

The Committee to Keep Doves Protected

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Religious, Conservation, Farming and Humane Groups; Businesses and Public Officials Endorse NO Vote on Proposal 3

Committee to Keep Doves Protected Announces 1,000 Endorsements

(LANSING) – The Committee to Keep Doves Protected today announced it has garnered more than 1,000 endorsements for a “No” vote on Proposal 3. Proposal 3 would create a new dove shooting season, reversing Michigan’s 100-year tradition of protecting mourning doves. Endorsers of the “No” campaign include former Governor William Milliken, who is a charter member of the Committee, Congressman John Conyers, former Senator Harry Gast (an avid sportsman and National Rifle Association member) and other public officials; internationally renowned primatologist Jane Goodall; entertainers and other celebrities; approximately 450 businesses including veterinary clinics and wild bird related retailers; the United Church of Christ, National Catholic Rural Life Conference, and other churches and religious organizations; as well as **Michigan’s oldest farming organization, the Michigan State Grange; the state’s oldest conservation organization, the Michigan Audubon Society, and dozens of local Audubon chapters; and Michigan’s oldest animal welfare organization, the Michigan Humane Society, and dozens of Michigan humane societies and animal shelters.** More than a dozen major newspapers, including the *Detroit Free Press*, *Flint Journal*, *Jackson Citizen Patriot*, and *Traverse City Record-Eagle*, have also endorsed a “No” vote on Proposal 3.

Dr. Jane Goodall, one of the most notable individuals endorsing a “No” vote on Proposal 3, said, “Mourning doves have been protected in Michigan since 1905, and there’s no reason to change that law. Because they are so small, mourning doves are not shot for food, only for target practice. This is simply cruel. Not only do mourning doves mate for life, but their offspring continue to nest during the shooting season, which means that dependent young may die of starvation in the nest. In addition, many doves would be wounded and left to suffer and die of their injuries.”

“The outpouring of support is just incredible,” said Julie Baker, Director of the Committee to Keep Doves Protected. “Michigan citizens, businesses, and organizations know that there is just no reason to shoot mourning doves. Our many endorsers join us in hoping that Michigan voters will vote ‘No’ on Proposal 3, ‘No’ on shooting doves.”

Please see attached, abridged list of endorsements.

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Key endorsements include:

Public Officials and Legislators:

- Former Governor William Milliken
- Congressman John Conyers, Jr.
- Senator Harry Gast [Retired]
- Senator Gilda Jacobs
- Senator Shirley Johnson
- Senator Liz Brater
- Senator Irma Clark-Coleman
- Senator Hansen Clarke
- Senator Martha G. Scott
- Senator Alexander Lipsey
- Representative Paul Condino
- Representative Marie Donigan
- Representative Chris Kolb
- Representative Kathleen Law
- Representative Alma W. Smith
- Representative John C. Stewart
- Representative Steve Tobocman
- Representative Aldo Vagnozzi
- Representative Mary D. Waters
- Faylene and Ambassador Larry Owen
- Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero
- Kentwood Mayor Richard L. Root
- Oakland County Commissioner (and former Representative) Dave Woodward
- Macomb County Counselor Jean Leonard
- Southfield Veterans' Commissioner Vincent Gregory

Faith-based Organizations and Spiritual Leaders:

- Central United Methodist Church
- Congressional Church of Birmingham
- Dearborn Congressional Church UCC
- Eternal Mother Temple
- Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ
- Greater Grace Temple
- The IHM Leadership Council – Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit
- Michigan Conference United Church of Christ
- National Catholic Rural Life Conference
- True Foundation Christian Children's Bible Mission Disciples of Christ
- Unity Church of Rochester
- Warren Seventh Day Adventists Church
- Westside Unity Church

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Michigan Newspapers:

- Detroit Free Press
- Bay City Times
- Traverse City Record Eagle
- Huron Daily Tribune
- Jackson Citizen Patriot
- Macomb Daily News
- Daily Mining Gazette
- Muskegon Chronicle
- Oakland Press
- Royal Oak Daily Tribune
- Saginaw News
- Flint Journal
- Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Celebrities:

- Ed Asner
- Bob Barker
- Darryl Hannah
- Tippi Hedren
- Earl Holliman
- Bonnie -Jill Laflin
- Bill Maher
- Marc Marrone
- Kevin Nealon
- Rue McClanahan
- Heather Mills McCartney
- Dan Piraro
- *The late* Richard Prior (endorsed prior to death)
- Matthew Scully
- Loretta Swit
- Jane Velez Mitchell
- Betty White
- Persia White
- Fred Willard
- Mary Willard
- JoAnne Worley

For an expanded list of endorsers, visit www.NoOnProposal3.com

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