



LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

2021-2022



01 INTRO

CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action have a long history of sharing our honest legislative analysis with our members. In that tradition, the ongoing attacks on our democracy and the exponentially escalating climate crisis demand that we do more than bean-count incremental measures that have made it through the State Legislature. *If we want a healthy environment and an equitable response to the climate crisis, the first step is maintaining and expanding our democracy.*

Despite the worsening climate crisis, the 101st Legislature has not done enough to tackle climate and other environmental issues. *This lackluster response to the climate crisis is linked to our floundering democracy because without a healthy democracy, elected leaders can't make the systemic change that is necessary to rise to the challenges Michigan is facing.* A majority of Michigan residents, regardless of how they identify politically, believe that we should protect and value the Great Lakes. Everyone wants safe, clean, and affordable drinking water. Michiganders also believe that polluters should pay to clean up their pollution.

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In a vibrant and functioning democracy lawmakers would be able to take action to hold fossil fuel companies, utilities, and other polluters accountable for their actions. This is why we are doing something different with our legislative scorecard this year. We have chosen to score the bills that would have the most profound and negative impacts on our democracy. *These anti-democracy bills are also crucial environmental bill because we must have a functioning democracy to protect our environment and secure a better future for our families and communities.*

The 101st Michigan Legislature kicked off amidst crises both here in Michigan and across the country. As the COVID-19 pandemic raged, some members were sworn into our legislature while challenging the results of the same election that brought them into office. *CONT.* →



CONT. → 2021 began with the January 6th violent insurrection and attempted overthrow of the US Federal Government. This assault on the democratic foundations of our country was prefigured by militants charging into our own Michigan State Capitol building with long guns while the state legislature was in session in 2020.

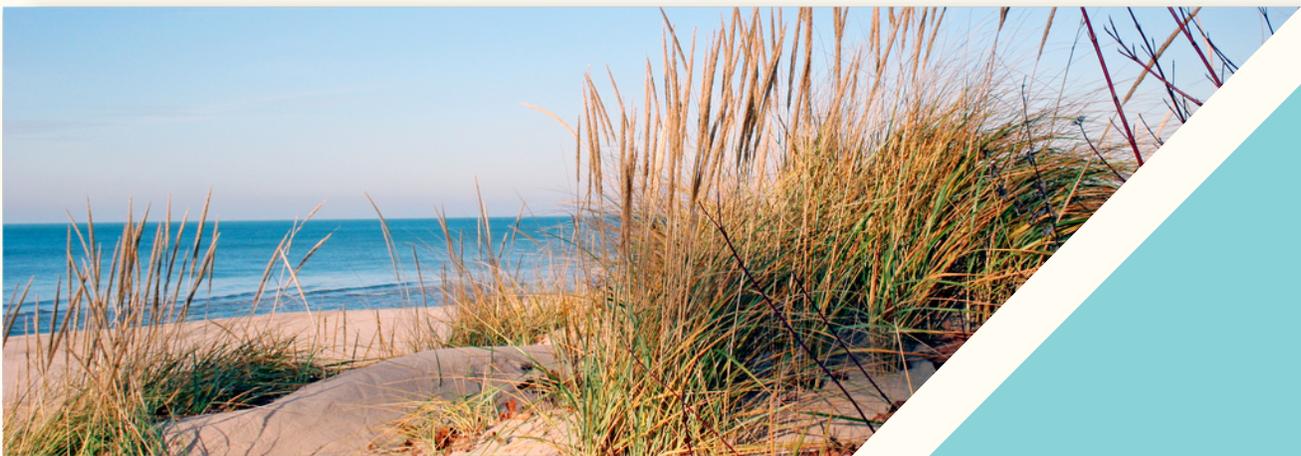
Multiple election audits and a comprehensive investigation into the general election results by the Republican-led Senate Oversight Committee have confirmed the integrity of the 2020 election. In spite of this, the Big Lie about the 2020 election continues to fuel legislative attacks on our democracy. Supporters of the Big Lie have introduced a raft of bills and ballot initiatives aimed at dismantling voting rights here in Michigan. In other states, they have even tried to rig vote counting and the independent non-partisan confirmation of election results.

ACCELERATING CLIMATE CRISIS

Recent years have also been unprecedented in terms of the climate crisis. Globally, 2021 was one of the warmest years on record - and all of the top ten warmest years on record have come in the last twelve years. The western United States had a record drought in 2021 and experts are calling the last decade the worst drought to hit the west in at least 1,200 years. In some states, the trading of water futures as a commodity is now underway. The western US also saw record fire seasons in both 2020 and 2021. The smoke from western fires even reached the Midwest, creating a red sun and hazy sky across the region for several days in each of the last two summers.

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We feel the impacts of the climate crisis here in Michigan too. Michigan cherry farmers have struggled since 2012 with smaller annual harvests due to earlier freeze/thaw cycles impacting their trees. The winters of 2020-21 and 2021-22 produced less ice coverage for the Great Lakes. The warmer lake temperatures increased the incidents of harmful algal blooms. Meanwhile, the combination of more intense storms and failing water infrastructure have increased the size and frequency of floods. Among 4,667 Detroit households surveyed between 2012 and 2020, 46 percent have dealt with flooding.



DEMOCRACY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Our emphasis on democracy is intentional, even though this legislative session is responsible for the significant and commendable water and infrastructure investments. These overdue investments are a good down payment, but we need stable and long term funding- not a single payment to address decades of financial neglect. Furthermore, this investment is possible because of Federal leadership-the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is not a direct result of leaders in the State Legislature. The bipartisan infrastructure bill is federal money that must be allocated for specific purposes, one of which was improving water infrastructure. The investment is a good start, but Michigan must do more to ensure ongoing and equitable funding of water infrastructure. The majority in the current legislature have neglected to address this problem of equitable funding for all Michigan communities.

Instead of protecting our democracy and fighting climate change, the 101st State Legislature doubled down on attacking democracy with the bills included in this scorecard. These bills limit access to the ballot and open the door for hyper-partisan oversight of what should be nonpartisan election administration. The bills in our scorecard would have disastrous consequences if signed into law.



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HOUSE BILLS

HB 5007

This bill would create barriers to voting and restrict funding for local elections. This bill is tie-barred to SB 303, meaning they must pass together to create a cohesive law.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote

HB 5268

This bill would prohibit a county, city, or township clerk from sending an absent voter (AV) ballot application to an elector unless the elector has requested an AV ballot from that clerk in person, or in writing by mail, email, or fax, or has requested to be placed on the city's or township's permanent AV application list. The bill also would prohibit the secretary of state from sending an AV ballot application to an elector under any circumstance.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote

HB 4127-4128

This set of bills would require thousands of individuals to re-verify their address and identity or be removed from the qualified voter file (QVF). If passed, these bills would disenfranchise many Michigan voters from their right to vote.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote

SENATE BILLS

SB 273

This bill would give unelected County Boards of Canvassers, whose role is to simply canvass the votes and certify our elections, discretionary powers over drop boxes, absentee ballot containers, and the clerks' hiring of assistants to help conduct the canvass. Video surveillance would also be required for all drop boxes. County Boards of Canvassers would have unprecedented the authority to eliminate or limit drop boxes, disapprove absentee ballot containers, and intervene in personnel decisions made by elected clerks. Legislation does not provide funding for mandatory video surveillance of drop boxes, would likely limit the number of dropboxes in more populated cities or townships.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote

SB 278

This bill would create strict procedures for local clerks by requiring ballots be immediately returned to the clerk's office when collected and transported in an approved ballot container, with specified record keeping requirements.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO

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SB 280

This bill would make it harder for citizens to collect initiative petition signatures by reducing the signature-gathering period by 40 days. The new deadline for the November ballot would be mid-April rather than late May, eliminating one of the warmer months for signature collection.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote

SB 285

This bill prohibits the state and all local government units from accepting much-needed funding for election administration and requires that federal funding received for election purposes be returned if it's not appropriated by the Legislature in a budget act within 90 days.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote

SB 302

This bill would make it harder for citizens to collect initiative petition signatures, by reducing the signature-gathering period by 40 days. The new deadline for the November ballot would be mid-April rather than late May, eliminating one of the warmer months for signature collection.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote

SB 303 - 304

These bills would require voters to submit ID information when applying for an absentee ballot application. This legislation would also remove the option to vote by signed affidavit. These bills would eliminate election day voting options for Michigan voters and limit voting access unable to apply in person for an absentee ballot due to disability, age, , income, or other mobility constraints.

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action support a NO vote



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT	LAWMAKER	PARTY	SCORE	HB 5007	HB 5268	SB 280	SB 302	SB 303	SB 304	HB 4127-4128
1	Tenisha Yancey	D	100	N	N	N		N	N	N
2	Joe Tate	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
3	Shri Thanedar	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
4	Abraham Aiyash	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
5	Cynthia A. Johnson	D	100	N		N	N	N	N	N
6	Tyrone Carter	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
7	Helena Scott	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
8	Stephanie Young	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
9	Karen Whitsett	D	50	N		N		N	N	Y
10	Mary Cavanagh	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
11	Jewell Jones	D	100		N		N	N	N	N
12	Alex Garza	D	100	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
13	Tulio Liberati	D	75	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
14	Cara Clemente	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
15	Abdullah Hammoud	D	100	N		N		N	N	N
16	Kevin Coleman	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
17	Joseph Bellino	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	Kevin Hertel	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
19	Laurie Pohutsky	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
20	Matt Koleszar	D	75	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
21	Ranjeev Puri	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
22	Richard Steenland	D	50	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
23	Darrin Camilleri	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
24	Steve Marino	R	0				Y	Y	Y	Y
25	Nate Shannon	D	100	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N

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24	Steve Marino	R	0				Y	Y	Y	Y
25	Nate Shannon	D	100	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
26	Jim Ellison	D	100	N	N	N		N	N	N
27	Regina Weiss	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
28	Lori Stone	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
29	Brenda Carter	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
30	Diana Farrington	R	0	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
31	William Sowerby	D	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
32	Pamela Hornberger	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
33	Jeff Yaroch	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
34	Cynthia Neeley	D	100	N	N			N	N	
35	Kyra Bolden	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
36	Douglas Wozniak	R	0	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
37	Samantha Steckloff	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
38	Kelly Breen	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
39	Ryan Berman	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
40	Mari Manoogian	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
41	Padma Kuppa	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
42	Ann Bollin	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
43	Andrea Schroeder	R	0					Y	Y	Y
44	Matt Maddock	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
45	Mark Tisdell	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
46	John Reilly	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
47	Robert Bezotte	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
48	David Martin	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
49	John Cherry	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
50	Tim Sneller	D	100	N		N	N	N	N	N
51	Mike Mueller	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
52	Donna Lasinski	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
53	Yousef Rabhi	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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54	Ronnie Peterson	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
55	Felicia Brabec	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
56	TC Clements	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
57	Bronna Kahle	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
58	Andrew Fink	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
59	Steve Carra	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
60	Julie Rogers	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
61	Christine Morse	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
62	Jim Haadsma	D	100	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
63	Matt Hall	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
64	Julie Alexander	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
65	Sarah Lightner	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
66	Beth Griffin	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
67	Kara Hope	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
68	Sarah Anthony	D	100	N		N	N	N	N	N
69	Julie Brixie	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
70	Pat Outman	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
71	Angela Witwer	D	86	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
72	Steven Johnson	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
73	Bryan Posthumus	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
74	Mark Huizenga	R	0	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
75	David LaGrand	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
76	Rachel Hood	D	100	N	N		N	N	N	N
77	Tommy Brann	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
78	Brad Paquette	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
79	Pauline Wendzel	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
80	Mary Whiteford	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
81	Gary Eisen	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
82	Gary Howell	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
83	Andrew Beeler	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

84	Phil Green	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
85	Ben Frederick	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
86	Thomas Albert	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
87	Julie Calley	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
88	Luke Meerman	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
89	Jim Lilly	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
90	Bradley Slagh	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
91	Greg Vanwoerkom	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
92	Terry Sabo	D	86	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
93	Graham Filler	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
94	Rodney Wakeman	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
95	Amos O'Neal	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
96	Timothy Beson	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
97	Jason Wentworth	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
98	Annette Glenn	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
99	Roger Hauck	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
100	Scott VanSingel	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
101	Jack O'Malley	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
102	Michele Hoytenga	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
103	Daire Rendon	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
104	John Roth	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
105	Ken Borton	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
106	Sue Allor	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
107	John Damoose	R	0	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
108	Beau LaFave	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
109	Sara Cambensy	D	50	N	Y		Y	N	N	Y
110	Gregory Markkanen	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

SENATE

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1	Stephanie Chang	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2	Adam Hollier	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
3	Sylvia Santana	D	100	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N
4	Marshall Bullock	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
5	Betty Jean Alexander	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
6	Erika Geiss	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
7	Dayna Polehanki	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
8	Peter J. Lucido	R	NA									
9	Paul Wojno	D	89	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
10	Michael MacDonald	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	Jeremy Moss	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
12	Rosemary Bayer	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
13	Mallory McMorrow	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
14	Ruth Johnson	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
15	Jim Runestad	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
16	Mike Shirkey	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
17	Dale Zorn	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	Jeff Irwin	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
19	John Bizon	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
20	Sean McCann	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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21	Kim LaSata	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Lana Theis	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
23	Curtis Hertel Jr	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
24	Tom Barrett	R	0	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y	Y
25	Dan Lauwers	R	0			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
26	Aric Nesbitt	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Jim Ananich	D	89	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
28	Peter MacGregor	R	NA									
29	Winnie Brinks	D	100	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
30	Roger Victory	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
31	Kevin Daley	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Ken Horn	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
33	Rick Outman	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
34	Jon Bumstead	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
35	Curt VanderWall	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
36	Jim Stamas	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
37	Wayne Schmidt	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
38	Ed McBroom	R	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

03 SENATE CHAMPIONS

ROSEMAYER BAYER

The first bill Senator Bayer introduced upon taking office was the Human Right to Water Act, which she has re-introduced during the current session. Ever since her election in 2018, Senator Bayer has shown a profound interest in protecting the Great Lakes and our natural resources for her constituents and for all Michigan residents. Senator Bayer has spent her first term as an outspoken advocate for the environment and a tenacious fighter for our democracy.



Sponsored legislation

- SB 217: Require warning labels on consumer products containing PFAS
- SB 342: Human Right to Water Act
- SB 370: Prohibit residential use of glyphosate
- SB 593: Allow for the creation of stormwater utilities
- SB 748: Create weatherization jobs program
- SB 1001: Prohibit HOAs from prohibiting solar panels

14 total sponsored environmental bills

WINNIE BRINKS

Senator Brinks comes from a district that was directly impacted by PFAS contamination, and she has been a leader in advocating for Rockford and other communities who have had their water contaminated by corporate negligence. She has been a strong leader on environmental issues ever since her first election to the State House in 2012, and has only expanded her environmental leadership since then.



Sponsored legislation

- SB 676: Revises limitation period of filing actions for groundwater contamination
- SB 677: Revises statute of limitations for groundwater contamination
- SB 773: Requires reduction of air pollution from polluting facilities during certain months

6 total sponsored environmental bills

STEPHANIE CHANG

There are few lawmakers anywhere who have been as intentional and thoughtful about giving communities impacted by environmental injustice a voice in government as Senator Chang. Throughout this legislative session Senator Chang has been a tireless advocate for impacted communities, tackling issues from water shut-off protection to environmental racism and the role that polluting industries play in exacerbating societal inequity. Senator Chang has also been a stalwart leader within the Senate, speaking out to protect our water and our democracy at every opportunity.



Sponsored legislation

- SB 54: Require environmental fines to benefit directly impacted communities
- SB 108: Require enclosed storage of hazardous materials
- SB 109: Address the cumulative impacts of air pollution in environmental permitting
- SB 122: Require public risk assessment database for certain shoreline properties
- SB 271: Water shut-off restoration act
- SB 345: Water utility rate and shutoff transparency
- SB 439: Require permit denial based on cumulative impacts of pollution
- SB 746: Require ports to have environmental impact transparency plans
- SB 747: Create MI Climate Corps
- SB 772: Restricts allowable air pollution

16 total sponsored environmental bills

ERICKA GEISS

This term, Senator Geiss served as the founding Senate co-chair of Michigan's legislative Environmental Justice caucus. Throughout her legislative career, Senator Geiss has been a strong advocate for understanding the intersectionality of environmental justice, racial justice, and human rights, crafting laws with impacted communities front and center. Her tireless work to hold polluting industries and utilities accountable have made her one of the strongest environmental advocates in the Michigan Senate.



Sponsored legislation

- SB 124: Water pollution reporting and transparency
- SB 751: Water utility pump station redundancy requirements

6 total sponsored environmental bills

JEFF IRWIN

It would be very difficult to find an environmental issue in Michigan that Senator Irwin has not championed. This term he has introduced a considerable amount of legislation that if passed would have profound impacts for our Great Lakes and our ability to respond to the climate crisis. Senator Irwin has gone beyond those efforts as well, using his office to advocate for shutting down Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline, and working through the Michigan Public Service Commission and in his own community to hold monopolistic utilities accountable.



Sponsored legislation

- SB 58: Polluter pay
- SB 347: Decriminalizes turning residential water on after a shut-off
- SB 358: Repeal the prohibition on municipalities banning plastic bags
- SB 591: Ban PFAS in food packaging
- SB 632: Non-toxic tents exempt from fire resistance regulations
- SB 724: Increase fees for oil and gas monitoring
- SB 823: Require control or capture of methane from oil and gas wells
- SB 987: Public trust protections for groundwater
- SB 988: Reverse water-bottling loophole

14 total sponsored environmental bills

HONORABLE MENTION: ED MCBROOM

Neither Clean Water Action or the Sierra Club often agree with Senator McBroom. In his time in office, he has voted and advocated against critical environmental protections and voted in favor of every single anti-democracy initiative outlined in this scorecard. However, after leading an intense and detailed Oversight Committee investigation into claims of election fraud in the 2020 election, Senator McBroom had the integrity to release a report showing beyond the shadow of a doubt that the 2020 election in Michigan was a free and fair election and that the claims of voter fraud were false. For his integrity he was viciously and personally attacked by members of his own party, including former president Donald Trump. Although we seldom agree with Senator McBroom, actions like his are a critical part of saving our democracy and they deserve to be applauded.

04 HOUSE CHAMPIONS

FELICIA BRABEC

Representative Brabec served her first term as a leader on climate and water issues. With her previous experience leading on environmental and climate policy at the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, she adjusted to working in the State House quickly and effectively. Representative Brabec has consistently put her constituents and our natural resources front and center in the legislature.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4157: Repeal the prohibition on municipalities banning plastic bags
- HB 5012: Include new construction in property assessed clean energy program

48 total sponsored environmental bills

RACHEL HOOD

From Representative Hood's past work at West Michigan Environmental Action Council prior to joining the legislature, it should come as no surprise that she has been an environmental champion. She has continuously scored perfect on Sierra Club and Clean Water Action's scorecards and has been a leading voice in the House around community solar and protection of Michigan's waterways and drinking water.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4715: Require MPSC to promulgate rules for community solar
- HB 5578: Increase LIHEAP funding for weatherization assistance
- HB 5865: Expand access to SDWRF and SWPCRF
- HB 5954: Eliminate water bottling loophole

50 total sponsored environmental bills

KARA HOPE

Through her first two terms in the State House, Representative Hope has been an outspoken advocate for protecting our environment and holding polluting corporations accountable. She has been a vocal supporter of executive branch actions to protect the Great Lakes and confront the climate crisis. She has also worked on critical issues relating to fracking, oil and gas well regulations and banning strategic lawsuits against public participation in Michigan.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4518: Ban the use of fracking flowback water for dust suppression

34 total sponsored environmental bills

PADMA KUPPA

During her four years in office, Representative Kuppa has shown her commitment to environmental protection. She has been a leader in promoting polluter accountability, clean transportation, and access to clean water across Michigan. Representative Kuppa sponsored resolutions recognizing World Water Day in 2021 and 2022. She has also been an outspoken advocate to ensure Michigan is doing its part to combat climate change and investing in climate positive infrastructure.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4802: Licensing for EV charging stations
- HB 4895: Pesticide regulation
- HB 6059: Eliminate Env. Rules Review Committee

56 total sponsored environmental bills

CHRISTINE MORSE

Representative Morse was elected in 2020, flipping a very closely divided district outside of Kalamazoo. In her first term she has been a leader on protecting our water resources and fighting for communities that face flooding or water contamination issues.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4331: Bottle bill expansion
- HB 5330: Municipal groundwater contamination funding
- HB 5582: Weatherization assistance /disaster relief grant programs

35 total sponsored environmental bills

LAURIE POHUTSKY

Representative Pohutsky is what happens when you elect a smart and committed scientist to the legislature. She has been an outspoken leader in the fight against climate change and a stalwart champion of keeping our Great Lakes and groundwater as public resources. Throughout her four years in the House she has yet to make a bad environmental vote, while doing everything possible to protect our democracy.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4919: Repeal No Stricter Than Federal
- HB 5955: Water protection as public trust resource

49 total sponsored environmental bills

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER YOUSEF RABHI

Finishing up his last term in the House, Rep. Rabhi is the epitome of how elected officials should serve in office. Even over strong opposition and push back, Rep. Rabhi has never swayed from doing what was right for the environment and for the people of this state. From working to expand water protections, to holding Michigan's utilities and corporate polluters accountable, to supporting strong government accountability and transparency, and pushing for climate action; there has been no bigger champion for the environment than him.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4314: Polluter Pay
- HB 4457: Financial assurance requirements for solid waste disposal
- HB 5011: Property assessed clean energy program
- HB 5095: Allow EV charging stations at park and ride locations
- HB 5250: Ban PFAS in food packaging
- HB 5391: Require EV charging stations in parking installations
- HB 5581: Establish climate resiliency corps
- HB 5953: Groundwater as a public trust resource
- HB 6043, 6045: Require utilities to pay power outage credits

54 total sponsored environmental bills

JULIE ROGERS

During her first term, Rep. Rogers has worked to strengthen the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. She has been a constant voice for protecting families' health from lead exposure, our air and water, and ensuring we build a clean energy economy that works for all of our residents.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 5283: Establish environmental literacy educational curriculum
- HB 5418: Automatic qualification for childrens' health program for children impacted by lead exposure
- HB 5661: Allow EGLE to order structures or fill to be removed from inland lakes if they are in imminent danger of failure

35 total sponsored environmental bills

BILL SOWERBY

Rep. Sowerby has been a true leader in the Michigan State House while serving in the minority on the House Natural Resources Committee. For six years, Rep. Sowerby has been one of the most dependable and knowledgeable environmental champions in the State House.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 4169: Require public notice and a hearing prior to approval for fracking wells
- HB 4170: Increased penalties for gas or oil spilled in Great Lakes
- HB 4456: Solid waste disposal regulations
- HB 4769: Disclosure of environmental violations in public contracts for asbestos abatement

64 total sponsored environmental bills

REGINA WEISS

As a first term state lawmaker, Rep. Weiss hit the ground running. She campaigned as a champion on climate and water issues and her work on these critical issues has been outstanding. After her district was heavily impacted by flooding due to outdated infrastructure, she introduced bills to ensure that municipalities have better resources to address flooding. She has also been an outspoken supporter of administrative actions to address the climate crisis and protect the Great Lakes.



Sponsored legislation:

- HB 5000: Increase storm water discharge fees
- HB 5001: Increase facility storm water discharge fees

39 total sponsored environmental bills

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DEMOCRACY, AND PEACE"*

- Wangari Maathi



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