other Worst Lawmakers are Justin Amash (HD 72) with a 0% who did not vote in support of a single priority environmental protection. Other foes include: Bob Genetski (HD 88) with a dismal 10%; David Agema (HD 74) and Tom McMillin (HD 45) who each scored only 20%; Darwin Booher (HD 102), Cindy Denby (HD 47), Kenneth Kurtz (HD 5), Pete Lund (HD 36), and Tom Pearce (HD 73) received only 30% total scores.

Best Lawmakers

Clean Water Action's list of Best Lawmakers include the following 37 legislators with 100% voting records: Kathy Angerer (HD 55); Vicki Barnett (HD 37); Joan Bauer (HD 68), Tim Bledsoe (HD 1) ; Lisa Brown (HD 39); Terry Brown (HD 84); Barb Byrum (HD 67); Ed Clemente (HD 14); Bob Constan (HD 16); Marc Corriveau (HD 20); Robert Dean (HD 75); John Espinoza (HD 83); Douglas Geiss (HD 22); Vincent Gregory (HD 35); Jennifer Haase (HD 32); Harold Haugh (HD 42); Mike Huckleberry (HD 70); Robert Jones (HD 60); Deb Kennedy (HD 23); Michael Lahti (HD 110); Gabe Leland (HD 10); Steven Lindberg (HD 109); Ellen Cogen-Lipton (HD 27); Lesia Liss (HD 28); Gary McDowell (HD 107); Mark Meadows (HD 69); Tim Melton (HD 29); Fred Miller (HD 31); Sarah Roberts (HD 24); Roy Schmidt (HD 76); Dan Scripps (HD 101); Kate Segal (HD 62); Dian Slavens (HD 21); Jim Slezak (HD 50); Jon Switalski (HD 25); Mary Valentine (HD 91); and Rebekah Warren (HD 53).

About Our Scoring

The shortage of good environmental votes to score meant we had to re-examine how we evaluated lawmakers' performance. What evolved from that process is a new system of legislative scoring that takes into account leadership's crucial role in the legislative process.

Our 2009-2010 scoring system factors-in the key role committee chairs and other leaders like the House Speaker have in the legislative process. Committee chairs, when they assume leadership and control over legislation, must be



held accountable. They can either keep legislation from being considered by their committee and ever getting voted on by their colleagues. Or, they can ensure that a bill moves forward to an eventual vote. When the Speaker or chair failed to allow progress on Clean Water Action's priority legislation, he or she was penalized 1 point or 10% on the Legislative Scorecard.

The three policies that topped the list are: increasing energy efficiency; raising the amount of renewable energy from wind, solar and other sources required from the state's energy utilities; and a Renewable Energy Development Incentives (REDI) program to promote the sale of clean energy by small companies and individuals. By not moving forward with these key policies Michigan is losing clean energy jobs to neighboring states with stronger standards and better incentives.



Michigan Legislative Scorecard

2009–2010 House of Representatives

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R-74	Agema	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
R-72	Amash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
D-55	Angerer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-85	Ball	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	60%
D-37	Barnett	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-68	Bauer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-92	Bennett	A/NV	+	+	+	-	A/NV	A/NV	+	+	+	60%
D-1	Bledsoe	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-63	Bolger	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	40%
R-102	Booher	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	30%
D-39	Brown,L.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-84	Brown,T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-52	Byrnes	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	90%
D-67	Byrum	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-87	Calley	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
R-99	Caul	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
D-14	Clemente	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-16	Constan	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-20	Corriveau	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-95	Coulouris	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	A/NV	80%
R-38	Crawford	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
D-8	Cushingberry	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	A/NV	+	A/NV	70%
R-82	Daley	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
D-75	Dean	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-47	Denby	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	30%
R-61	DeShazor	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	70%
D-17	Dillon	+	A/NV	+	+	+	A/NV	-	+	+	+	40% (-3)*
D-26	Donigan	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	+	-	+	80%
D-6	Durhal	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	+	90%
D-56	Ebli	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	+	90%
R-105	Elsenheimer	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
D-83	Espinoza	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-22	Geiss	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-88	Genetski	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%
D-49	Gonzales	+	A/NV	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	-	+	70%
R-77	Green	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%
D-35	Gregory	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-64	Griffin	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	70%
D-32	Haase	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-43	Haines	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	60%
D-48	Hammel	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	90%
R-100	Hansen	+	+	A/NV	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
D-42	Haugh	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-90	Haveman	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
R-86	Hildenbrand	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
R-94	Horn	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
D-70	Huckleberry	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-9	Jackson	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	A/NV	A/NV	+	+	70%
D-5	Johnson	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	A/NV	+	+	80%
R-71	Jones,Rick	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%
D-60	Jones,Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-13	Kandreas	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	90%
D-23	Kennedy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-41	Knollenberg	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
R-44	Kowall	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%

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D-18 LeBlanc	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	70%
D-10 Leland	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-2 Lemmons	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	90%
D-109 Lindberg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-27 Lipton	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-28 Liss	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-59 Lori	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
R-36 Lund	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	30%
R-46 Marleau	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	A/NV	-	40%
D-96 Mayes	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70% (-3)*
D-107 McDowell	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-45 McMillin	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20%
D-69 Meadows	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-89 Meekhof	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%
D-29 Melton	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-33 Meltzer	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
D-31 Miller	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-97 Moore	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%
R-40 Moss	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
D-11 Nathan	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	+	90%
D-108 Nerat	A/NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	80%
D-106 Neumann	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	90%
R-93 Opsommer	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40%
R-81 Pavlov	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
R-73 Pearce	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	30%
D-15 Polidori	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	90%
R-79 Proos	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%
D-24 Roberts	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-30 Rocca	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	60%
R-66 Rogers	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	50%
D-76 Schmidt, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-104 Schmidt, W.	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
R-80 Schuitmaker	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%
D-3 Scott	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	A/NV	+	+	80%
R-51 Scott	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	40%
D-101 Scripps	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-62 Segal	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-103 Sheltroun	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	90%
D-21 Slavens	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-50 Slezak	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-54 Smith	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	+	90%
D-57 Spade	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	80%
R-98 Stamas	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	40%
D-34 Stanley	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	90%
D-25 Switalski	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-12 Tlaib	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	90%
R-78 Tyler	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	50%
D-91 Valentine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
R-19 Walsh	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	50%
D-53 Warren	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D-7 Womack	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	+	90%
D-4 Young	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/NV	+	+	90%

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2009–2010 Legislative Scorecard: Vote Descriptions

Keeping Michigan's Wetland Protections (SB 785)

*Passed House 106 to 2, Roll Call #485
10/1/09*

SB 785 was compromise legislation passed after an attempt by the Senate to remove the state's authority to oversee wetlands protections. Giving up Michigan's wetlands program would have meant putting over 1 million acres of wetlands at risk due to uncertainty in the federal law. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Limiting children's exposure to Lindane (HB 4402)

*Passed House 88 to 20, Roll Call #60
3/17/09*

HB 4402 restricts the use of the pharmaceutical lice treatment Lindane, which causes neurological and other serious health damages. HB 4402 requires that only health professionals be allowed to apply the treatment. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Utility Shut-off Protections (HB 4384)

*Passed House 106 to 3, Roll Call #108
3/31/09*

HB 4384 began to address the issue of utility shut-off for non-payment of bills. This bill extends winter shut-off protections to customers of municipal utilities and cooperatives. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Mercury-containing Products (HB 4277)

*Passed House 66 to 43, Roll Call #165
4/22/09*

HB 4277 was part of a package of bills regulating products containing mercury. This bill protects Michigan's waterways from more dangerous mercury pollution by banning landfill disposal and incineration of mercury-containing products. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Children's Safe Products Act (HB 4766)

*Passed House 63 to 45, Roll Call #225
5/13/09*

The Children's Safe Products Act creates a framework for a consumer's right-to-know about chemicals of the highest concern present in children's products. HB 4766 requires manufacturers and distributors to disclose to state officials when their products contain chemicals most dangerous to children. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Air Permit Fees (HB 5220)

*Passed House 62 to 45, Roll Call #622
12/10/09*

HB 5220 as originally passed by the House provides much-needed revenue for the environmental protection by creating fees for processing of Clean Air Act permits for power plants. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Overtake Governor's Executive Directive on Coal Plants (HB 5220)

*Defeated in House 43 to 54, Roll Call #679
12/18/09*

The Senate-passed version of HB 5220 included measures to overturn Governor Granholm's Executive Directive requiring studies to determine whether there is a need for new coal plants before they are built and whether there are better alternatives to coal. This vote blocked these provisions. A NO vote is a favorable vote.

Phasing-out Dangerous Flame Retardants (HB 4699)

*Passed House 94 to 6, Roll Call #17
1/27/10*

Deca-BDE is a toxic flame retardant that is used in products such as furniture and electronics. Because safer alternatives exist, many manufacturers have voluntarily ended the use of deca. Other forms of BDEs like octa- and penta- BDE have already been banned by the state. HB 4699 finishes the job by phasing-out over the next five years the use of Deca-BDE in Michigan products. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Funding for Michigan State Parks (SB 389)


*Passed House 83 to 25, Roll Call #99
3/24/10*

SB 1057 is compromise legislation that created a voluntary charge of \$10 for cars and \$5 for motorcycle vehicle registrations. Though the \$10 charge is less than the current annual resident state park fee, SB 1057 has the potential to greatly increase the budget dollars available for Michigan's state parks. A YES vote is a favorable vote.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) (HB 5640)

*Passed House 66 to 41, Roll Call #150
4/22/10*

HB 5640 gives Michigan communities the option of creating clean energy loans in Michigan. PACE policies allow more people to put small clean energy installations on their home and businesses. A YES vote is a favorable vote.



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