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LWVMI ADVOCACY 2007			
Issue	League Position	League Action	Results
Government - Budget			
Budget Deficit - Stable revenue sources are needed. Cuts are already too deep.	LWVMI 'Michigan Is Ours'	Action Alert -3/26/2007	
Oppose SB 662 which would delay implementation of Earned Income Tax Credit to Balance 2006-07 Budget	Support for human services Oppose quick, temporary budget fixes	Letter to Senate Committee on Finance Press Release - 9/10/2007	Bill referred to Senate Committee on Finance 7/26/07
Government - Elections			
Support HB 4313 which prohibits a legislator taking a lobbying job for a year after term is over	Legislature should be characterized by openness, accountability, representativeness, decision-making capacity and effective performance.	Testified at House Ethics and Elections Committee Hearing January 2007	Passed the House, referred to Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight. 3/6/07

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<p>Support SB 284, HB 4239 Regulation of “robo calls” Require disclaimer identifying who is making the call as part of any automated campaign call</p>	<p>Support information for voters including the source of election communications</p>	<p>Testified at Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight 3/17/07</p>	<p>SB 284 in House Committee 4/19/07 HB 4239 in Senate Committee 3/24/07</p>
<p>Support HB 4553 which would allow local clerks to maintain permanent lists of all the registered voters 60 and older to whom absentee ballot applications will be sent for every election whether requested or not</p>	<p>Voting should be made easier</p>	<p>Testimony of support before House Ethics & Elections Committee Letter to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight Committee July 2007</p>	<p>Currently in Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight 5/1/07</p>
<p>Oppose SB 624 and 625’s requirements that party affiliation must be declared to vote in the Presidential Primary.</p>	<p>LWVMI support for ‘open primary’</p>	<p>Letter to State Senate Press Release Letter to House Ethics and Elections Committee 8/21/2007</p>	<p>SB 624 enacted 9/11/07 Primary date 1/15/08</p>
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Support HB 4048 which would eliminate the need to provide a reason for getting an absentee ballot so that any voter who wanted one, could have one.	Support for no excuse absentee ballot	Letter to the House Ethics and Elections committee and testimony at the committee hearing.	Second reading in the House 7/24/07
Support HB 4774 which would allow a person to register to vote at any clerk's office regardless of residence.	Support for simplification of the election process and for provisions to increase the ease and accessibility of voting	Card in support submitted to House Ethics and Elections Committee 11/6/07	Referred to House Ethics and Elections Committee 5/27/07
Natural Resources			
Support HR 553 and S 336 Asian Carp Barrier Legislation Requires Army Corps of Engineers to operate and maintain the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Barriers	Great Lakes Ecology	Action Alert to contact Michigan delegation in Congress and either urge support or thank them January 2007	HR 553 in Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment 1/19/2007 S 336 in Committee on Environment and Public Works 1/18/07
Support Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act HR 1350, S 791	Great Lakes Ecology	Sign on to letter to Congress initiated by Healing Our Waters (HOW) April 2007	All Michigan members of congress have co-sponsored the bills. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works 3/07

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Support legislation to combat invasive species	Great Lakes Ecology	Sign on to letter initiated by HOW 6/1/07	S.725 in Committee on Environment and Public Works 3/1/07
Support Clean Water Restoration Act HR 2421	Great Lakes Ecology	Action Alert to call Michigan congressional delegation 9/26/07	Bill in House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment 5/23/07
Oppose SB 447,448, 501,502, 503 and 504 which would allow more leeway to CAFO's in discharging wastes.	Great Lakes Ecology	Letter to Sens. Van Woerkom, Birkholz and Jelinek 6/18/07	Passed Senate Referred to House Committee on Agriculture 6/20/07 502 referred 9/24/07
MDEQ permit for Kennecott Eagle Project Mine.	Great Lakes Ecology	Written comments to MDEQ expressing environmental concerns with proposed plan and need for diligent oversight. 10/16/07	Public comment period closed 10/17/07